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An Act to incorporate the Beth Hamedrash Haggodol Chevra Shaas (The Great Synagogue of the Talmudic Society)

[Assented to 26th March, 1902]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Hirsch Cohen, rabbi and minister of religion ; Samuel Strean, merchant ; Lazarus Rosenbloom, merchant ; Fischel Phillips, merchant ; Fischel Cohen, merchant ; Julius Cohen, merchant ; Solomon Leavitt, tailor ; Naphtali Bloom, merchant ; Solomon Moses Shapira, merchant ; and Marcus Vineberg, merchant, all of the city and district of Montreal, have, by petition, represented that they are officers and members of a congregation of persons belonging to the Jewish religion that has for some years existed, for purposes of divine worship, in the city of Montreal, under the name of "Beth Hamedrash Haggodol Chevra Shaas," and have prayed to be incorporated under the said name ; 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 :

Certain persons incorporated.

1. Hirsch Cohen, Samuel Strean, Lazarus Rosenbloom, Fischel Phillips, Fischel Cohen, Julius Cohen, Solomon Leavitt, Naphtali Bloom, Solomon Moses Shapira and Marcus Vineberg, and all other persons who now are or may hereafter become members of the said congregation, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of "Beth Hamedrash Haggodol Chevra Shaas" (The Great Synagogue of the Talmudic Society).

Name.

Certain property and rights vested in corporation, &c.

2. All property, moveable and immoveable, now possessed by, or belonging to, or held in trust for the said congregation shall be and is hereby transferred to and vested in the said corporation ; and the said corporation shall have and exercise all rights belonging to the said congregation, and shall be subject to all the obligations contracted by it.

Power to hold real estate to certain extent and value.

3. The said corporation may have, hold and possess, and may acquire, by purchase, gift, will or otherwise, any immoveable property in and near the city of Montreal, that may be required for a synagogue and place of worship, or for a house for the residence of the rabbi or officiating minister, or for a cemetery or burial ground, or for any other purpose of the said corporation ; and it may at any time sell the said property or any part thereof and acquire other immoveables in lieu of the same ; provided always that the use of any

land for a cemetery shall be subject to the laws respecting cemeteries ; and provided further that the immoveable property held by the said corporation shall not exceed, on the whole, the quantity of ten arpents in superficial extent, and that the annual revenue or value thereof shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

4. In the event of the said corporation receiving by gift or will any immoveable property in excess of that which it is hereby authorized to possess, the said gift or legacy shall not on that account be void ; but the said corporation shall be bound, within ten years from the date of its entering into undisturbed possession of the said gift or legacy, to sell and dispose of the said immoveable property or part thereof, or some other immoveable property, in such manner that the immoveable property of the said corporation shall not exceed in annual value the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Sale of excess of property.

5. The present officers and trustees of the said congregation shall be the officers and trustees of the said corporation, until others shall be elected according to the by-laws of the corporation, and the present by-laws of the said congregation shall be the by-laws of the said corporation until they shall be repealed or altered ; and the said corporation shall have power to amend and repeal, from time to time, the whole or any part of the said by-laws as may be expedient, provided always that none of such by-laws be inconsistent with this act or with the laws of this Province.

Present officers of congregation continued in office.

By-laws continued.

Power to amend, &c., by-laws.

6. The corporation shall keep registers for acts of civil status ; and it may, from time to time, appoint a rabbi or officiating minister, and remove him and appoint another or others in his place ; and the rabbi or officiating minister of the said congregation is hereby authorized and empowered to keep the registers for acts of civil status, and to exercise all other powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations.

Corporation bound to keep register of civil status, &c.

7. The act of the late province of Lower Canada, 9-10 George IV, chapter 75, shall not apply to the members nor to the officiating minister of the said congregation.

9-10 Geo. IV, c. 75, not to apply.

8. Nothing in this act shall prevent the provisions of the charter of the city of Montreal, the by-laws passed by the said city in accordance with its charter, nor the provisions of the law governing public health from applying to this corporation.

Certain acts and by-laws to apply to corporation.

9. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

Coming into force.