

List of Jews 21 years of age & over who have taken the oath and are British subjects. (Continued)

(1842)	28.	Aaron S. Solomons	22 years	Gentleman	Montreal
	29.	A. Saltiel Frederics	26 years		Montreal
	30.	Solomon Isaacs	25 years	Gentleman	Montreal
	31.	Samuel C. Benjamin	29 "	Merchant	Montreal
	32.	P. Solomon	42	Merchant	Montreal
	33.	M. Moses	32	Merchant	"
	34.	Abraham Prince	32	Optician	Montreal
	35.	M. E. David	29	Gentleman	"
	36.	William Benjamin	26	Merchant	Montreal
	37.	Isaac Sanguinetti	31	Merchant	Montreal
	38.	M. Binley	21	Student at law	"
	39.	G. Joseph	21	Student at law	"
	40.	Moss	28	Merchant	Montreal
	41.	B. Hart Jr.	22	Gentleman	Montreal
	42.	Barnett Harris	32	Merchant Tailor	
	43.	Abraham Lyons	23	"	
	44.	Edward Moss	24		
	45.	Lawrence Moss	28	Merchant	Montreal
	46.	Thomas H. Rosing	22	Dyer	
	47.	J. Joseph	42	Merchant	Do
	48.	Alexander Levy	31	Merchant	do
	49.	Adolphus Hart	29	Advocate	Montreal
	50.	John Levey	31	Tobacconist	Montreal
	51.	Gottschalk Isaac Asher	42	Merchant	200 St. Paul St.
	52.	Simon Hart	28	Juleri	Craig Str.
	53.	Wolf Monk	29		Montreal
	54.	Solomon Gutfried	28	Jeweler	Montreal
	55.	Goodman Benjamin	30	Merchant	Montreal
	56.	Joseph Lyons	22	Clerk	Montreal
	57.	D. Bresler	37	Furrier	do
	58.	Abraham de Sola	34	Minister	do
	59.	Edwin Morris	34	Furrier	Montreal
	60.	Jacob Samuel	25	Merchant	"

Province of Canada
District of Montreal

To the Honourable the Chief Justice and the Justices of the Honourable Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal.

The petition of Isaac Valentine, Theodore Hart, Samuel Benjamin, Aaron P. Hart, Samuel Hart, Henry Solomons and Adam S. Solomon, all persons professing the Jewish Faith in the City of Montreal

Humbly Sheweth

That under and by virtue of an order made by the Honourable George Pyke Esquire, on the sixth day of September One Thousand eight hundred and thirty seven a Public Meeting of persons professing the Jewish Faith and whose names were inscribed on the register kept for that purpose by

the Prothonotary of the Court of King's Bench in conformity to the Statute in that case and so provided was held at the Court House in this City on the tenth day of October, One Thousand eight hundred and thirty seven at which meeting five persons, to wit, Isaac Valentine, Moses Judah Hays, Benjamin Hart, Jacob H. Joseph and Aaron H. David of Montreal were by a majority of voters duly elected Trustees of the Jewish Congregation for the purposes of the said Statute

That afterwards, to wit, upon the fourteenth June, One Thousand eight hundred and forty upon the petition of Benjamin Hart, Theodore Hart, M. J. Hays, Isaac Valentine, J. H. Joseph, Samuel Hart and Jesse Joseph, two persons were elected to serve as Trustees, namely Samuel Hart and Theodore Hart upon the order of the Honourable Samuel Gale, one of the judges of the said Court convening the meeting by law required and at such meeting, and at a subsequent meeting the said Samuel Hart was elected Secretary.

That by the said Statute it was expressly enacted that no Trustee shall remain in office longer than five years. That five years having now nearly elapsed it has become necessary to name other persons to act as Trustees as aforesaid for five years to be computed from the tenth day of October now next, whereupon your petitioners pray that Your Honors or one of Your Honors will be pleased to convene a public meeting of persons so enregistered as aforesaid in the District of Montreal at such time and place as Your Honors may appoint for the purposes aforesaid and You Will do justice.

Montreal 31st August 1842

Signed I. Valentine
" H. Solomons
" B. Hart
S. Benjamin
Samuel Hart, Sectry
A. P. Hart
A. S. Solomons

District of Montreal

By virtue of the Provincial Statute in this behalf made and provided I do order that a public meeting of persons professing the Jewish Faith and whose names are inscribed in the register kept by the Prothonotary of the Court of King's Bench for this District in conformity to the said Statute be held at the Trustee Room in the Jewish Synagogue in the City of Montreal on Monday the third day of October next at the hour of three of the clock in the afternoon then and there to proceed to the election of Trustees as directed by the said Act for the several purposes therein mentioned and I do further order that Alexander Buchanan Esquire do preside at the said meeting and that he do return the proceedings thereof into the office of the prothonotary of the said Court of King's Bench for the said District of Montreal, there to remain of record and further that the present order be inserted during two weeks in the Montreal Gazette published in this city.

Given under my hand at the City of Montreal this second day of September in the year of our Lord, One Thousand eight hundred and forty two and in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign

(Signed) Vallieres d'St. Real
Ch. J.

Province of Canada
District of Montreal

To the Honourable the Chief Justice and the Justices of Her Majesty's Court
of King's Bench of and for the District of Montreal.

The petition of the undersigned residents of the City of Montreal and profess-
ing the Jewish Faith.

Respectfully Sheweth.

That your petitioners are seven of the number whose names are enregistered in
the register kept by the Prothonotaries of this District as required by the
Act 9th and 10th Geo. 4th, entitled "An Act to extend certain privileges
therein mentioned to persons professing the Jewish Faith and for the obviating
certain inconveniences to which other of His Majesty's subjects might be
exposed."

That the period has expired for which the Trustees named at the last Public
Meeting were to serve and no meetings having been by them legally convened
there are at present no Trustees to represent persons professing the Jewish
Faith in this City.

That it is essential that a Public Meeting of persons professing the Jewish
Faith be convened as soon as possible for the purpose of electing five persons
to serve as Trustees.

Wherefore the petitioners pray that Your Honours or one of Your Honours will
be pleased to convene a public meeting of all persons professing the Jewish
Faith and enregistered in this District of Montreal to be held in the City
of Montreal at such place therein and at such time as Your Honour or one of
Your Honours may deem it advisable to appoint and that Your Honour or one
of Your Honours may be pleased to name some Justice of the Peace for the said
District to preside at such meeting and to make his return of the Proceedings
thereat to the Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench of this District,
and you will do justice.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c &c

Montreal 28th November 1842

(Signed) M. Samuel David
(Signed) J. H. Joseph
(Signed) Isaac Valentine
(Signed) Theodore Hart
" M. Binley
" B. Hart
" A. P. Hart

District of Montreal

By virtue of the Provincial Statute made and passed in the 9th and 10th Geo.4th, entitled "An Act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to persons professing the Jewish Religion and for the obviating certain inconveniences to which other of His Majesty's subjects might be exposed," and upon the petition of seven of the persons professing the Jewish Religion whose names with others are inscribed in the register kept by the Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench for this District in conformity to the said Statute, I the undersigned Chief Justice of the District of Montreal do order that a Public Meeting of the said persons so professing the Jewish Faith and whose names are inscribed be held in the Trustee Room of the Jewish Synagogue on the fifth day of January now next at the hour of eleven in the forenoon and that being assembled the said persons do then & there proceed to the election of five Trustees as authorized & directed by & for the several purposes mentioned in the said Statute and I do further order that the Honourable Austin Cuvillier Esq. one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said District do preside at the said meeting and that he do return the proceedings thereat into the office of the Prothonotaries of the said Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal there to remain of record and further that the present order be inserted during two weeks in the Montreal Gazette published in this city.

Given under my hand at the City of Montreal this 29th day
of November 1842 and in the sixth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(Signed) Vallieres St. Real
Ch. J.

Montreal 5th January 1843

At a meeting of Registered Members of persons professing the Jewish persuasion held at the Synagogue this day at 11 A.M. in accordance with an order of the Chief Justice of Montreal the Honourable Austin Cuvillier in the chair and Mr. J. H. Joseph acting as Secretary there were present

Henry Solomon	B. Hart	Jesse Joseph
A. Benjamin	Theodore Hart	Sol Hyman
Sam Moss	Saml. Benjamin	Saml. Benjamin
M. S. David	Isaac Aaron	Abm. Lyons
J. H. Joseph	Jos. Joseph	
Lewis Lyons	A. Prince	
	T. Rosing,	

The Chairman opened the meeting by informing them that he had been ordered to preside at the election of five Trustees, & directed them to proceed with the election accordingly when the following Gentlemen were unanimously chosen as Trustees

Henry Solomon Merchant
Benjamin Hart do
J. H. Joseph do
M. Samuel David Advocate
Samuel Benjamin Merchant

and the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) Austin Cuvillier JP.
" J.H. Joseph Secty

District of Montreal

To wit

To the Honourable the Chief Justice and Justices of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal

The petition of the undersigned duly registered members of the Jewish persuasion residing in the said District of Montreal

Respectfully sheweth.

That Benjamin Hart Esquire of the city (of Montreal) one of the Trustees of the Jewish persuasion elected at a meeting of the members of the said persuasion held under and by virtue of the Statute in such case provided has resigned his said office of Trustee aforesaid, and that it becomes necessary to call a meeting according to the requirements of the law of the members or persons professing the said religion registered in the said District for the purpose of supplying the said vacancy.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that Your Honours or one of Your Honours will be pleased to convene a public meeting of all persons registered according to the requirements of the Statute in such case made and provided to be held in the City of Montreal at such time and place therein as your Honour or one of Your Honours shall deem it advisable for the purposes of appointing a Trustee in the place and stead of the said Benjamin Hart Esquire, resigned.

Montreal 7th June 1843

(Signed)	Jesse Joseph
(Signed)	Samuel David
"	Binley
"	G. Joseph
"	M. Solomon
"	S. Benjamin
"	William Benjamin

District of Montreal

To wit

Let a public meeting of all persons professing the Jewish religion and being duly registered as required by the said Statute be convened for the purpose of appointing a Trustee as above prayed for and let the said meeting be held at the Jewish Synagogue in the City of Montreal on the 10th day of July next at the hour of ten in the forenoon of that day and let due notice of such meeting be given by inserting the same during two weeks in the Montreal Gazette published in the said City of Montreal.

Montreal 7th June 1843

(Signed) Vallieres d'St. Real
Ch.J.

District of Montreal

In the King's Bench
In Chambers

Present: The Honourable J. R. Vallieres d'St. Real, Ch. Justice, Ex parte, on petition of members of the Jewish persuasion residing in the said District of Montreal.

It is ordered that a public meeting of all persons professing the Jewish Religion, and being duly registered as required by the Statute in such case provided be convened for the purpose of appointing one Trustee as prayed for, and let the said meeting be held at the Jewish Synagogue in the City of Montreal on the 10th day of July next at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon of that day and let due notice of the said meeting be given by inserting the same during two weeks in the Montreal Gazette in the said City of Montreal.

By order

(Signed) Monk & Morroghe
P.K.B.

Montreal 10th July 1843

At a meeting of persons professing the Jewish Religion duly registered, held in the Synagogue this day in accordance with an order of the Chief Justice of Montreal.

Present Mr. Henry Solomon
Henry Benjamin
M. H. Binley
J. H. Joseph
& Joseph Joseph
Mr. H. Solomon in the chair & J. H. Joseph acted as Secretary.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting to be the election of a Trustee in the place of one resigned -- When Mr. Myer Solomon was chosen by a majority of votes and the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) H. Solomon
" J. H. Joseph Secy

Province of Canada
District of Montreal

To the Honourable the Chief Justice and Justices of the Superior
Court in and for Lower Canada

The petition of the undersigned duly enregistered persons professing the
Jewish religion residing in the City of Montreal.

Respectfully sheweth.

That under and by virtue of the Act of Parliament of Lower Canada 9th Geo. 4th
Ch. 75 there were duly elected on the 5th day of January One Thousand eight
hundred and forty three five persons as Trustees for the purposes of the said
Act namely Henry Solomon, Merchant

Benjamin Hart Merchant

Jacob H. Joseph Merchant

Mr. Samuel David Advocate

and Samuel Benjamin Merchant

and afterwards on the 10th day of July, One Thousand eight hundred and forty
three in consequence of the resignation of the said Benjamin Hart, one of the
said Trustees another was elected in his stead namely Myer Solomon.

That since the last mentioned date there has been no election of Trustees and
inasmuch as by the sixth section of the said Act it is provided that no Trustee
shall remain in office longer than five years it becomes necessary for the
purposes of the said Act that a public meeting should be convened as prescribed
by law for the election of five persons from amongst those enregistered under
the aforesaid Act

Wherefore your petitioners pray that Your Honours or one of Your Honours will
be pleased to convene a public meeting of all persons enregistered according to
the requirements of the said Act to be held in the City of Montreal at such time
and place as Your Honours or one of Your Honours shall deem it advisable to
elect five Trustees for the purposes of the said Act.

Montreal 21 January 1850

(Signed) William Benjamin

" John Levey

" Goodman Benjamin

" Edward Moss

David Moss

Alexander Levy

Gottschalk I. Ascher

District of Montreal

To wit:

Let a public meeting of all persons professing the Jewish Religion and being duly registered as required by the said Statute be convened for the purpose of appointing five Trustees as prayed for and let the said meeting be held at the Jewish Synagogue in the City of Montreal on the 25th day of February next at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon and let due notice of such meeting be given by inserting the same during two weeks in the Montreal Herald, a newspaper published in the said City of Montreal and I do hereby name Moses Judah Hays Esquire as the Justice of the Peace for the District of Montreal to preside at such meeting and to make his return of the proceedings thereat to the Prothonotary of the Superior Court for the District of Montreal.

Montreal 22nd January 1850

(Signed) Charles Mondelet
J.S.C.

District of Montreal)
Superior Court)

Tuesday the 22nd day of January
One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty

Present in Chambers the Honourable Mr. Justice Charles Mondelet.

On the petition of seven persons professing the Jewish Religion enregistered in the District of Montreal pursuant to the Statute of the Provincial Parliament of the late Province of Lower Canada 9th, George 4th, Ch. 75.

It is ordered that a public meeting of all persons professing the Jewish Religion duly enregistered as required by the said Statute be convened for the purpose of appointing five Trustees pursuant to the said Statute and that the said meeting be held at the Jewish Synagogue in the City of Montreal on Monday the 25th day of February next at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon and that due notice of such meeting be given by inserting such notice during two weeks in the Montreal Herald, a newspaper published in the City of Montreal and that Moses Judah Hays Esquire, a Justice of the Peace for the District of Montreal do preside at such meeting and make his return of the proceedings thereat to the Prothonotary of this Court.

By Order

(Signed) Monk, Coffin & Papineau
P.S.C.

Province of Canada
District of Montreal

At a public meeting of persons professing the Jewish religion convened for the purpose of appointing 5 Trustees by order of the Honourable Charles Mondelet, one of the Justices of the Superior Court in and for Lower Canada and held at the Jewish synagogue in the City of Montreal in the said District of Montreal on the 25th day of February instant at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to notice previously given and inserted during two weeks in the Montreal Herald, a newspaper published in the said City of Montreal and at which meeting Moses Judah Hays Esquire, a Justice of the Peace for the said District of Montreal did preside and at which meeting were present the following persons professing the Jewish religion, duly enregistered as required by the statute of the Provincial Parliament passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Fourth, Chap. 75, to wit.

Isaac I. Ascher	Goddman Benjamin
Alexander Levey	David Moss
John Levey	Edward Moss
Simon Hart	William Benjamin
Revd. A. de Sola	S. M. David
and Alexander Bressler	

The chair being taken by the said Moses Judah Hays and Mr. William Benjamin being requested to act as Secretary of the meeting being called to order. The following five of the said persons were proposed and duly and unanimously elected as Trustees under and in pursuance of the aforesaid statute, to wit.

Goodman Benjamin	John Levey
Aaron Hart David	Simon Hart
Alexander Levy	

of which proceedings so had at the said meeting, I the said Moses Judah Hays do hereby make my return as required by the said statute and the aforesaid order of the said Honourable Charles Mondelet.

Done and given at the said City of Montreal this twenty fifth day of February in the year One Thousand eight hundred and fifty.

(Signed) William Benjamin,
Acting Secretary

(Signed) M. J. Hays,
J.P. for Montreal

List of Jews 21 years of age & over who have taken the oath and are British subjects. (Continued)

(1850)	Edward S. Hines	39	Merchant Tailor	Notre Dame St., Montreal
	Wolf Sternberg	50	Furrier & Clothier	Montreal
	Solomon Silverman	48	Jeweller	Notre Dame Montreal
	Nathan Samuels	34	Cap Manufacturer	Notre Dame Montreal
	I. M. Anthony	37	Confectioner	Montreal
	Louis Anthony	33	Clothier	McGill St.
	Benjamin Abrams (?)	33	Tobacconist	Notre Dame St.
	Abraham Hoffnung	25	Jeweller	Notre Dame St.
	Alfred Wolf	25	Jeweller	Saint James St.
	Abraham Levy	29	Cigar Manufr.	Montreal
	Humphrey Michaels	26	do	Montreal
	Raphael Kortosk	33	Merchant	Montreal
	Myer Kortosk	27	Merchant	Montreal
	Marcus Ollendorf	48	Merchant	Montreal
	Lewis Benjamin	25	Merchant	Montreal
	Barnet Rubenstein	26	Silver Plater	Montreal
	Isaac Levy	24	Hatter	Montreal
	Louis Hart	39	Merchant	Montreal
(1874)	Meldola de Sola	21	Broker & Commn. Merchant	Montreal
	Lyon Silverman	30	Jeweller	Montreal
	Levi Abrahams	34	Tobacconist	Montreal
	Morris Teichman	54	Tavern	Montreal
	M. Sternberg	26	Merchant	Montreal
	J. Sternberg	23	Merchant	Montreal
	W. B. Garcia	29	Merchant	Montreal
	Israel Rubenstein	28	Silver Plater	Montreal
	A. Edward Cohen	33	Merchant	Montreal
	Sullivan David	29	do	do
	Joseph Moss	29	Merchant	Montreal
	Jacob E. Moss	31	"	"
(1876)	Alfred D. Benjamin	28	"	"
	Samuel Roman	36	"	Montreal
	J. (illegible)	45	Furrier	Montreal
	Henry Roman	34	Merchant	Montreal
	Noah Friedman	49	Merchant	Montreal
	Julius Scherman	45	Trader	Montreal
	Jacob Hirsch	47	Merchant	Montreal
	Moses Vineberg	30	Merchant	Montreal
	Isaac Vineberg	25	Merchant	Montreal
	took the oath on the first page of this book written this day, before me, and declared he did not know to sign his name Montreal 21st October 1880			
	Charles A. Terraux Deputy P.S.C.			
(1881)	Louis Albert	65	Printer & Ker (?)	Montreal
	A. Goldstein	47	Merchant	Montreal
	Jacob Lawrence Moss J.P.	35	Merchant	Montreal
	Bernard Goldstein	23	Merchant	Montreal
	Hyam David Moss	35	Merchant	Montreal
	Isaac Kaufman	35	Merchant	Montreal
	Salman Fox	31	Hatter & Furrier	Montreal

(1884)	D. Goldberg	23	Pawnbroker	Montreal
	Rev. Hyman Goldberg	59	Ryby	Montreal
	F. Ship	32	Merchant Tailor	Montreal
	Louis Lewis	25	Merchant	City
	Wm. Schenthal	35	Merchant	Montreal
	A. Jacob	35	Merchant	Montreal
	Jacob Cohen	31	Trader	21 Chaboilles Sqr.
	Barnet Levy	42	Trader	311 St. Joseph St.
	L. Vineberg	35	Trader	114 St. Joseph St.
	Isaac Cohen	26	Trader	18 Chaboillez Sqr.
	M. Blumenthal	45	Merchant Tailor	182 St. Lawrence
	Zelec Davis	44	Manufacturer of cigars	35 German St.
	Solomon Levinson	30	Clothier	93 St. Joseph
	Solomon Levey	37	Merchant	293 Notre Dame St.
	Carl Trester	35	Merchant	656 Palace St.
	Clarence Isaac de Sola	25	Merchant	71 McGill College
	Louis Davis	36	"	63 Victoria St.
	Emile Abraham Hart	38	"	118 Durocher St.
	Harris Vineberg	29	"	41 City Councillor
	Lazarus Cohen	38		252 St. Hubert St.
	Gerald E. Hart	36	Insurance Manager	118 Durocher St.
	Henry I. Joseph	29	Merchant	12 Place D'Arms Sq.
	Gershon de Sola	25	Bookkeeper	71 McGill Coll. Ave.
	Abraham Rubenstein	30	Silver Plater	537½ Craig St.
	Henry Joseph	31	Agent	16 St. Sacrament St.
	Horace Joseph	29	Agent	16 St. Sacrament St.
	Jesse Joseph Jun.	27	Merchant	20 Des Brisoles
	Michael Hirsch	23	Merchant	188 Mountain
	Robert Hirsch	21	Clerk	90 St. Lawrence
	C. C. Friedman	25	Merchant	25 Victoria
	Isaac Friedman	21	Clerk	25 Victoria
	Dave S. Friedman	23	Merchant	25 Victoria
	Israel Vineberg	33		120 (illegible)
	Hyman Vineberg	35		1996 Notre Dame St.
	Reuben Phillips	33	Boot & Shoe Dealer	2083 Notre Dame St.
	Emanuel Simmons Belasco	26	Merchant	33 McGill Coll. Ave.
	Alfred Belasco		Wholesale Dealer	33 McGill Coll. Ave.
	Lewis A. Hart	39	Notary	1679 St. Catherine St.
	Joseph Cochenthaler		Confectioner	44 Bleury St.
	H. I. Dreyfus	37	Bijoutier	1689 Rue Notre Dame
	E. Cochenthaler	42	-	9 Chas. Borome St.
	Alexander Salomon	30	Merchant Taylor	84 St. Lawrence St.
	Hyman Cohen	27	Merchant	707 Craig St.
	M. Bilsky	47	Merchant	153 St. Constant St.
	S. Krizchok	35	Merchant	234 Morin St.
	Morice Gencesht	32	Trader	1703 Ontario St.
	I. Davis	39	Merchant	29 Durocher St.
	Sam Myers	25	-	16 City Councillor
(1887)	H. Kellert	43	-	1899 Notre Dame St.
	Al. Rutenberg	34	Pawnbroker	601 Craig St.
	L. Aronson	37		218 Main St.
	M. Lightstone	34	Cap Maker	692 Craig St.
	I. Richstone	32	Trader	55 Craig St.

	L. Lazarus	48	Trader	527 Craig St.
	N. Goldstein	29	Trader	233 Notre Dame St.
	L. Shapiro	26	Merchant	1223 St. Catherine St.
	H. Mohr	27	Grocer	153 St. Urbain
	A. H. Halperen	28	Trader	207 St. Patbar
	Nathan Forsimmer	31	Jeweller	171 St. Lawrence
(1889)	Hiram Levy	35	Merchant	459 St. Paul
(1892)	A. Blumenthal	29	Merchant	No.5 St. Lawrence St.
	Lee Harris Lubelski	42	Bell Crostell (?)	44 Victoria St.
	Adolphe Kelsen	42	Commercant	1891 Notre Dame
	Henry Benjamin	60	Merchant	1230 Stanley
	Aaron de Sola	66	Jeweller	71 McGill College
	L. Kellert	58	Gentleman	5 Hutchison
	Gershom Solomon	52	Gentleman	Montreal
	I. Greenberg	24	Agent	72 Anderson St.
	G. Goldberg	56	Merchant	667 Notre Dame St.
	Joseph Bernheim	32	Merchant	227 Notre Dame St.
	J. Dostrofsky	35	Cap Manufacturer	7 St. Urbain St.
	L. Berman	44	Taylor	9 St. Bernard
	I. Adler	25	Taylor	312 Sanguinet
	P. Dobrofsky	35	Taylor	2 Bronson Lane
	Sam Bachmann	35	Tailer	2333 St. Catherine

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Superior Court
District of Montreal
Province of Quebec

To any of the Honourable Justices of the Superior Court for Lower Canada
and for the District of Montreal in chambers.

The petition of Louis Aronson, Hiram Cohen, Alexander H. Halperin,
Louis Lazarus, Michael Lightstone, Hiram Ruttenberg, all of the City
and District of Montreal.

Respectfully shows:

That in pursuance of an Act passed in the reign of His late Majesty George the Fourth, Chapter 75, entitled "An Act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to persons professing the Jewish religion and for the obviating certain inconveniences to which others of Her Majesty's subjects might be exposed" the Prothonotary of the District of Montreal did immediately after the passing of said Act open and keep open a register to remain of record wherein any person residing in said district being a British subject professing the Jewish religion and above the age of 21 years, occupation and place of residence and that when fifteen persons should have been so enregistered, it should and might be lawful for any judge of the Court of King's Bench (which is now replaced for such purposes by this Court) on petition to that effect made by seven persons so enregistered in said district for the election of five Trustees and for forming a Congregation for purposes of worship and for other purposes mentioned in said statute, to be held in the chief city or town thereof and at such place and time as said

Judge should fix; and to name some Justice of the Peace for said district to preside at such meeting and to make his return to the proceedings thereat to the said Prothonotary, provided the day on which such meeting be held shall not be more than sixty nor less than thirty days after said petition shall have been presented, and that due notice of such meeting shall be given by inserting such notice during two weeks in such public newspaper as said Judge may appoint.

That in pursuance of said Act more than fifteen such persons have been duly so enregistered in the said register for the District of Montreal.

That your petitioners are seven of the number so enregistered and are desirous of forming a regularly established congregation or synagogue in the District of Montreal and of availing themselves of the other advantages of such Act.

Wherefore they pray that Your Honour convene a public meeting of all persons so enregistered in this District to be held in the City of Montreal at such place and time as Your Honour may appoint and that Your Honour do name and appoint some Justice of the Peace for said District to preside at such meeting and to make return of his proceedings to the Prothonotary of this Court.

Montreal 2 August 1889

(Signed) Louis Aronson
" Hiram Cohen
" Hiram Rutenberg
" Neiamani Goldstein
" Michael Lightstone
Louis Lazarus
Alexander H. Halperin

Lighthall & Macdonald, Attorneys

Province of Quebec Superior
District of Montreal Court

In Chambers
the 24th of August 1889. Ex parte

Louis Aronson, Hiram Cohen, Alexander H. Halperin, Louis Lazarus, Michael Lightstone, Hiram Rutenberg and Nathan Goldstein, all of the City and District of Montreal.

Petitioners for order to call a meeting to establish a Jewish Congregation &c.

I, Simeon Pagnuelo, one of the Judges of the said Superior Court having heard the petitioners before counsel upon the petition of the 5th August inst. representing than more fifteen persons professing the Jewish faith residing in this district being British subjects and above the age of 21 years having under the Statute 9 & 10 George IV, Chapter 75 registered as such in a book kept for this purpose by the Prothonotary of this Court, that the petitioners are seven of the number so registered and are desirous of forming a regularly established Jewish

Congregation or Synagogue in the District of Montreal under said Statute and praying that I do convene a public meeting of all persons so enregistered in this District to be held at such place and time as I may appoint for the purpose of electing five Trustees of said Jewish Congregation and that I do name and appoint a Justice of the Peace for said District to preside at such meeting:

Considering that it appears from the register book so kept by the Prothonotary of this Court under said Statute that five Trustees have been elected at public meetings of persons so enregistered under the authority of a Judge of a Superior Court for this District at divers times from the 10th day of October 1837 up to the 25th of February 1850 and that said Jewish Congregation has therefore already been regularly organized.

Considering that the object of said Act is to make one and only one Congregation of all the Jews of this District to be administered by five Trustees on whose petition the Minister or Ministers of the Jewish faith to be named therein may be licenced by the Government to have and keep registers of all marriages and burials performed by him and them and of all births which he or they may be required to record in such register by any person professing the Jewish religion (Section VII) and that it is further enacted by said Statute (Section V) that when any of the Trustees shall die or resign such trust the election of others shall be proceeded to in the manner aforesaid, except that at such election the Chairman or the oldest of the Trustees shall preside and that no Trustee shall remain in office longer than five years.

Considering that said petitioners desire to form a second and distinctive Congregation of Jews in this District and to have five Trustees elected apart and independent from the Trustees last elected and yet in office and that such demand is contrary to the intention of such Statute, that seven of the persons so enregistered are entitled to have a public meeting of all persons so enregistered for the purpose of electing five Trustees in the place and stead of the Trustees elected more than five years previously to have such meeting must be presided over by the Chairman or the oldest of the Trustees now in office, which fact is not alleged nor approved.

Do refuse and reject the prayer and conclusions of the said petition as now submitted and do order that said petition be and it is hence dismissed for the present.

S. Pagnuelo J.S.C.

Superior Court
District of Montreal
Province of Quebec

To any of the Honourable Justices of the Superior Court for Lower Canada in and for the District of Montreal in Chambers.

The petition of Louis Aaronson, Hiram Cohen, Alexander H. Halperin, Louis Lazarus, Michael Lightstone, Hiram Rutenberg, and Nathan Goldstein, all of the City and District of Montreal.

Respectfully shows.

That in pursuance of an Act Geo. IV, Chap. 75 passed in the reign of His late Majesty George IV, Chapter 75 entitled "An Act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to persons professing the Jewish religion and for the obviating

certain inconveniences to which others of His Majesty's subjects might be exposed" the Prothonotary of the District of Montreal did immediately after the passing of the said Act open and keep a register to remain of record wherein any person residing in said district being a British subject professing the Jewish religion and above the age of 21 years might inscribe his name, age, addition and place of residence and that when fifteen persons should have been so enregistered it should and might be lawful for any Judge of the Court of King's Bench (which is now replaced for such purposes by the Superior Court) on petition to that effect made by seven persons so enregistered in his district to order a meeting of all such persons so enregistered in said district to be held in the chef lieu of such place and time as he should fix and to name some Justice of the Peace for said district to preside at such meeting and to make his return of the proceedings thereof to the said Prothonotary; provided the day on which said meeting be held shall not be more than sixty nor less than thirty days after such petition shall have been presented and that due notice of such meeting should be given by inserting such notice during two weeks in such public newspaper as such Judge may appoint.

That in pursuance of said Act such Trustees were duly elected until the 25th of February 1850, as appears by said register since when no election has been held.

That the last Trustees so elected were Messrs. Goodman Benjamin, John Levey, Aaron Hart David who are all deceased and Simon Hart and Alexander Levey who are both domiciled and residing out of the District of Montreal and Dominion of Canada and have long left the limits thereof.

That your petitioners are seven of the Jews so enregistered and are desirous of having an election of Trustees under the provisions of said Act and of otherwise availing themselves of its provisions as by law entitled.

Wherefore they pray that Your Honour convene a public meeting of all persons enregistered in the District of Montreal to be held in the City of Montreal at such place and time as Your Honour may fix and that Your Honour likewise do name some Justice of the Peace to preside at such meeting and to make return of his proceedings to the Prothonotary of this Court.

Montreal September 21, 1889

(Signed) Louis Aronson
" Michael Lightstone
" Hiram Rutenberg
Hiram Cohen
Louis Lazarus
Newman Goldstein
Alexander Harris Halperin

Superior Court)
Montreal)

Ex parte
Aaronson & al
Petitioners

I, Louis Aaronson of the City and District of Montreal, Pawnbroker, being duly sworn, depose:

That to my personal knowledge the Trustees named in the petition hereunto annexed to wit said Goodman Benjamin, John Levey and Aaron Hart David have been all long since deceased and the said Simon Hart and Alexander Levey which trustees are both domiciled out of the District of Montreal and Dominion of Canada and having left the limits of both thereof. And I have signed

(Signed) Louis Aaronson

Sworn and acknowledged before me at Montreal this twenty third day
of September, 1889.

(Signed) F. Wm. Lighthall, Com.
S.C. for C.
Dist. of Montreal

Province of Quebec)
District of Montreal)

In the Superior Court
September 2nd, 1889
In Chambers

We, the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court of Lower Canada

Upon the petition of Louis Aaronson, Hiram Cohen, Alexander H. Halperin, Louis Lazarus, Michael Lightstone, Hiram Rutenberg and Nathan Goldstein being seven persons professing the Jewish religion and duly enregistered as such in the register kept by the prothonotary of this court, under the Act 10 Geo:IV, Ch. 75. Considering that more than five years have elapsed since trustees were elected under said statute.

Do order that a public meeting of all persons professing the Jewish religion duly enregistered as required by the said statute be convened for the purpose of appointing five trustees pursuant to said statute that such meeting be held at the court house in the City of Montreal in room No. 2 on Tuesday the 29th October next at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and that due notice of such meeting be given by inserting such notice during two weeks in the Montreal Star, daily edition, a newspaper published in the City of Montreal and considering that all the trustees last elected are dead or left the limits of the district, do appoint William Francis Lighthall Esquire, Justice of the Peace for the District of Montreal at said meeting and order him to make a return of the proceedings thereat to the Prothonotary of this Court.

Montreal 25th September 1889

(Signed) S. Pagnuelo P.S.C.

No. 307. B 1

Pursuant to an order of the Honourable S. Pagnuelo, Judge of the Superior Court sitting in the District of Montreal, dated 20th September 1889, upon the petition of L. Aaronson & al for the election of five trustees under the Act 10 George IV, Chap. 75 and convening under said order a public meeting of all persons professing the Jewish religion duly enregistered as required by said statute at the court house in the City of Montreal in room No. 2 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on this Tuesday the 29th day of October A.D. 1889, said order appointing me as a Justice of the Peace for the District of Montreal, to preside at said meeting, I the undersigned William Francis Lighthall, Esquire, Justice of the Peace aforesaid having so presided at such meeting, duly convened and held in accordance with such order do hereby report to the proceedings as follows:

After such petition and order were read nominations were called for in accordance therewith. Mess. Lighthall and MacDonald advocates appearing for the petitioners. Mess. LaFleur and Rielle advocates appearing in the interests of the Corporation of Portuguese Jews.

Thereupon a protest marked "Exhibit A" hereto annexed was produced by Lewis A. Hart N. P. under protest and objections of the petitioners upon motion of Jesse Joseph, seconded by Moses Weinberg the following were nominated; vzt. David S. Friedman, Bernard Goldstein, Lewis A. Hart, Gershome Joseph and Harris Vineberg for election as such five trustees.

Petitioners protested against said nominations as appears by protest here that marked "Exhibit B." Upon motion of J. Bernstein, seconded by N. Goldstein and A. Blumenthal, in amendment the following were nominated as such five trustees: L. Aaronson, Lee Harris Lubensky, Hiram Rutenberg, N. Forcimer, and Louis Lazarus to be elected as such trustees.

Messrs. Rielle and LaFleur protested against such nomination; the voting then took place. The following named registered Jews voted for said David S. Friedman, Bernard Goldstein, Lewis A. Hart, Gershome Joseph and Harris Vineberg as trustees vzt. Jacob H. Joseph, Jesse Joseph, Benjamin Hart, J. L. Samuel, Lewis A. Hart, Lewis Davis, Israel Rubenstein, Henry Benjamin, Aaron de Sola, Gershone Joseph, Moses Vineberg, J. Greenberg, Samuel Meyers, Gershone Solomon, Julius Sherman, Louis Hart, David S. Friedman, Lewis Kellert, Harris Vineberg, Horace Joseph, Clarence I. de Sola, Harris Kellert and Gershom de Sola; in all 23.

And the following registered Jews voted for the amendment vzt. for L. Aaronson, Lee Harris Lubensky, Hiram Rutenberg, Nathan Forcimer and L. Lazarus, as such trustees, vzt.

Lewis Aaronson, Abram Blumenthal, Nathan Goldstein, Hiram Rutenberg, Herman Mohr, Gershom Goldberg, Lee Harris Lubensky, Isaac Lightstone, Levy Lazarus, Joseph Bernstein, Nathan Forcimer, Hiram Levy, Hiram Cohen, Michael Lightstone and Alexander H. Halperin, in all 15.

And there being no other offering to vote after due notice the voting thus terminated and was declared ended.

The undersigned considering such protests so made hereby refers his whole proceeding to the said Honourable Judge Pagnuelo for instruction thereon.

Montreal, 29th October 1889

(Signed) F. Wm. Lighthall, J.P.

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District of Montreal

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Ex Parte
L. Aaronson & al
Petitioners

Hiram Rutenberg and Louis Aaronson two of the petitioners through their attorneys, said two petitioners being duly registered Jews entitled to vote for the trustees mentioned in the Act 9 and 10 George IV, Chapter 75 in the District of Montreal and being now present at the meeting called by His Honour Judge Pagnuelo for election of such trustees on this twenty ninth of October.

Respectfully protest against each and all of the votes which have been recorded at this meeting of the persons named Jacob H. Joseph, Jesse Joseph, Benjamin Hart, J. L. Samuel, Lewis A. Hart, Lewis Davis, Israel Rubenstein, Henry Benjamin, Aaron de Sola, Gershon Joseph, I. Greenberg, Samuel Myers, Gershom Solomon, Horace Joseph, Clarence I. de Sola and Gershom de Sola.

And also against the interference of each and all of said persons in the proceedings and voting and nominations at said meeting inasmuch as each and all of said persons is and are members of a certain Congregation of Jews worshipping in the District of Montreal generally known as the Congregation of Portuguese Jews and as such have no right to so vote nor take part in such proceedings for the reason hereinafter mentioned.

And said two petitioners do protest in the same manner against the votes and each and all thereof and in and all the interferences that said proceedings by the persons so recorded as having so voted named: Moses Vineberg, Julius Sherman, Louis Hart, David S. Friedman, Lewis Kellert, Harris Vineberg, and Harris Kellert inasmuch as each and all of said persons is and are members of a certain Congregation of Jews worshipping in the District of Montreal generally known as the Congregation of German and Polish Jews and as such have no right to so vote nor take part in such proceedings for the reasons hereinafter mentioned.

Because both of the said Congregations are constituted under special charter by act of the Legislature or Parliament of Quebec, 9 Victoria, Chapter 96, and are by said Act excepted together with each and all of the members of the same, from the duties and the rights and operation of the Statute 9 and 10 George IV, Chapter 75, and therefore have no right to so vote nor take part. Furthermore, most of said persons are signers of a protest for that by them at this meeting in which they alleged themselves members of such Congregations and also have cast their votes thereat, for a ticket of pretended trustees who avowedly do and intend to act as such.

All the rest of the persons who have voted at this meeting are duly qualified to so vote and take part and such voting and interference as are hereby protested against constitute an unwarrantable interference with their rights and cause them and each of them and especially the present protesters damage, costs and loss.

Wherefore said protesters in addition to reserving their rights of recovering damages and all their other rights do repeat their protestations above made and request that William Francis Lighthall, the Justice of Peace presiding do inform himself of the facts above mentioned, do reject the votes aforesaid and do render his report as to the rest in accordance.

Montreal, 29 October, 1889

(Signed) Lighthall & MacDonald
Attorneys for H.R. & L.A.

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To William Francis Lighthall, Esquire. Justice of the Peace of the District of Montreal appointed by the Honble. S. Pagnuelo, Judge of the Superior Court in said district, dated the 25th day of September last to preside at a public meeting of all persons professing the Jewish religion, duly enregistered as required by the Act 9 and 10 George IV Chap. 75, ordered to be held this day for the purpose of appointing five trustees pursuant to said Act.

Sir

Take notice that we the undersigned persons professing the Jewish religion duly enregistered as such in the register kept by the Prothonotary of the said Court under the said Act and being members of duly incorporated Jewish Congregations in Montreal do hereby object to and protest against the holding of the said meeting and election of the said trustees, for the following among other reasons, to wit:

1. Because the said Act contemplated and provided for the formation of only one Jewish Congregation in and for the District of Montreal and the provisions it contained for calling together all persons professing the Jewish religion for the purpose of electing one single Board of five trustees to represent the Jewish community of Montreal and to govern their congregational affairs became insufficient and inapplicable the moment that the Jewish community of Montreal became divided up into more than one religious congregation. 2. Because the Jewish community of Montreal have long since been divided up into more than one religious congregation, two congregations respectively called the "Corporation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal" and the "Corporation of the German and Polish Jews of Montreal" having been incorporated by the Act 9 Vict. Chap. 90 and a third religious congregation called "Temple Emanu-El" having been incorporated by the Act 46 Vict; Chap. 67 and all of which congregations are still in existence and the said Acts incorporating them provides for the election of a separate Board of Trustees for each of the said congregations from among the respective members thereof.

3. Because the said Act 9 Vict: Ch. 96 incorporating the congregations of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal and the German and Polish Jews of Montreal (into which the Jewish community of Montreal was then divided) expressly declare the provisions of the Act 9 and 10 Geo. IV Chap. 75 to be insufficient for the purposes for which it was intended and repealed so much of the said Act and of any other Act or law as might be inconsistent with the provisions of the said Act and of any other Act or law as might be inconsistent with the provisions of the said new Act (9 Vict. Chap. 96) among which inconsistent enactments were the old provisions for the election of one single Board of Trustees to administer and manage the congregational affairs of the whole Jewish community.

4. Because the aforesaid three incorporated congregations of Montreal Jews have each of them vested interests and rights that will be interfered with and infringed upon by any attempt to elect and create under the obsolete and repealed provisions of the said Act of Geo. IV the Board of Trustees having or that might claim to have the powers and authorities hereby conferred upon the trustees that were elected thereunder while the said Act was still in full force in the District of Montreal.

And we do require you to take notice that we are present and tender our votes at this meeting under protest and without in any way admitting either the legality of this meeting or that of the election of trustees held hereto, but on the contrary reserving our right and the right of any and each of us to contest the said election and to procure the annulling thereof and we further require you to make such mention of this protest in the return of the proceedings of this meeting which you are required to make to the prothonotary of said Court.

Montreal, 29th October 1889

(Signed) Benj. Hart	Lewis A. Hart
" L. Kellert	Henry Benjamin
" G. Solomon	Aaron de Sola
" J. L. Samuel	Horace Joseph
" J. Schenman	Gershom de Sola
" Israel Rubenstein	Clarence I. de Sola
" I. Greenberg	S. Myers
" Jesse Joseph	L. Davis
" D. S. Friedman	Gershom Joseph
" Harris Vineberg	J. H. Joseph
" Moses Vineberg	L. Hart

Translation of Original Judgment in French

No. 307 B

Lower Canada
Province of Quebec
District of Montreal

Superior Court
in Chambers

Ex parte
L. Aronson & al
Petitioners

We the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court for Lower Canada have seen the report made to us by William Francis Lighthall, Justice of the Peace for the District of Montreal of the proceedings which have taken place under his presidency at the meeting held on the 29th of October last by the Jews inscribed in the District of Montreal for the election of five trustees in accordance with our order of the 2nd September, One Thousand eight hundred and eighty nine and also the protests produced by him with the said report.

Considering that the Jews inscribed who form part of the Corporation of Portuguese Jews and the Corporation of German and Polish Jews of Montreal by virtue of the Act 9 Vict. Chap. 96, are no longer under the control of the trustees elected by virtue of Act 9 and 10 George IV, Chap. 75 and cannot vote at the election of the trustees aforementioned, and in view of the fact that they form separate corporations and have trustees elected by their own members, I order the said William Francis Lighthall, Justice of the Peace to declare elected as trustees by virtue of the said Act 9 and 10 George IV, Chap. 75 those who had the majority of votes at the said meeting after eliminating the Jews belonging to the said Corporation

of Portuguese Jews of Montreal and the Corporation of German and Polish Jews of Montreal; those who signed the protest of the 29th October 1889 and who are Benjamin Hart, Lewis A. Hart, L. Kellert, Henry Benjamin, G. Solomon, Aaron de Sola, J. L. Samuel, Horace Joseph, J. Schenman, Gershom de Sola, Israel Rubenstein, Clarence I. de Sola, J. Greenberg, S. Myers, J. Joseph, L. Joseph, D. S. Friedman, Gershom Joseph, Harris Vineberg, J. H. Joseph, Moses Vineberg, L. Hart.

Given at Montreal the 15th November 1889

S. Pagnuelo, J.S.C.

No. 307

Superior Court
District of Montreal

Ex parte
L. Aronson & al
Petitioners

Having seen the judgment of the Honourable S. Pagnuelo, Judge of the Superior Court for Lower Canada dated at Montreal the 15th of November 1889 on my preliminary Report to him for instructions such judgment directing me to declare elected as Trustees under the Act 9th and 10th George IV Chap. 75, those who have the majority of votes at the meeting held under my presidency on the 29th day of October last by registered Jews of the District of Montreal for the election of five trustees according to the order of the said Honourable Judge of the second day of September last, by eliminating in the reasons therein set forth the Jews belonging to the Corporation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal and to the Corporation of German and Polish Jews of Montreal, as being incorporated under the Act 9 Vict. Chap. 96 and who had signed the protest of the 29th of October last, being Benjamin Hart, Lewis H. Hart and 20 others named in said judgment.

I the undersigned William Francis Lighthall Esquire as such Justice of the Peace for the District of Montreal as President at such meeting now acting in accordance with said judgment of the 19th November 1889, having made such elimination find that Louis Aronson, Lee Harris Lubensky, Hiram Rutenberg, Nathan Forcimer and Levy Lazarus had the majority of votes and are declared by me as duly elected as such five trustees under the Act 9th and 10th Geo. IV, Chap. 75 and I make return thereof to the prothonotary of said Superior Court of Montreal as required by the order of my appointment.

Given under my hand at Montreal this 19th day of November A.D. 1889.

(Signed) W. F. Lighthall, J.P.
District of Montreal.

- 4) An Act to amend the Act of Lower Canada therein mentioned, extending certain privileges to persons of the Jewish persuasion. Chap. 96, 9th June, 1846.

Whereas the provisions of a certain Act of the Provincial Parliament of the late Province of Lower Canada passed in the ninth year of the Reign of King George the Fourth and intituled An Act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to persons professing the Jewish Religion, and for the obviating certain inconveniences to which other of His Majesty's subjects might otherwise be exposed, have proved insufficient for several of the purposes for which the said Act was intended, and it has been found necessary to make further provisions for the said purposes, and whereas divers persons of the Jewish faith calling themselves Portuguese Jews and also divers persons of the Jewish faith calling themselves German and Polish Jews are and for a considerable length of time have been in possession of Synagogues in the City of Montreal, and form separate Congregations under the names of the Congregation of Portuguese Jews of Montreal and the Congregation of German and Polish Jews of Montreal;

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of An Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and intituled, An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and for the Government of Canada and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the said persons of the Jewish faith, calling themselves Portuguese Jews, or for the said persons calling themselves German and Polish Jews, being inscribed and registered in the manner provided by the aforesaid Act, and being members respectively of the said Synagogues, or any ten or more of them, to assemble or meet together from time to time at their respective Synagogues on such day and at such hour as they shall see fit, of which previous notice of at least three entire weeks shall be given in writing to each member, and shall be affixed on the outside of the principal door of the said Synagogues respectively; and the said members of the said respective Congregations so assembled at their respective Synagogues shall elect from among themselves a President, Treasurer, Secretary and three Trustees of their Congregations, and shall record and enter all proceedings had in a register to be kept for that purpose by the said respective Secretaries;

II. And be it enacted that the said President, Trustees, Treasurer and Secretary of each of the said Congregations, respectively, elected and appointed in the manner provided by this Act shall be a body corporate and politic under the name and description of the Corporation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal or of the Corporation of the German and Polish Jews of Montreal, as the case may be, and by that name may sue and be sued and may contract and be contracted with, and may hold estate and property moveable and immoveable not exceeding four hundred pounds per annum of yearly value, free and clear of all charges and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to change the same at pleasure and may appoint and induct a Rabbi or officiating Minister of the Synagogue or Congregation, and may at pleasure him remove and appoint and induct another in his place at all times hereafter; and such Rabbi or officiating Minister being so appointed and complying with the other provisions of the Act first above cited shall not need to obtain a license from the Governor or person administering the Government and shall nevertheless have all the powers conferred by the said Act on Ministers so licensed.

III. And be it enacted, that the election and appointment of the said President, Trustees, Treasurer and Secretary shall be and enure for the full end and term of one year and no more, at the expiration of which period they shall be replaced by others to be elected and named in the manner aforesaid, or may be re-elected; and if anyone or more of the said die naturally or civilly, or cease to be a resident in the District of Montreal within the said period of one year, for which he shall have been so elected, then in such case another shall be elected in the manner aforesaid in the room and place of the person who shall have so died or ceased to be resident as aforesaid, and shall continue in office until the expiration of the said term during which his predecessor had been appointed to serve.

IV. And be it enacted that all legacies, gifts or bequests heretofore made by any person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate to or for the use, benefit or behalf of the either the said Jewish Synagogues or Congregations shall be vested in the particular Synagogue or Congregation established as a Corporation by this Act, in favour of which any such legacy, gift, or bequest may have been made and shall be considered as part and parcel of the estate, moveable and immoveable, as the case may be, which the said Corporations are hereby empowered to hold and possess, provided the whole immoveable property held by the said Corporation do not exceed the yearly value aforesaid.

V. And be it enacted that so much of the said Act first above cited, or of any of that Act or Law as may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be, and is hereby repealed.

5) Cap. LXXXV, 53 Vict. Legislature of Quebec, 1889-90

An Act to change the name of the "Corporation of Portuguese Jews of Montreal" to the "Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews 'Shearith Israel' of Montreal" and to amend the Act of incorporation. Assented to 2nd April 1890.

Whereas the Corporation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal has by its petition represented that the said Corporation is composed of the President, Trustees, Treasurer and Secretary of the Congregation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal, and that it is desirable that the members of the said Congregation, and not merely the officers thereof, should form the Corporation; and that it would be more correct and in accordance with Jewish Custom to call the said Corporation "The Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews of Montreal" with the addition of the Hebrew name Shearith Israel, by which the said Congregation has always been known, and that the increase in value of real estate in Montreal has rendered it necessary to increase the powers of the said Corporation to hold property, and that it is also desirable to free the members of the said Congregation from the exceptional rules as to registration imposed upon them by the Act of the late Province of Lower Canada, 9, Vict., 1846, Chap. 96 and to otherwise amend the charter of the said Corporation.

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec enacts as follows:

1) The present members of the Congregation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal whose President, Trustees, Treasurer and Secretary now constitute "The Corporation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal" and all other persons who may hereafter become members of the said Congregation under the bylaws hereinafter mentioned, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of the Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews 'Shearith Israel' of Montreal, and under that name shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, contracting and being contracted with and may acquire, take, hold and possess for their corporate use moveable and immoveable property and may sell, hypothecate and otherwise alienate and dispose of all such property, and may acquire other property in lieu thereof, provided always that the said Corporation shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars, and provided also that such revenue and the proceeds of any such sales shall be applied solely for the purposes of the said Congregation, and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change the same at pleasure, and may appoint and induct a Rabbi or officiating minister, and him at pleasure may remove, and appoint and induct another in his place at all times hereafter, and such Rabbi or officiating minister, being so appointed shall not need to obtain a license from the Government or person administering the Government, as enacted in the Act of the late Province of Lower Canada, 9, George IV, Chap. 75 and shall nevertheless have all the powers conferred by the said Act on ministers so licensed.

In the event of the said Corporation receiving or inheriting by gift or will any immoveable property in excess of what it is hereby authorized to possess, the said gift or legacy shall not on that account be void, when said Corporation shall be bound, within ten years from the date of entering into undisturbed possession of the said gift or legacy to sell and dispose of the said moveable property or some of its immoveable property, in such manner that the annual revenue of the immoveable property of the said Corporation shall not exceed the aforesaid sum of \$30,000.00.

2) The Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews, Shearith Israel of Montreal shall not be deemed to be a new corporation, but the successor of the Corporation of Portuguese Jews of Montreal and as such shall have, hold and continue to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges that have heretofore been held, exercised and enjoyed by the latter Corporation, and shall be subject to all the obligations contracted by it.

3) All moveable and immoveable property possessed by or belonging to or held in trust for or hereafter donated or bequeathed to the Corporation of Portuguese Jews of Montreal shall be and are hereby transferred to and vested in the Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews Shearith Israel of Montreal,

and for greater certainty but not so as to limit or restrict the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews Shearith Israel aforesaid is declared to be vested with the ownership of the immoveable property official sub-division 1 of lot 1475 of Saint Antoine Ward in the City of Montreal and of the synagogue in process of erection thereon, now owned by the said Corporation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal and with the ownership of the immoveable property official lot 566 Saint Laurence Ward in the said City of Montreal and the buildings thereon erected also owned by said last mentioned Corporation, it being expressly stipulated that all moneys bequeathed in trust to the Corporation of the Portuguese Jews in Montreal shall continue to be held and administered in trust by the Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews Shearith Israel of Montreal.

4) The present Trustees and officers of the Congregation of the Portuguese Jews of Montreal shall be the trustees and officers of the Congregation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews Shearith Israel of Montreal until others shall be elected according to the bylaws of the said Corporation.

All the present bylaws of the said Corporation that are not inconsistent to the provisions of this Act shall be the bylaws of said Corporation until they shall be repealed or altered and the said Corporation shall have the power to amend or repeal from time to time the whole or any part of the said bylaws and make other rules and bylaws as may be necessary provided always that as the two synagogues situated on the property referred to in section three of this Act have been erected with moneys donated for the special purpose of erecting synagogues following the Spanish and Portuguese orthodox ritual the bylaws of the said Corporation shall always be in conformity with the purpose of the said donation.

5) The members of the said "The Corporation of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews Shearith Israel of Montreal" shall not be required to inscribe and register themselves in the manner provided by the aforesaid Act of the late Province of Lower Canada 9, George IV, Chap. 75.

6) The Act of the late Province of Lower Canada 9, George IV, Chap. 75 is hereby repealed insofar as it concerns this Corporation.

7) This Act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

6) CAP. LXXXIV, 53 Vict. 1890 Legislature of Quebec.

An Act to Incorporate the Religious Congregation Called Benai Jacob Congregation.

Whereas the persons hereinafter mentioned have by their petition represented that they are desirous of being incorporated together with such other persons as they may associate with them, as a religious congregation of persons belonging to the Jewish faith under the name of Benai Jacob, such incorporation to be for religious purposes and also for the proper government of such congregation, and whereas it is expedient to grant their request.

Therefore, Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec enacts as follows:

1. Louis Aaronson, Hiram Rutenberg, Louis Lazarus, Joseph Bernstein, Lee Harris Lubelsky, Nathan Forcimer, Newman Goldstein, Hiram Moore, Louis Shapiro and Aaron Harris Halperin, all of the City and District of Montreal, traders, and such other persons as may hereafter become members of such congregation are hereby constituted a Corporation under the name of Benai Jacob.

2. The Corporation shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and power as occasion may require for the purposes it has in view to accept and acquire, receive and hold under any title whatsoever, moveable or immoveable property for its exclusive use and benefit and to hypothecate, sell, assign, lease or exchange the same and acquire others in lieu thereof, provided the annual revenue derived from such immoveable property shall not exceed 12,000 dollars, and that such revenue be devoted exclusively to the purposes of such congregation and to the payment of expenses in connection with divine worship.

3. The secular affairs of such congregation shall be administered by a Board consisting of a President, Parnass, Secretary, Treasurer and five other Trustees, all of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Congregation and shall remain in office for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

The first nine of the persons above mentioned shall form a provisional Board of Trustees and shall elect from among their number a President, Parnass, Secretary and Treasurer, and shall remain in office until they are replaced by the regular Board elected at the first general meeting of the members of the congregation, which meeting shall be held within three months following the coming into force of this Act and shall be convened by the provisional Trustees. Five Trustees shall form a quorum.

4. At such annual meetings the said congregation may make all rules and bylaws not inconsistent with this Act and the laws of this province and repeal the same and make others in lieu thereof subject to the same restrictions for the government and administration of the congregation and to provide for the admission and removal of its members.

5. The Trustees, however, shall not alienate, hypothecate or otherwise pledge the immoveables of the Corporation or Congregation without the consent of the majority of the members present at a meeting convened and notice given at least one month beforehand by the President of the Congregation, or in his default, by the Secretary.

6. The members of the congregation are exempted from inscribing their names, age, occupation and residence in the register kept by the prothonotary of the District of Montreal for persons of the Jewish faith, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

7. The said congregation may keep a register for births, marriages and deaths and shall have the other powers incidental to religious congregations under the law of this province. This Act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

