

HOME OF PEACE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

POLICY NUMBER 3

Funeral Services at Home of Peace Cemetery When Clergy Are Involved Shall Be Jewish and Officiated By Jewish Clergy Only

Purpose – This policy establishes that only Jewish clergy may officiate at graveside services conducted at Home of Peace Cemetery, when clergy is involved.

Scope – This policy applies to all funerals taking place within the boundaries of the Home of Peace Cemetery when clergy is involved and to all members of the Home of Peace Cemetery Association.

Background – Some member families of the Home of Peace Cemetery Association include a spouse or child who is not Jewish and who may actively participate in another faith but still be a member of our association and wish to be buried at Home of Peace. Our policy is to not separate interfaith families who wish to be buried together at Home of Peace.

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.”*

Our membership includes families that are interfaith but who wish to be buried together at Home of Peace. Article II, Section 1 of our bylaws states that *“Any person interested in furthering the purpose of Article I, Section 3 above shall be eligible to apply for membership in the Association.”* We welcome members who are not Jewish but who support Jewish religious practices, traditions, and beliefs.

This policy establishes that all funeral services at Home of Peace, when clergy are involved, shall be Jewish in nature and officiated by Jewish clergy only.

Procedure – if a member of our association is not Jewish and wishes a service performed by his or her non-Jewish clergy, such a service may be performed at a different site prior to the burial service at Home of Peace Cemetery. Non-Jewish clergy are welcome to attend the burial at Home of Peace but shall not officiate in the graveside service.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on May 13, 2015