Congregation Keneseth Israel
Policies, Practices & Guidelines

Policy, Practice or Guideline: Art Acquisition, Gifts, Exhibition, and Art on Loan

Source: House Committee

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I. Introduction:

II. Policy Statement: Before being accepted, Gifts and exhibitions of art that must first Be approved by the Executive Director.

III. Procedure:

a. The Executive Director will review, advise and endorse the acceptance or acquisition of art for the Temple. Ceremonial items will additionally be reviewed by the clergy.
b. The art should have a Jewish theme and/or be by a Jewish artist. Choices are made on the basis of concern for content, aesthetic quality, within the context of cost, installation and size. Medium and mounting method are also considered because of the requirements for cleaning and maintenance.
c. Every effort will be made to keep the artwork in good condition and viable for display. Under unusual circumstances, major maintenance may be required, and the donor may be asked to help pay these costs.
d. Value appraisal is the responsibility of the donor. The donor's statement of value, based on a certified appraisal, will then be accepted for gift record purposes. Once the Temple accepts the art, the Temple will be responsible for insuring it. Under unusual circumstances, the insurance costs may be prohibitive and the donor may be asked to help pay these costs.
e. The Temple is not qualified to give tax advice on donated pieces. Each donor should contact their respective attorney/accountant to discuss any tax related issues.
f. Acceptance of a gift of art does not imply that the Temple will display the art at all times, nor does it imply that the Temple will keep the artwork for an unlimited period of time.
g. Placement of the art will be the decision of the Executive Director and not of the donor. The Temple may or may not plaque a gift, but acknowledgment of the gift will be made and recorded.