

# TOMBSTONES AND GRAVES

## TOMBSTONES

### When To Set Up Tombstone

Set up a tombstone on the grave any time after the burial but within 12 Jewish months of burial.

### What To Have Engraved on Tombstone

Put the dead person's name on the tombstone. Anything aside from the name is optional.

### Tombstone if Hebrew Name Unknown

Use the person's secular name in any language if the Hebrew name is unknown.

## GRAVES

## HOW TO TREAT GRAVES

### Graves: Photographs

Taking photos of graves is OK. (This is common at the Jewish cemetery in Prague.)

### Graves: Visiting

There is not any mitzva or halacha to visit graves of any person, not even *tzadikim* and not even parents.

### Graves: Stepping on

Do not step on graves.

### Graves: Leaving Stone

When you visit a grave, it is customary to leave a small stone on the tombstone.