

Personal Wishes Upon Death

English Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

PART I:

1. Hebrew Name: _____
2. Father's Hebrew Name: _____
3. Was father a Kohen, Levi, or Yisrael? _____
4. Mother's Hebrew Name: _____
5. Was mother a bat-Kohen, Levi, or Yisrael? _____

PART II:

1. Wooden Casket? ☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
2. To be washed by the Jewish burial society (Chevra Kaddisha): ☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
3. To have someone sit with the deceased during the evening and to recite from the Book of *Tehillim* (Psalms):
☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
4. To be buried in traditional linen burial shrouds: ☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
5. Children to observe *Shiva* with services at home:
 - a. Morning: ☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
 - b. Evening: ☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
 - c. How many days: ☐ full 7 days; ☐ lesser number of days (how many?) _____
6. Children to recite mourner's *kaddish* each day for:
☐ full 11 months; ☐ a lesser period of time (how long? _____); ☐ don't care
7. To observe *Yizkor* services 4 times a year: ☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
8. Children and/or grandchildren should remain after the burial service to throw some earth on the casket:
☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
9. Burial services should be: ☐ graveside; ☐ synagogue; ☐ don't care
10. *Yahrzeit* should be commemorated each year by the recitation of *kaddish* at night and in the morning:
☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
11. Should friends and relatives be encouraged to make a donation to a specific charity? ☐ yes; ☐ no; ☐ don't care
If so, is there a charitable preference? _____
12. Complete Hebrew name including parents' name for headstone:

PART III.

Personal Comments to members of the family and/or Ethical Will: (attach another sheet if preferred)

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Please keep a copy of this in a place where it can be found immediately upon death, and send a copy to your Rabbi.

(Based on a form created by Rabbi Jack Segal, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, Houston, Texas)