

CONSTITUTION
OF
MEN'S CLUB OF CONGREGATION BETH CHAIM

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ARTICLE I

The name of the association shall be:

MEN'S CLUB OF CONGREGATION BETH CHAIM

ARTICLE II

The object and purposes of this Club shall be:

SECTION 1: To unite the men of the ~~Congregation and community~~ **Congregation Beth Chaim Community** for the purpose of cultivating and encouraging such interests in congregational affairs as will insure the welfare and progress of the Congregation.

SECTION 2: To engage in such philanthropic activities as may be deemed advisable by the Board of the Men's Club.

SECTION 3: To engage in cultural and religious discussions ~~and work~~ **and issues relevant to the men of the Congregation.**

SECTION 4: To encourage and promote interest in social, humanitarian and civic affairs while avoiding ~~discussions of a politically partisan nature~~ **politically partisan endorsements.**

SECTION 5: To participate in such activities as will encourage good citizenship through sincere devotion and appreciation of the rights, privileges, and immunities afforded by the Constitution of the United States of America.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Membership shall be open to male persons of at least eighteen years of age in good standing as a member, **associate member** of Congregation Beth Chaim, **or designee of the Chief Rabbi upon notice to the Board.**

SECTION 2: Only members of the club who have paid their club dues shall be eligible to hold office or become directors or members of the nominating committee.

SECTION 3: ~~So long as the incumbents are male,~~ **Honorary membership will be granted to the Clergy, Executive Director and Director Of Lifelong Education. The BCTY President, or their designee, is also granted an honorary membership, in a non-voting capacity.**

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ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND THE MEN'S CLUB BOARD

SECTION 1: The Men's Club Board shall consist of four (4) Officers, four (4) Directors, and the immediate Past President.

SECTION 2: The four (4) officers shall consist of: President, Executive-VP, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 3: There shall be no limitation on the number of times a person may serve as President, but he shall not serve for more than two consecutive yearly terms. There shall be no limitation on the number of times a person may serve in any other officer positions, but he may not serve for more than six (6) consecutive yearly terms, **in the same position.**

SECTION 4: There shall be four (4) Directors of the Club, **who each shall be responsible for chairing a Committee in consultation with the officers.**

SECTION 5: ~~As a refinement of Article III Section 1, All Officers and Directors must be Jewish.~~

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SECTION 6: All terms shall commence on July 1 and end on June 30 of the immediately succeeding year.

SECTION 7: The President shall preside at all meetings. He shall be the chief administrative officer of the Club and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Men's Club Board are carried into effect. In the event of the Presidents absence, the meeting shall be presided over by the Executive-VP. If both are absent, the chairman shall be selected by the vote of the members present.

SECTION 8: The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Club, and shall issue all notices and conduct all correspondence. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all Agenda and Minutes of prior meetings. He shall have a copy of the Constitution with him at each meeting. If absent from a meeting, a Secretary pro tempore shall be appointed by the President or acting President. **A copy of the Agenda and Record shall be submitted to the Temple's Board in a timely fashion.**

~~SECTION 9: The Treasurer shall collect and have responsibility for all moneys of the Club and disburse them as directed by the Board. He shall keep the accounts of the Club, make a report of its financial condition at regular meetings and send all notices and conduct all correspondence relating to financial matters of the Club. Each year the new or returning Treasurer shall report on the condition of the financial records at the Board meeting held during the month of September.~~

SECTION 9: The Treasurer shall work with the Congregation in the collection of, and have dual responsibility for, all moneys of the club and disburse them as directed by the Board. He shall make a report of its financial condition at regular meetings and send all notices relating to the financial matters of the Club. Each year, the new or returning Treasurer, shall report on the condition of the financial records at the Board meeting held during the month of September.

SECTION 10: ~~The Men's Club Board shall hold legal title to all property and monies of the Club. The Board shall have the management and control and shall direct the activities of the Club and make all necessary contracts for its administration. The Board may make such rules and~~

regulations for the management of the Club not inconsistent with the Constitution as it may deem expedient. The Board shall also have full power to act in all matters not otherwise provided for in the Constitution.

SECTION 11: In case of a vacancy in any office, a member of the Board shall fill the vacancy for the rest of the term. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Executive-VP shall fill this position. The Board shall select one of its members to become the new Executive-VP. In case of a vacancy among the directors, the Board may select a new director from the general membership. In case of absence or disability of the Secretary or Treasurer, the President has the power to appoint a pro tempore as needed.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AND THE ANNUAL REPORT

SECTION 1: The Nominating Committee shall select a slate to fill the Officer and Director positions. It shall consist of three members of the Men's Club: Past President, President and one other member in good standing appointed by the President. This committee shall be chaired by the immediate Past President. Should the Past President be unable to serve, the President shall chair the committee and appoint two additional members.

SECTION 2: The Nominating Committee shall meet at least sixty days before the Annual Meeting. The slate of nominees shall be published **electronically** at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 3 In addition to nominations by the Nominating Committee, any member of the Club may make Nominations at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4: At the annual meeting, the members present will vote for the four elected Officer and four Director positions. The winner of each position shall be by a majority of the votes of those present.

SECTION 5: The position of Past President will be filled by the ~~immediate~~ **most recent** prior President, **who maintains a current membership**.

SECTION 6: At the Annual Meeting, the President shall report on the conditions of the Club and of its proceedings during the previous year along with facts and suggestions he may deem expedient and appropriate to lay before the Club.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

SECTION 1: The club shall hold meetings on an as needed basis, at which time necessary discussions, motions and suitable programs shall be arranged and voted upon. Notice shall be sent to each member at least ten (10) days before the meeting by e-mail, notice on the **Congregation Temple**-web page, notice in the **Congregation Temple** bulletin, phone chain, or mail.

SECTION 2: The annual meetings of the members of the Club shall be held in May or June of each year. Notice to all members shall be sent via methods as in Section 1 above at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.

SECTION 3: Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President on his own initiative or by the President on the written petition of ten (10) members of the Club addressed to the Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of a petition, the Secretary will make notice of the meeting which shall take place within (15) days. The petition and notices shall state the specific matters to be considered and no other matters shall be considered at the meeting.

SECTION 4: The President shall designate the date, time and place of all meetings provided for in this Constitution. A quorum will consist of at least five (5) members in good standing. At meetings of the club, all motions will be voted on with majority rule with the requirement of a minimum of 3 votes in the affirmative for action to be taken.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: The Board shall meet at the **Congregation Temple** or at such place and at such intervals or times as the President, with the approval of the Board may designate.

SECTION 2: Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President on his own initiative or by written **or electronic** petition of five (5) members of the Board addressed to the Secretary. Within three (3) days after receipt of a petition, the Secretary shall make notice of a meeting to take place within ten (10) days. The petition and notices shall state the specific matters to be considered, and no other matters may be considered at the meeting.

SECTION 3: At all meetings of the Board, one-half of the Board members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4: the President, subject to the approval of the Board shall designate the duties and responsibilities of all committees. The President shall appoint the Chairman and all members of all committees. Meetings shall be held on the call of the Chairman of the respective committee. A majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

The amount of the annual dues **is fixed by the Men's Club** and the date the same becomes payable **and the manner collected** shall be fixed by the Board of the Men's Club, **in consultation with the Executive Director of the Congregation.**

ARTICLE IX

RESIGNATION AND FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Any member desiring to resign from the Club shall so notify the Secretary, in writing, and the acceptance of his resignation by the Board shall terminate his membership. No such resignation of a member shall exempt him from payment of monies, which may be owing at the time, unless the Board deems it just to waive the payment of said funds.

SECTION 2: If any member shall fail to pay his dues within two (2) months after same are due, written notice shall be given to him by the Treasure. Upon direction of the Board if payment is not made within fifteen (15) days after such notice is mailed to him, the Board may declare his membership forfeited. In that event, the Secretary shall notify him of such action in writing.

~~SECTION 3: On resignation or death of a member or any forfeiture or termination of membership under this Constitution, all his right and interest in any property of the Club shall cease and any offices he may hold shall be deemed vacated.~~

ARTICLE X

LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

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Lectures, exhibitions and social events held by the Club may be open to all persons not members of the Club at such times as the Men's Club Board may determine.

ARTICLE XI

RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings unless otherwise stated.

ARTICLE XII

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY AND MONIES

In the event that the Men's Club of Congregation Beth Chaim shall be dissolved, then all of the property and monies of the Men's Club remaining shall be distributed to Congregation Beth Chaim funds at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS AND NOTICES

SECTION 1: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting at a regular or special meeting to be called for that purpose. Amendments may be proposed by the Board or by written petition of twenty percent (20%) of the members of the Club. If amendments are proposed, the President may call a special meeting of the Club for that purpose on a date not more than twenty (20) days after the proposal, or may direct that the proposed amendment be considered at the next regular meeting. The Secretary shall mail **or contact electronically** such notice at least fifteen (15) days prior to this date stating the amendments proposed to be voted on.

SECTION 2: Unless provided for, any notice to be given to a member under this Constitution, shall be deemed sufficient if sent post-paid to the last known address given to the Secretary by said member.

ARTICLE XIV

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin annually on the first day of July.

ARTICLE XV

In the event that any matter can not be resolved by the Men's Club Board and its members, the constitution of Congregation Beth Chaim shall be the deciding document.