

CONSTITUTION OF

OHR EMET CONGREGATION

ARTICLE I – NAME

SECTION 1 – The name of the society is **OHR EMET CONGREGATION**.

SECTION 2 - This Congregation shall not be dissolved as long as ten (10) members in good standing for five (5) years or more are willing to continue it.

SECTION 3 – The operations of the society are to be chiefly carried on in the lower mainland of British Columbia.

SECTION 4 –**OHR EMET CONGREGATION** has been established for the purpose of maintaining and conducting a synagogue based on Ashkenazi tradition and in keeping with the dictates of the Written and Oral Law of the Torah, as laid down in the Shulchan Aruch and further as prescribed in the following paragraphs.

SECTION 5 -The objects of the Society (hereinafter and above also referred to as “the Congregation”) are:

- (a) To maintain a House of Worship and to conduct religious services in accordance with the tenets and precepts of Orthodox Judaism.
- (b) To conduct schools for instruction in Hebrew, Jewish Religion and History.
- (c) To foster the organization of cultural groups amongst its members.
- (d) To found Jewish Youth groups and to provide facilities for their religious, cultural and educational activities.

- (e) To maintain and operate a cemetery for the burial of persons of the Jewish faith.
- (f) To propagate, teach, diffuse and inculcate the practice and observance of traditional Jewish and Hebrew ritual and dietary laws and Orthodox Judaism generally.
- (g) To accept donations and gifts of any and every kind, whether by way of bequest, devise or otherwise, and to apply such donations and gifts in such a way as will, in the opinion of the Directors, advance the objectives of the Society.
- (h) For the purposes aforesaid, to purchase, hold, sell and otherwise deal in real estate and personal property, and to do all such things and perform all such acts as may be necessary or requisite.

SECTION 6 – NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

At no time shall religious prayer services take place in a synagogue without men and women being separated. This separation shall be effectuated either by a balcony reserved for the sole and exclusive use of the female worshippers, or by a tangible physical separation known as a Mechitzah. At no time shall instrumental music be played or caused to be heard during worship and prayer. The Cantor or Reader when officiating at worship shall always face in the direction of the Holy Ark, with the sole exceptions of when reciting the last stanza of the prayer 'Lechah Dodi', reciting the Kiddush and during the ceremony of Hotzaath Sefer Torah - the taking out of the Sacred Scroll from the Holy Ark.

SECTION 7 – EXPRESS TRUST

Every contribution or donation, whether of real, personal or mixed property made generally or for any specific use to this the Society, shall be deemed as made in trust under the express condition and for the unchangeable purpose of conducting an orthodox synagogue as above defined and for the furtherance of the religious objectives as above set forth, and every such contribution when received by the Society, shall be

deemed received and accepted according to this condition and in furtherance of such trust.

SECTION 8 – PROVISION AGAINST CHANGES

It is expressly recognized by the founders and members of this Congregation that in as much as the principles of Orthodox Judaism are based upon Divine authority, the rules governing the Divine worship in this congregation are not subject to change by any vote or other action of the membership, board of trustees, officers of any other of its officials or employees.

SECTION 9 – In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, any funds remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to an orthodox Jewish Congregation, provided that the congregation referred to in this paragraph shall be a charitable organization, a charitable corporation, or a charitable trust recognized by the Department of National Revenue of Canada as being qualified as such under the conditions of the “Income Tax Act” of Canada from time to time in effect.

SECTION 10

CLAUSES 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and this Section 10 SHALL BE UNALTERABLE