PROPOSED CONSTITUTION
OF THE
FEDERATION OF ORIENTAL JEWS OF AMERICA

PREAMBLE
WHEREAS the maxim that in Union there is Strength has been repeatedly demonstrated in the annals of the history of civilization AND WHEREAS improvement in social and economic conditions of the Oriental Jews in the United States can only be obtained by conservative action and united endeavor AND WHEREAS there is a crying need for improvement in the physical, social and economic and industrial conditions for the Jews from the Levant

WE, the undersigned delegates, in convention duly assembled, hereby adopt this Constitution.

Sec. 1. The name of this Organization shall be known as the Federation of the Oriental Jews of America; the headquarters shall be in the City of New York.

Sec. 2. Its object shall be the improvement in economic, industrial, educational, civic and religious conditions of the Oriental Jewish Community in the United States of America. With these purposes in view this Federation shall charge itself with the duty of spreading information and securing for the Oriental Jews in the United States of America means whereby their industrial, social and educational conditions may be improved. It shall be the duty of this generation to instruct the newly arrived immigrants from the Orient in the laws and institutions
of this free country; to obtain for them an opportunity for evening
classes for instruction of English; and Talmud Torahs for proper
religious instruction. It shall be the duty of this Federation to
charge itself with the supervision of all activities which tend to be
beneficial to the Oriental Jews of America.

Sec. 2. There shall be two classes of members - active members
and honorary members.

Active members. The active members of the Federation shall
be the representatives of Societies, congregations and other organizations
composed of Jews coming from the Levant, each organization which may fall
within the scope of the above terms shall be represented by three dele-
gates at large and the President of the Organization making in all four
representatives.

Honorary Members; The Federation of Oriental Jews may elect
honorary members. Such members shall be of the Jewish faith without
distinction as to their nativity. The minimum fee of such delegates
shall be $5.00.

Sec. 4. Advisory Board.

For the purpose of advice, guidance and encouragement this
Organization shall select among the prominent co-religionists and
philanthropists of this country a body of men who shall be known as the
Advisory Board of the Federation of the Oriental Jews of America.

Sec. 5. This organization shall be supported by a per capita
tax of twenty-five cents per annum levied on each member of organizations
affiliated with the Federation; also from the dues collected from the
honorary members and from contributions made to the Federation The
tax shall be due and payable thirty (30) days from the election of
a permanent treasurer to the Federation.

Sec. 6. The officers of this Organization shall be an
President, Third Vice-President, Treasurer, Comptroller, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and five trustees and the chairman of the following standing committees:


Sec. 7. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Federation held on the first Sunday of April of each and every year.

Sec. 8. Besides the officers as designated in section 6 the control of the Federation shall be vested in the Executive Board composed of the officers duly elected at the annual meeting and the chairman of all standing committees. The Executive Board shall be governed by rules and regulations which they may make for their own government, they shall not meet less than once a month nor shall any of the regulations or rules so adopted be contrary to the letter and spirit of the Federation of the Oriental Jews of America.

Sec. 9. There shall be a monthly meeting of the Federation of Oriental Jews of America which shall be held on the 1st Sunday of the month.

QUORUM.

One more than one-third of the duly credited delegates shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting all business of the Federation of Oriental Jews of America.

BY-LAWS

This Organization shall be incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

2. No member of this organization shall serve on any more than three standing committees.

3. Discussion of political matters shall not be tolerated in
this Federation or any of its committees.

4. The Federation shall not enter into political activities.

5. The Federation shall not tax its members in any other way but the one prescribed in section 5 of this constitution.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THIS FEDERATION SHALL BE

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Roll call
3. Communications
4. Reports of standing committees
5. Reports of special committees
6. Old business
7. New Business
8. Miscellaneous business
9. Adjournments