

CONSTITUTION OF

CONGREGATION IYR HA-MELECH

OF KINGSTON, ONTARIO

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

1. This Congregation shall be known as Congregation Iyr Ha-melech, of Kingston, Ontario.

2. The purpose of this Congregation shall be to promote Judaism in all aspects of life by means of public and private worship, by religious education, and through social and welfare activities.

ARTICLE II: AFFILIATION

1. The Congregation shall follow the forms, practices, and usages of a liberal interpretation of Judaism and shall affiliate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, through its Canadian region.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP, VOTING, AND DUES

1. Eligibility. Any person of the Jewish faith, or any person seeking to be associated with those upholding the Jewish faith, shall be eligible for membership in the Congregation.

2. Election to Membership. Any eligible person shall become a member upon approval of his application by the Executive.

3. Unit of Membership. For the purposes of dues and assessments, there shall be three categories of membership: individual, family, and student. Individual membership is open to any eligible individual over 18 years of age; family membership shall embrace husband, wife, and children, but shall not include self-supporting children over 21 years of age; student membership shall be open to any individual over 18 years of age engaged in full-time study at a high school, college, or university.

4. Voting. Every member in good standing over 18 years of age, whether family, individual or student member, shall be entitled to one vote at general meetings; a husband and wife shall each have a separate vote.

5. Dues. A member shall pay annual dues, fees, and other charges in such amounts and by such methods as established by the Executive. No person shall be debarred from membership, however, by the inability to pay dues, and the Executive shall have the right to reduce or waive dues for good reason.

6. Rights of Members. A member in good standing has, among, others, the following privileges:

- a. The right to vote at all meetings if ~~general member~~ ^{over 18 years of age.}

b. The right to have his children receive religious education, to prepare for Bar or Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation, and --if the child has qualified-- to receive Bar or Bat Mitzvah and/or Confirmation.

c. The right to participate in all activities of the Congregation.

d. The right to have seats at all religious services, including the High Holy Days, for himself and his family.

7. Suspension of Membership. The Executive shall have the right to suspend any member who is more than 12 months in arrears in payment of dues or who acts in a manner contrary to the interests of the Congregation. Suspended members will be deprived of the privileges of membership.

ARTICLE IV: THE OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE

1. The Officers of this Congregation shall be a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Chairman of the Religious School Committee, all to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Congregation for a term of one year commencing on July 1. Only members of the Jewish faith are eligible for election as Officers. These four Officers shall constitute the Executive.

2. The Executive shall govern the affairs of the Congregation, control its revenue and property, determine dues, determine tenure of employees, admit new members, order special meetings, and take such other action as shall in its judgment best promote the welfare of the Congregation.

3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Congregation and Executive; shall decide all questions of order; shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise provided; may call special meetings of the Congregation or the Executive; shall call special meetings of the Congregation at the written request of 5 members; shall call special meetings of the Executive at the written request of 2 members of the Executive; shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie at any meeting at which the President presides; shall be ex-officio member of all committees; and shall make an annual report of the status of the Congregation.

4. The Treasurer shall in the absence of the President assume the duties and responsibilities of the President; mail bills, receive monies and give receipts when necessary; cause all monies to be deposited to the Congregation's bank accounts in the name of the Congregation; sign checks pursuant to authority of the Executive; make an annual report to the Congregation on the status of the treasury; submit to the Executive the names of members who are in arrears; maintain all books of account of the Congregation; check all budgetary expenditures; ascertain whether expenditures are within the budget; and perform such duties as the Executive requires.

5. The Secretary shall take and read minutes, report communications, and perform such duties as the Executive requires.

6. The Chairman of the Religious School Committee should be responsible to the Executive for the running of the Religious School.

7. The Quorum for the meeting of the Executive shall be 3.

ARTICLE V: ANNUAL MEETING

1. The annual meeting of the Congregation shall be held in May of each year. Election of the Executive shall be held during the meeting.

2. Ten voting members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the annual or any meeting of the Congregation.

3. Nominations for officers will be made at the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

1. The standing Committees of the Congregation shall include a Religious School Committee and such other committees as the Executive may deem necessary.

2. The Religious School Committee will assist in administration of the Religious School, including the preparation of its budget; plan and supervise enrollment of pupils, and distribution of books; review curriculum and various phases of Jewish education and submit recommendations to the Executive; appoint a Director of the Religious School and designate his duties.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Amendments must be in writing and must be ⁹proposed by the Executive or by at least five members of the Congregation and filed with the Executive. Such amendments as proposed must be mailed to all members at least 10 days prior to any regular meeting, with the notice that the proposed amendment will be voted upon at that meeting. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to adopt any amendment.

ARTICLE VIII: SIGNING POWERS

1. Any two of the President, Treasurer, Secretary or such additional persons as may be authorized by resolution of the Executive from time to time, shall have power to sign deeds, contracts and agreements on behalf of the Congregation when so authorized by the Executive.