

RODEF SCHOLEM [RODEF SHALOM]

Charter of שֵׁלוֹם רֹדֵף Rodef Scholem Society

Impressed with the existing necessity for the formation of a German Religious Society, the undersigned have resolved such an Association in Pittsburgh, State of Pennsylvania, which is to be known by the name of שֵׁלוֹם רֹדֵף "Rodef Scholem"

The Objects of this Association are - First The furtherance of the cause of Religion. Secondly The establishment of a good school in which the young shall be instructed in the principles of the Hebrew Religion, as well as general branches of knowledge - And for the furtherance of these objects the undersigned have adopted the following

Constitution

Article I - The forms of proceedings in this Congregation shall be according to the German forms

Article II - The affairs of this congregation shall be conducted by three officers, namely a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected yearly on the first Sunday in April by a majority of the members. Candidates for these offices may be proposed at a meeting of the congregation one month previous to or on the day of Election. Besides these Officers there shall also be elected two Trustees who are to take part in all the administration of the affairs, and five or more persons shall constitute the Board of Officers, whose duty it shall be to watch over the interests of the congregation and to further its work according to their best endeavors

Article III - The regular meetings of the congregation are to take place on the first Sunday of every third month

Article IV - The Officers in this congregation (including those of trustees) are to be considered as part of the same, and hence to be in constant communication with them

Article V - Every member who has accepted an office shall be bound to attend to the duties of the same faithfully, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances

Article VI - It shall be the duty of the Officers to lay before and submit to the congregation once a year the budget for the following year, and this shall be done at such times, as shall be fixed upon by the Body. The Officers shall also have the power when they deem it necessary to call extra meetings

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Article VII → The Reader and Teacher appointed by the congregation shall not be eligible to become a member of the board of Officers, and if on occasions he shall attend the meetings of the same he shall be allowed to take a part in the debate, but shall not be entitled to a vote.

Article VIII → The Reader and Teacher shall on his entry into office bind himself by his signature to such part of this constitution.

Article IX → Only such members as are present at a meeting can at such meetings be nominated for any office, but whenever has once accepted a nomination may be elected though he be not present at the election.

Article X → No resignation of membership shall not at any time be accepted unless all dues shall have been previously paid.

Article XI → No general meeting of the congregation shall be opened or shall proceed to business until at least one half of all the members shall be present.

Article XII → Whenever seven members of the congregation shall deem it for the interest of the parish to call an extra meeting, they may apply in writing to the President, whose duty it shall then be to call such meetings within one week thereafter.

Article XIII → The resources of this congregation shall consist of the following:

- I. Regular dues from members to be fixed upon yearly by the By Laws.
 - II. Voluntary contributions.
 - III. Rental of seats to such as are not members.
- The regular dues shall be made payable in quarterly rates and always in advance.

Article XIV → All property Real Personal or Mixed now or at any time hereafter belonging to this congregation, however the same may be acquired, be it by donation bequest or accumulation, or whatever its nature, the same shall forever remain the common property of this congregation, as long as the same shall adhere to the Jewish Faith, and shall not be divided until all the members shall unanimously have resolved on a dissolution of the congregation.

Article XV → Any member of this congregation who shall abandon the Jewish Faith, or shall go on to any other persuasion, shall at once be expelled from membership.

Article XVI → Every member of this congregation shall be bound to the Constitution.

for the passing of any new clause or Article shall lay over to the next regular meeting succeeding to the one at which such motion is made. Previous to which each member shall by invitation receive notice of the proposed Amendment or addition, and no such Amendment or addition shall be passed unless at such meeting two thirds of the members present shall vote for the same.

Article XVII - The Election for new Members shall take place by ballot at the regular Meetings and a majority of the members present shall be decisive.

Article XVIII - It shall be the duty of the Board of Officers to establish and keep up a good school at which the Youth shall for reasonable compensation be instructed in the various branches of general knowledge as well as the principles of Religion.

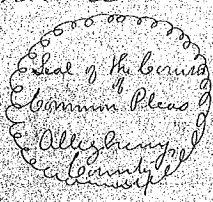
Adopted by the Members of the Congregation in Pittsburgh State of Pennsylvania on the ninth day of November One thousand eight hundred and fifty six

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| J. Rosenthal | Wm Frank |
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| Mr. Steiner | J. Stein |
| L. Christfeld | Isak Weillberger |
| J. Kaufman | Symon Markis |
| M. Arnold | J. Trauermann |
| Jacob Klee | Isaac Rafin |
| Leuis Meyer | Moses Gut |
| Joseph Klee | J. Jengromith |
| Moritz Kraus | Leopold Hei Bronson |
| Abner Senkenheimer | Ally Greenwald |
| E. Morosiger | Isidore Teutshild |

The within instrument or Articles of Association having been presented to the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania on the 2nd day of July 1859, and the said Court having perused and examined the same, and it appearing to said Court that the aforesaid articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful and not repugnant to the Community. It is hereby ordered and directed that the same be filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the said Court and that notice be inserted in the Pittsburgh Daily Gazette for three weeks setting forth that an application has been made to said Court to grant the said Charter of Incorporation.

13 The Court

In the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Allegheny at No 72 October 5 1859
 In the Matter of the Incorporation of a Society for the promotion of the principles of Peace and tolerance and for Educational purposes entitled "Body of Scholars"
 And now to wit this Twenty second day of October A.D. 1859 the Articles of Incorporation of the said Society having been heretofore to wit on the ninth day of July A.D. 1859 filed in the Office of the Prothonotary of said Court and due notice having been inserted in a newspaper printed in said County in conformity to law Therefore on motion of E. W. Moore Esq. it is declared and decreed that the persons so associated under said Articles shall ~~and~~ according to the articles and conditions in said Instrument set forth and contained become and be a corporation or body politic in law And it is further ordered and directed that said Charter of Incorporation shall be recorded in the office for recording deeds &c in and for said County And in said instrument being so recorded the persons so associated or meaning to associate shall according to the objects articles and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained become and be a corporation or body politic in law and in fact to have continuance by the name and style and with the title in said Instrument provided and declared



By the Court
 From the Record
 Attest

J. Armstrong Pro.

Recorded October 27th 1859