

Congregation Keneseth Israel
Policy, Practices, & Guidelines

Policy, Practice, or Guideline: Social Action Committee Rules
Source: Governance
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- I. Introduction: Jewish tradition summons us to be co-workers with G-D in creation of a better work. The prophets of the Bible emphasize that we serve the will of G-D when we strive to do justice, love mercy, extend freedom, and establish brotherhood among the children of men. It is our moral duty to translate these teachings into action as individual Jews and as a Jewish congregation.

The basic concepts of Judaism are enshrined in the American Constitution and have become part of the American concept of the rights of man. They are based upon the principle that all men are created equal in the sight of G-D. It follows naturally that we should cherish and champion these rights and should translate into deeds and actions the Judaism we believe.

- I. Practice Statement: The purpose of the Social Action Committee is to help educate and activate the Congregation to the problems and issues of our time, in accord with the basic tenets of Judaism.
- II. History:
- III. Definition:
- IV. Procedure: The Rules governing this Committee are as follows
- a. It is a standing Committee of the Board.
 - b. The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the President from the membership of the Board of Directors.
 - c. The membership of the Committee shall be appointed by the chairman with approval of the President and the Board. It shall consist of not less than 10 nor more than 30 persons and shall be a cross-section of the congregation. The Board of both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood shall be represented on the Committee by at least one member each of their respective Boards.
 - d. As an arm of the board, this Committee shall not take any public action or make public statements or pronouncements without specific approval of the Board.
 - e. Within the congregation the Committee may act to educate, upon agreement of two-thirds of its members. In order to be sure of obtaining the 2/3 approval, the

vote will be taken on the same issue at two successive meetings if 2/3 of the Committee is not present at the first voting.

- f. A quorum will be constituted by a simple majority of the Committee members.
- g. The Committee budget will be appropriated by the Board.
- h. In the field of Social Action the Committee shall seek the cooperation of and offer help to the other arms of the Temple.
- i. The Committee may elect to consult with organizations of similar purpose in the community at large.

V. Reference: