

# CONGREGATION SHA'ARE SHALOM CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the members of the Congregation Sha'are Shalom desire to provide the Jewish community a synagogue to offer this experience in an organized, open egalitarian environment where all members are comfortable with their diverse beliefs and Jewish heritage; to foster the viability of the Jewish people by providing Jewish religious education to our families; and to provide our members with an active Jewish community in Northern Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, the members do form a non-profit religious organization as follows.

## ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the organization shall be Congregation Sha'are Shalom.

## ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

The Congregation is formed exclusively for religious, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purposes of the Congregation shall be:

- (a) To establish and maintain a synagogue and to provide a public place of worship for the Jewish faith in the County of Loudoun, Commonwealth of Virginia,
- (b) To establish, maintain and conduct a school for religious instruction of children and adults,
- (c) To purchase, sell, encumber, hold and dispose of both real and personal property required for the establishment, maintenance and operation of the Congregation, and
- (d) To establish and maintain religious, educational, cultural, social, civic, community, and recreational activities to further the Congregation and the community it serves.

## ARTICLE 3 POWERS

In carrying out its activities and the object and purposes proposed to be promoted and carried on, the Congregation, through its duly authorized representatives shall have the authority to do any and all these:

- (a) To purchase, lease, sublet, hire or in any manner acquire and to hold, own, use, develop, operate, manage, build upon, improve, encumber, mortgage, pledge, sell, exchange, convey, lease, sublet or otherwise dispose of or deal in or with, or in any manner turn to account, any real or personal property, and any rights, privileges or interests therein situate either within the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- (b) To enter into, perform and carry out contracts of any kind necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of any one or more of the purposes of the Congregation;
- (c) To borrow or raise money for any of the purposes of the Congregation and to issue bonds, debentures, notes or other obligations of any nature, and in any manner permitted by law, for monies so borrowed or in payment for property purchased, or for any other lawful consideration, and to secure the payment thereof and of the interest thereon by mortgage or pledge or conveyance or assignment in trust of the whole or any part of the real or personal property of the Congregation;
- (d) To invest funds under the Uniform Management of Investment Funds Act, Section 55-268.1, et seq. of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and
- (e) To exercise all of the powers, rights and privileges granted to, or conferred upon unincorporated organizations created, organized and operated exclusively for religious, educational and charitable purposes under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The enumeration in this Constitution of the foregoing powers shall not be deemed to exclude any powers, rights or privileges granted or conferred upon unincorporated organizations by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.





