

Regulations and Guidelines for Monuments, Foundations and Graves in the Keneseth Israel Cemetery in Allentown, Pennsylvania

as adopted by the Keneseth Israel Cemetery Association on December 13, 2020.

THE MONUMENT

Each grave must be identified with a permanent monument on a concrete foundation the purchase, installation, and maintenance of which is the sole responsibility of the plot owner(s). The KI Cemetery Association must approve the design of a monument. (Bylaws Article VII, Section 4.) Regular suppliers of monuments for the Cemetery are familiar with our guidelines and know to send a drawing of the proposed monument to the Board for approval. No order should be placed until that approval has been received, in writing. In the event that a monument and/or foundation is installed without conforming to the guidelines or regulations, the cost to bring them into conformity will be borne by the plot owner(s). Monuments must be placed only at the head of a grave; footstones are not permitted.

Must Be included on the front

Deceased's Name; Date of Birth and Date of Death (preferably to include month, day and year, but year alone is acceptable). Information to be displayed in English, and the Hebrew equivalents of the same are also acceptable.

May Be included on the front of the Monument

Deceased's family relationships (e.g. father, mother, husband, son, brother, sister, etc...).

Jewish iconography: Star of David; Sign of a Cohen (two hands, each with split fingers); the Hamsa (hand with five fingers); the two-letter Hebrew abbreviation for "Here is Buried": (פ'נ'י); the five-letter abbreviation for "May his soul be bound in the bond of eternal life": (ת'נ'י צ'ב'י ה'); and such other Jewish icons as may be approved by the clergy of Congregation Keneseth Israel.

Military service affiliation, rank, and service dates.

Any other sentiment, or desired engraving, requires written permission from an authorized officer of the Keneseth Israel Cemetery Association Board.

May Be included on the back of the Monument

Family Name.

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May Not Be included anywhere on the Monument

No Christological symbols or those of any faith other than Jewish are permitted in the KI Cemetery. This rule extends to but is not limited to monuments. (Bylaws Article VII, Section 5.)

Images, including those of the deceased, unless approved by the Cemetery Association Board.

FOR THE GRAVE

No living or inanimate object(s) shall be erected or placed on any grave or plot(s) except the monuments as approved by the KI Cemetery Association. Specifically prohibited, without limitation, are flowers, urns, shrubs, trees, objects d'art or the like. (Bylaws Article VII, Section 6.) The Association Board, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to maintain, repair, add and/or remove any existing plantings on its grounds.