

HOME OF PEACE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

POLICY NUMBER 2

Only Jewish or Secular Wording or Symbolism May Be Displayed at the Home of Peace Cemetery

Purpose – This procedure establishes that only Jewish or nonsectarian inscriptions and symbols are allowed at Home of Peace Cemetery.

Scope – This policy applies to all grave markers and other displays at the Home of Peace Cemetery.

Background – Nationally, there has been an increasing rate of interfaith marriages and some member families of the Home of Peace Cemetery Association have a member who is not Jewish. It is the policy of the association to not separate family members and both Jewish and non-Jewish family members may be buried next to each other.

Policy – Article I, Section 3 of our bylaws establishes that the purpose of the Home of Peace Cemetery Association is *“to function as a Jewish burial society for the Jewish community of Pierce County, Washington and to honor our dead in accordance with Jewish religious practices, traditions, and beliefs.”*

The policy of the Home of Peace Cemetery Association is that a non-Jewish family member may be buried next to his or her Jewish family member(s) but only Jewish or secular symbolism may be displayed within the cemetery grounds.

Procedure – There is no change in current procedure. This policy states that symbolism and headstone inscriptions or other displays that are not Jewish or secular are prohibited within the grounds of the Home of Peace Cemetery.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on May 13, 2015