

Congregation Keneseth Israel
Policies, Practices & Guidelines

<u>Policy, Practice or Guideline:</u>	Graves and Burial Restrictions
<u>Source:</u>	Cemetery Association
<u>Date Adopted:</u>	4/77
<u>Date Revised:</u>	7/21

- I. Introduction: The KI Cemetery Association establishes the rules and regulations governing burial conditions, erection of monuments, and maintenance requirements for the graves and plots as well as matters relevant to the Cemetery. The Association will distribute such rules and regulations at the time of plot purchase to the purchaser as an integral part of the Certificate of Rights issued.
- II. Policy Statement: Only Jews, whether or not they are members of KI, may purchase burial rights in the KI Cemetery. For the purchase of a single grave only a Jewish person may be buried in such grave. For the purchase of a family plot, non-Jewish family members of the Jewish owner of the burial rights, regardless of the degree of separation from such owner, may be buried in the owner's family plot. Should there be a question as to the qualification for such burial the Rabbi of KI shall make the determination to permit or not to permit burial at the KI Cemetery
- III. History:
- IV. Definition:
- V. Procedure:
 - a. The Rabbi or other Clergy of Congregation Keneseth Israel shall perform religious services at the cemetery, unless the family requests other Jewish clergy. Jewish laymen may participate in burials or other religious services at the KI Cemetery but only after consultation with the clergy of Congregation Keneseth Israel. Clergy or laymen of other faiths may participate in burials or other religious services regarding non-Jewish family members of a Jewish burial rights owner but only with the guidance of the Jewish Clergy.
 - i. All burials shall be in accordance with accepted Jewish practices as determined by the Rabbi of Congregation Keneseth Israel. Burials may not take place on Shabbat or other Jewish holidays.
 - ii. Each grave must be identified with a permanent monument. The purchase, installation and maintenance of which is the responsibility of the plot

owner. The KI Cemetery Association must approve the design of such monument.

- iii. No Christological symbols or those of any faith other than Jewish are permitted in the KI Cemetery. The rule extends to but is not limited to the monuments.
- iv. No living or inanimate object(s) shall be erected or placed on any grave or plot(s) except the monument as approved by the KI Cemetery Association. Specifically prohibited without limitation are flowers, urns, shrubs, trees, objects d'art or the like.
- v. Separate sections of the cemetery shall be set aside for cremated remains and those children who die within one year of birth.

VI. Reference: Cemetery By-Laws adopted June 6, 2018