



CHAPTER 158

An Act to incorporate Congregation Bnai Israel

[Assented to, the 20th of March, 1930]

WHEREAS Joseph Dinovitzer, Abraham Leznoff, Israel ^{Preamble.}

Schwartz, Joseph Wiseman, Aaron Bank, Samuel Black, merchants, and Max Uditsky, insurance agent, Barnet Adelman, gentleman, Gordon Selig, gentleman, and Oscar Dinovitzer, student, all of the city and district of Montreal, have, by petition, represented that they belong to the Jewish religion and are adherents thereof, and that for the purpose of Divine worship according to the tenets of the Jewish religion it is expedient and in the interest of the petitioners that they should be incorporated in order that the corporation to be formed may, in its own name, acquire and possess property, moveable and immoveable, and do all acts that may be required for the purpose of its formation; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Joseph Dinovitzer, Abraham Leznoff, Israel ^{Incorporation.} Schwartz, Joseph Wiseman, Aaron Bank, Samuel Black, Max Uditsky, Barnet Adelman, Gordon Selig, and Oscar Dinovitzer, and all other persons who may become members, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of "Congregation Bnai Israel", with its principal place of ^{Name.} affairs in the city of Montreal.

2. The said corporation may have, hold and possess, ^{Powers of corporation.} and may acquire by purchase, gift, will or otherwise, any immoveable property, in or near the city of Montreal, that may be required for a synagogue or place of worship, or

for a house for the residence of the rabbi or officiating minister, or for a cemetery or a burial ground, or for any purpose of the said corporation, and may at any time sell the said property, or any part thereof, and acquire other immoveable property in lieu of the same; provided always that the use of the said land for a cemetery shall be governed by the laws respecting cemeteries, subject to section 8 of this act, and provided further that the immoveable property held by the said corporation shall not exceed, on the whole, a quantity of ten arpents in superficial extent, and the annual revenue or value thereof shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

By-laws.

3. The corporation is authorized to make by-laws for the regulation and government of the said corporation, and shall have the power to amend and repeal the whole or any part of such by-laws as may be expedient, provided always that none of such by-laws be inconsistent with this act, or with the laws of the Province of Quebec.

Keeping of registers of civil status.

4. The said corporation may keep, according to law, registers of civil status, and may, from time to time, according to law, usage and custom, appoint a rabbi or officiating minister, and may remove him and appoint another, or others in his place; and the rabbi or officiating minister of the said corporation is authorized and empowered to keep registers in the French or in the English language for acts of civil status, and to exercise in relation thereto all other civil powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations.

Power to dispose of property.

5. The said corporation may at any time, for its purposes only, sell, lease, exchange, hypothecate or alienate its property, or any part thereof, and acquire other immoveable property in lieu thereof, and the said corporation shall have the power to draw, make, accept and endorse all bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments under the signature of its officers or others, as may be determined by its board of directors.

Disposal of excess property.

6. In the event of the said corporation receiving by gift or will any immoveable property in excess of that which it is authorized to possess, the said gift or legacy shall not on that account be void, but the said corporation shall be bound, within three years from the date of its entry into peaceful possession of the said gift or legacy, to sell and dispose of the said immoveable property, in such

manner that the immoveable property of the said corporation shall not exceed in annual value the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

7. The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, annually, in the month of January, and whenever thereunto required, a statement of the property help by the corporation, the names of its officers and a copy of its rules and by-laws. ^{Annual statement to Lt.-Gov. in C.}

8. Nothing in this act of incorporation shall have the effect of withdrawing the corporation from being governed by the provisions of the charter, by-laws and regulations of any municipality where the said corporation shall exercise its powers, nor by the provisions of the Quebec Public Health Act. ^{Provisions safeguarded.}

Furthermore, the corporation shall not establish a cemetery or burial ground or crematory in a municipality without having previously obtained the consent of the said municipality, expressed by by-law. ^{Consent for cemetery.}

9. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. ^{Coming into force.}