

EXPRESSION OF GUIDANCE
TO
CHEVRA KAVOD HAMET of ADATH JESHURUN SYNAGOGUE
Minneapolis, Minnesota

This document is a guide for family and friends. It is not a binding agreement and may be amended from time-to-time or revoked. In the event of the death of:

(Please PRINT the name of person you wish to be served by Chevra Kavod Hamet)
the Rabbis, Cantor, Executive Director, or Synagogue Staff should notify the Chevra Kavod Hamet (CKH) that the family wishes to have the Met honored with the services of CKH. A CKH representative will contact the family immediately and begin assisting them in making funeral and burial arrangements.

THE CKH AGREES to honor the deceased with the following services to the family: 1) We will arrange for the funeral director, who will effect all transfers of the Met (body); 2) Our Chevra Kaddisha will perform Tahara (purification); 3) We will provide the Aron (coffin) and the Tachrichim (burial garments); 4) We will call on the family and help make arrangements for the Synagogue, chapel, and/or graveside services; 5) We will provide transportation for the immediate family, if needed, and for the Met on the day of the funeral; 6) We will advise the family, if necessary, on the purchase of a cemetery lot; 7) We will assist the family in writing the obituary and death notices; and 8) We will be available to the family through the period of Shiva

THE FAMILY AGREES to these traditional Jewish practices: 1) The Met will be prepared for burial through the traditional process of Tahara by members of the Congregation who are constituted as a Chevra Kaddisha; 2) Tahara shall be a traditional washing of the body, and also following traditional practices, the Met shall not be embalmed or cosmetized; 3) The Chevra Kaddisha will dress the Met in the traditional Jewish burial garments called Tachrichim; 4) The CKH will provide a plain but dignified wood Aron in which the Met is placed for burial without any other worldly goods in keeping with Jewish tradition including the beginning of the separation process; 5) Once the Met is placed in the Aron, it will be covered, and the Met will not be disturbed or viewed; 6) To the extent possible, from the completion of Tahara to the time of the funeral service, the traditional practice of Shmira (guarding the Met) will be done by volunteer Shomrim (guards) from the Congregation and, if at all possible, by relatives outside of the immediate family of the deceased; 7) The funeral service will be conducted by a Rabbi and Cantor of the Congregation either at the funeral chapel, the Synagogue, or a cemetery in accordance with the wishes of the family; 8) The internment will be in a Jewish cemetery grave of the family's choosing; 9) Before the Kaddish is recited, the Aron will be lowered into the ground and covered by earth; and 10) Friends and family of the Met who wish to take part in the mitzvah of burying the Met will be encouraged to share in this sacred task. Although the CKH is an all-volunteer organization of the Adath, it does encounter certain costs in providing these services to the family. The family also agrees to reimburse the CKH for all services at 110% of the then-prevailing actual cost(s) to the CKH.

Please complete one copy of the Expression of Guidance for each member of the family who will be honored by the Chevra Kavod Hamet upon his/her death. The Synagogue office staff will duplicate this document and send a copy to each person listed, to a Rabbi, keep one for the Synagogue file, and send one to be kept with your important papers. For further information call a Rabbi, the Synagogue office, or any member of the CKH.

Shalom.

Please enter the names of those family members, friends and others who will take responsibility for advising the Synagogue that the deceased will be honored by the Chevra Kavod Hamet. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

_____ Name

_____ Attorney

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TO GUIDE MY FAMILY

In the event of my death, I _____ advise my family to call on the Adath Jeshurun Chevra Kavod Hamet to handle all necessary arrangements. I have read the list of services on this form provided by the Chevra Kavod Hamet and the obligations expected of my family and these conform to my wishes.

_____ Signature of Person preparing this form

_____ Date

_____ Witness