

# ERETZ HACHAIM MONUMENTS CATALOG

קטלוג מצבות ארץ החיים



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The Eretz HaChaim Chevra Kadisha has been providing full *matzeiva*/monument services at Eretz HaChaim Cemetery for over 50 years. Our experienced Hebrew/English speaking staff ensures personal, friendly, and efficient service. All monuments purchased through Eretz HaChaim are guaranteed to be of the highest quality and completed in a timely manner. As shown in this catalog, a wide variety of monument options are available. Our Eretz HaChaim staff is available to review and provide suggested *nusach* (text) and other essential guidance. Eretz HaChaim also arranges for monument unveiling and a *minyán*, if needed. Perpetual care and repair are available upon request.

### TORAH SOURCES AND BACKGROUND OF ERECTING A MONUMENT

The tradition of erecting a monument on the burial place of the deceased dates back to our patriarch Jacob who erected a monument upon the burial site of his wife, Rachel (Genesis 35:20 – “Jacob set up a monument over her grave; it is the monument of Rachel’s grave until *today*.”). *Malbim* explains that this practice has been adopted by the Jewish people throughout the generations and its purpose is to serve as an everlasting reminder (especially for future generations) of the deceased’s final resting place as well as his/her positive attributes and legacy (*Malbim* *ibid.*). The Talmud (*Moed Kattan* 5a) describes the placement of a monument upon a burial site as a Biblical imperative. This ruling is also cited by Maimonides (*Hilchot Tum’at Met* 8:9). Shulchan Aruch (*Yoreh Deah* 348) implies that this positive *mitzva* is especially incumbent upon the family members of the deceased. The custom in Jerusalem is to erect the monument 30 days after the burial; others have the custom of waiting until 12 months from the date of burial.

### OVERVIEW

In the Land of Israel, it is customary to lay a horizontal, above-ground, gravestone/monument to honor the deceased. Some choose to add an upright vertical headstone as well. When customizing a monument, there are several items to consider including, (i) stone type and color, (ii) size, (iii) design (including a headstone and/or candle box) and (iv) letters/text. Below you will find a step-by-step guide to help you select a monument to honor your loved one; the Eretz HaChaim staff is here to assist you with the various decisions as well. These steps include:

#### ❖ STEP 1 - CHOOSING A STONE TYPE AND COLOR

Eretz HaChaim offers high quality, long-lasting stone materials, including custom styles of Jerusalem Stone, Granite, and Turkish Marble. These styles can be customized in both color and cut and crafted to your preference.

#### ❖ STEP 2 - CHOOSING THE SIZE OF THE STONE

Once you have decided on the materials and finish of the stone, it is then important to decide on the size of the stone; this includes selecting the number of rows of stone that you prefer as well as the height and thickness of each row of stone. Additionally, it is common to use a horizontal marble plate as the top layer of the stone (the text that you choose (see Step 4) will ultimately be etched into the horizontal marble plate).

#### ❖ STEP 3 - CHOOSING A VERTICAL HEADSTONE AND/OR CANDLE BOX

Some have the custom of adding an upright vertical headstone to the monument which includes the name of the deceased and/or other text. Additionally, many wish to include a special candle box so that visitors may light a candle at the gravesite; the candle box protects such candle(s) from wind, rain, and other elements.

#### ❖ STEP 4 - CHOOSING LETTERS AND TEXT

Once you have fully designed the stone, the final step is choosing the text that you wish to include on the monument and/or headstone. It is customary to include “פִּינִי” which stands for “פֶּה נִטְמָן” (English: “Here lies”) and “תִּנְצַב” which stands for “תִּהְיֶה נִשְׁמָתוֹ/הָ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרּוּר הַחַיִּים” (English: “May his/her soul be bound up in the bond of life”). Each letter is carved into the gravestone and/or headstone surface and can be either (i) painted or (ii) filled with lead and polished to be aligned with the stone surface (this is recommended as such lettering is more durable and requires less future maintenance).

❖ **STEP 1 – CHOOSING A STONE TYPE AND COLOR**

Eretz HaChaim offers high grade Jerusalem Stone and Turkish Marble in various cuts and colors. You may choose the stone type and color from the selection below:

**A. Rough Textured Jerusalem Stone**  
(Color: Classic Jerusalem)



**B. Natural Textured Jerusalem Stone**  
(Color: Classic Jerusalem)



**C. Polished Stone**  
(Color: Classic Jerusalem)



**D. Polished Turkish Marble**  
(Color: Stone Grey)

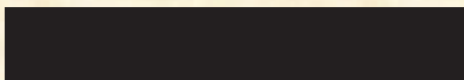


**E. Natural Textured Turkish Marble**  
(Color: Stone Grey)



**ADDITIONAL STRIP(S) OF BLACK GRANITE**

Some choose to enhance the stone by adding a 2-inch strip of Black Granite between the rows of stone as shown below. You may choose to add up to 2 strips (Price: \$170 per Strip).



**One Strip**



**Two Strips**



## ❖ STEP 2 – CHOOSING THE SIZE OF THE STONE

### ROWS OF STONE

All monuments include a concrete foundation. You may choose the height of the monument by selecting the number of rows of stone as shown in the photos below [Note: headstones depicted in photos are *not included*, for more information regarding headstones please see Step 3 below]:

**\*\*Prices listed below *do not* include the cost of a vertical headstone, candle box, or text to be added to the monument.\*\***

- A. One (1) row of stone with horizontal marble plate (total height approximately 18 inches):



- Rough Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,375
- Natural Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,475
- Polished Jerusalem Stone - \$1,550
- Polished Turkish Marble - \$2,900
- Natural Textured Turkish Marble - \$2,950

- B. One-and-a-half (1.5) rows of stone with horizontal marble plate (total height approximately 24 inches):



- Rough Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,475
- Natural Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,595
- Polished Jerusalem Stone - \$1,650
- Polished Turkish Marble - \$2,950
- Natural Textured Turkish Marble - \$2,975

- C. One half (1/2) row of stone, with one quarter (1/4) row of narrower black granite foundation on top of it, followed by one full row of stone, followed by one quarter (1/4) row of narrower black granite foundation on top of it, followed by horizontal marble plate (total height approximately 28 inches):



- Rough Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,780
- Natural Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,895
- Polished Jerusalem Stone - \$1,950
- Polished Turkish Marble - \$3,320
- Natural Textured Turkish Marble - \$3,365

- D. Two (2) rows of stone with horizontal marble plate (total height approximately 30 inches):



- Rough Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,575
- Natural Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,675
- Polished Jerusalem Stone - \$1,775
- Polished Turkish Marble - \$3,380
- Natural Textured Turkish Marble - \$3,420

E. Two-and-a-half (2.5) rows of stone with horizontal marble plate (total height approximately 36 inches):



- Rough Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,780
- Natural Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$1,895
- Polished Jerusalem Stone - \$1,980
- Polished Turkish Marble - \$3,500
- Natural Textured Turkish Marble - \$3,650

F. One half (1/2) row of stone, with one quarter (1/4) row of narrower polished foundation on top of it, followed by one (1) full row of stone (no marble plate) (total height approximately 24 inches):



- Natural Textured Jerusalem Stone - \$3,250
- Polished Jerusalem Stone - \$3,270

### THE DOUBLE MONUMENT (FOR COUPLES)

Upon request, Eretz HaChaim offers a Double Monument for couples (as shown in the photo below). The sizes and styles available for the rows of stone, the thickness of the horizontal marble plate (i.e. the top layer of the stone), and the headstone, are the same as the single monuments show above. The cost for a Double Monument is determined based on the stone type, size and text.



**THE HORIZONTAL MARBLE PLATE FOR THE TOP OF THE STONE**

While, upon request, letters can be carved directly into the stone (as shown in option F above), it is more common to add a horizontal marble or granite plate as the top layer of the stone as shown in the photos below (letters are typically etched into the marble plate). There are 4 types of horizontal plates: (A) Regular Sized Marble, (B) Regular Sized Turkish Marble, (C) Extra Thick Marble with rounded finished corners, and (D) Granite which is available in 2 colors – Stone Grey or Black – as shown below:

**A. Regular Sized Marble Plate**

Jerusalem Stone monuments include a Regular Sized Marble Plate at no additional cost.



**B. Regular Sized Turkish Marble Plate**

Turkish Marble monuments include a Regular Sized Turkish Marble Plate at no additional cost. The addition of a Regular Sized Turkish Marble Plate to a Jerusalem Stone monument costs an additional \$620.



**C. Extra Thick Marble Plate**

The addition of an Extra Thick Marble Plate with rounded finished corners costs an additional \$445



**D. Granite Plate**

The price for the addition of a Granite Plate is shown below:

**Stone Grey: \$775**

**Black: \$1,420**



**Note:** Lead letters are not available with Granite Plate

### ❖ STEP 3 – CHOOSING A VERTICAL HEADSTONE AND/OR CANDLE BOX

While there is no obligation to do so, many have the custom of including an upright vertical headstone and/or a candle box (so that visitors may light a candle at the gravesite). If this is your custom, you may choose from the following:

#### VERTICAL HEADSTONES

##### A. Luchot



- Jerusalem Stone - \$485
- Turkish Marble - \$895

##### B. Slightly Arched



- Jerusalem Stone - \$480
- Turkish Marble - \$890

##### C. Squared



- Jerusalem Stone - \$470
- Turkish Marble - \$890
- Black Granite - \$1,250

##### D. Diagonal



- Jerusalem Stone - \$425
- Turkish Marble - \$720

##### E. Rounded Top



- Jerusalem Stone - \$480
- Turkish Marble - \$890

##### F. Rounded Corners



- Jerusalem Stone - \$470
- Turkish Marble - \$890

#### CANDLE BOX

A candle box protects candles from the rain, wind and other elements. Many have the custom of having a candle lit upon visiting the cemetery and/or on the *yahrtzeit* of the deceased (which can also be arranged through the Eretz HaChaim Chevra Kadisha). A candle box can be specially built into the stone at either the head or the foot of the *kever*/monument.

##### A. Internal Candle Box



- Price: \$90

##### B. External Candle Box



- Price: \$150

#### ❖ STEP 4 – CHOOSING LETTERS AND TEXT

Once you have fully designed the stone, the final step is choosing the text you wish to include on the monument and/or vertical headstone to honor your loved one. Choosing such text is personal and is most often decided upon by the family members of the deceased. For those who do not have a strong command of the Hebrew language, our experienced Eretz HaChaim staff is here to assist you.

It is customary to include the deceased's first and last name, his/her father's name, and the Jewish calendar date of his/her passing. Many choose to add additional text and/or Biblical verses which capture the positive attributes of the deceased. It is also customary to include "פ"ינ" on the monument or headstone, which stands for "פה נטמן" (English: "Here lies") and "תהא נשמתו/ה" which stands for "תהא נשמתו/ה" (English: "May his/her soul be bound up in the bond of life").

The letters/words chosen will be carved into the gravestone and/or headstone surface. Letters can either be (i) painted on or (ii) carved in and filled with lead and polished to be aligned with the stone surface (the latter is recommended, as such lettering is more durable and requires less maintenance over the course of time). The cost for each option is as follows:

- (i) **Painted Letters:** \$2.75 per letter
- (ii) **Carved In and Lead Filled Letters:** \$3.95 per letter

#### PERPETUAL CARE/UPKEEP

Eretz HaChaim offers the following perpetual care and upkeep services for monuments:

- ♦ **Single Cleaning:** \$100
- ♦ **Bi-Monthly Cleaning Package** - 1 cleaning every other month (over the course of 12 months): \$500 per year
- ♦ **Monthly Package** - 1 cleaning per month (over the course of 12 months): \$1,000 per year

#### ERETZ HACHAIM KOLLEL: TORAH STUDY AND PRAYER SERVICES

Eretz HaChaim is the only cemetery in Eretz Yisrael with a full time Kollel on premises. Kollel members pray and study advanced Talmud and Shulchan Aruch throughout the week. The Kollel affords families and loved ones many unique sponsorship opportunities including arranging Kaddish recitations, Hazkarot, Tehillim recitations at a time of eit ratzon, and learning of Mishnayot or Gemara in memory of loved ones. To sponsor prayers or Torah study, please contact the Eretz HaChaim office.



PRICES CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ALL LISTED PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*





# ERETZ HACHAIM MONUMENT ORDER FORM

NAME OF THE DECEASED (HEBREW): \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME (HEBREW): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF PASSING: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

## ❖ STEP 1

### STONE TYPE:

- A. Rough Textured Jerusalem Stone       B. Natural Textured Jerusalem Stone  
 C. Polished Jerusalem Stone       D. Polished Turkish Marble  
 E. Natural Textured Turkish Marble

### ADDITIONAL STRIP OF BLACK GRANITE (IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF STRIPS):

- Yes       No  
 1 Strip       2 Strips

## ❖ STEP 2

### SIZE (NUMBER OF ROWS) OF STONE:

- A.       B.       C.       D.       E.       F.

### HORIZONTAL PLATE FOR TOP OF STONE:

- A. Regular       B. Turkish Marble       C. Extra Thick       D. Granite  
 Black       Stone Grey

## ❖ STEP 3

### VERTICAL HEADSTONE (IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE OPTION A – F AND STONE TYPE):

- Yes       No
- A. *Luchot*       B. Slightly Arched  
 C. Squared       D. Diagonal  
 E. Rounded Top       F. Rounded Corners
- Jerusalem Stone       Turkish Marble       Black Granite

### CANDLE BOX (IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE A OR B)

- Yes       No  
 A. Internal Box       B. External Box

## ❖ STEP 4

### LETTERS OPTION:

- (i) Painted Letters       (ii) Carved in and Lead Filled Letters (Recommended)

