

DONATIONS OF PERSONAL ITEMS POLICY

Keshet Israel House Committee

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BACKGROUND

The House Committee encourages members to make donations to the Congregation. At the same time, Keshet Israel does not have the ability or capacity to take donations of most used personal items. As a result, this policy exists to help guide members on when and how to make donations to the Congregation.

Please take note that we have limited space, much less than at 2500 N. Third St. Also, the Congregation does not have the ability to sort and donate most used items. Members are encouraged to consider whether the donation truly will benefit the Congregation or its members.

As used in this policy, the term “Personal Items,” includes used or new artwork, books, clothing, furniture, and other objects.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Except as provided herein, no Personal Items should be “dropped off” at Keshet Israel unless you have checked with, and received permission from the Chair of the House Committee.
2. Anything that has been dropped off without prior approval may be thrown out. If disposal of the item (e.g. furniture) involves a disposal fee, then the member will be charged the cost of disposal.
3. Acceptance of any Personal Items is entirely at the discretion of the House Committee.

II. BOOKS

1. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING USED BOOKS TO KESHER ISRAEL AS A DONATION.** Sadly, used books have little or no resale value and it is not likely that KI will need your books. We do not have the capacity to sort, sell, or dispose of most books.
2. Any books written in Hebrew or Aramaic should be evaluated by the Rabbi, or in his place, another Rabbinic authority designated by the President, to determine if the book is sacred. If it is sacred, then the book may be brought to KI either for use or sale, or if it is beyond use, for proper burial.
3. Except as provided in this paragraph, any books written in English should either be disposed by the owner or sold to a used book dealer. If the book has some Judaic or scholarly merit, the Rabbi or a Rabbinic authority designated by the President, in coordination with the Chair of the House Committee, may agree to accept the book into

the building. This may include English language scholarly literature on Judaics, English language Judaic encyclopedias (e.g. Encyclopedia Judaica), and the like. If the Congregation already has a copy of that book, it may not be accepted into the building.

III. CLOTHING

1. KI has no ability to sort, store and maintain clothing. Any clothing ought to be donated to Jewish Family Services or to Goodwill or a donation drop box.

IV. FURNITURE

1. Except as provided below, KI has no ability to store or distribute furniture. Any furniture ought to be donated to Jewish Family Services, to Goodwill, or a donation drop box.
2. In rare instances, KI may agree to take furniture that is in good condition, if it is needed in the building. Prior to bringing any furniture to the building, the donor should check with the Chair of the House Committee to determine, if KI can use the furniture.

V. POLICY

1. This is a policy of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may revise this policy by majority vote.
2. The House Committee may disregard elements of this policy by a majority vote of the House Committee. If any element is disregarded, the Chair of the House Committee shall bring that to the attention of the President.
3. If anyone is dissatisfied with a decision of the House Committee, President, or Rabbi regarding the application of this Policy, they may appeal that decision to the Board of Directors.
4. This policy was approved by the House Committee on February __, 2022.
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6. Unless overruled or modified by the Board of Directors, this Policy is effective upon approval by the House Committee.