



LIONS OF ZION

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Constitution & By-Laws Preamble

Greetings and peace from God our Father and the Lord Yahawashi (Jesus):
This booklet aims to educate our members regarding the organization's By-Laws, Doctrine, and various positions and responsibilities. We strive for every member to deepen their knowledge, gain enlightenment, and be inspired to uphold the holy and acceptable standards of the Holy Bible. We intend for this document to serve as a reference for officers and every member of our organization. "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."
(1 Corinthians 14:12)



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Article 1

Section 1 – Name of the Organization

This organization shall be known as the “Lions of Zion.”

Section 2 - Headquarters of the Organization

The organization's headquarters shall be in the Township of Vineland, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, United States of America.

Section 3 - Church Creed

We believe in God the Father, who is eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, to whom be honor and glory forever. We believe in Yahawashi Hamashiach (Jesus Christ), His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. We believe Yahawashi (Jesus) died for our sins, was buried, and rose again according to the scriptures. Whatever we do in word or deed, we do it in the name of the Lord Yahawashi (Jesus). (1 Timothy 1:17, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Colossians 3:17).

Article 2

Section 1 - Core Values

This organization is founded upon biblical precepts that govern all mankind. We believe that “all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,

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for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). The references in this document and our beliefs are based on the Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible with Apocrypha.

Section 2 - The Ten Commandments

We believe the Ten Commandments, as stated in the Holy Bible (Exodus 20), express God’s love for mankind and provide directives for man’s harmony with others, the environment, and ultimately with God. We affirm that the Commandments are holy, just, and good (Romans 7:12).

Section 3 - Sabbaths, Holy Convocations, Feasts

As illustrated in the Bible, we observe feast days as memorials to God, to be kept in their seasons. Certain practices, such as animal sacrifice and offerings given to the Levitical Priest, are not required. Consumption of wine and strong drink during these Sabbaths is permissible but not in excess. We do not observe holidays not mentioned in the Holy Bible (Leviticus 23, Hebrews 9:9-10, Jeremiah 10:1-2, Deuteronomy 14:26).

Section 3a - The Seventh Day Sabbath

The fourth Commandment instructs that all earthly work is to be done in the first six days of the week, with rest from labor on the seventh day (Saturday), designated for worship and reading the Holy Bible. Yahawashi (Jesus) taught that it is lawful to do “good” on the Sabbath, such as healing the sick or helping someone in need (Leviticus 23:3, Luke 4:16, Luke 14:5, Mark 3:4). The Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and ends at sunset on Saturday (Leviticus 23:32).

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Section 4 - Law of Clean and Unclean

We believe only certain creatures are to be eaten, and the blood of flesh must not be consumed as it contains the animal's life. We adhere to dietary laws outlined in the Book of Leviticus (Leviticus 11, Genesis 9:4, Leviticus 17:10, Isaiah 66:15-17). As the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, we refrain from practices that defile our bodies physically or spiritually, including smoking, chewing tobacco, excessive consumption of alcoholic spirits, and use of illegal drugs (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

Section 5 - Marriage and Divorce

We uphold the divine institution of marriage and the sanctity of the home. Those seeking marriage should undergo counseling from a leader, with each case considered individually and prayerfully (Genesis 2:24). Marriage or sexual acts with relatives, same-sex partners, or animals are prohibited (1 Corinthians 7, Leviticus 18 & 20).

Regarding divorce, counseling from the Board is required. Fornication is grounds for divorce based on the teachings of Yahawashi Hamashiach (Jesus Christ) (Deuteronomy 17:8-10).

Section 6 - Holy Ghost, Holy Spirit, Comforter

We believe the Holy Ghost is sent from the Father to those who keep His commandments to teach and guide them into all truth (John 14:15-16, 26; John 16:13).



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Section 7 - Baptism

We practice water baptism for the remission of sins as an answer to a good conscience toward God. Yahawashi Hamashiach (Jesus Christ) was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River (Matthew 3, Acts 10:48, 1 Peter 3:21, Colossians 3:17). During baptism, the officiant declares, "In obedience to the will of God and according to the profession of your faith, I baptize you in the Name of Yahawashi Hamashiach (Jesus Christ) for the remission of your sins."

Section 8 - Finances

No officer shall personally receive funds for ministry work; all funds shall be directed to the Treasurer. The Treasurer's responsibilities include processing financial matters, maintaining records, ensuring fiscal and legal soundness, and managing tax matters (Section 8a) to support the church's mission and maintain its tax-exempt status.

Section 8a - Tithes and Offering

We uphold the biblical practice of financial support for the church and its mission through tithes and offerings, as commanded in the scriptures (Exodus 25:1-2, Malachi 3:8-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7).



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Article 3

Section 1 - Membership

Membership requires approval by the Board after a request and examination process. Applicants must accept and comply with the Church Doctrine/By-laws and attend at least four Bible classes before approval. Individuals under eighteen (18) years of age require parental or guardian consent.

Section 2 - Attire

Members should wear modest apparel while congregating, avoiding tight-fitting clothes, exposing cleavage or thighs, and ensuring appropriate attire and footwear (1 Timothy 2:9, Deuteronomy 22:5).

Section 3 - Disciplinary Offenses

Offenses such as spousal abuse, child abuse, embezzlement, adultery, engaging in homosexual activities, misuse of authority, unauthorized use of church equipment, and others listed will result in disciplinary action ranging from verbal warnings to revocation of membership, as determined by the Board.

Article 4

Section 1- Duties and Responsibilities of Deacon and Captain

The responsibilities of a Deacon differ from those of the Elder; however, he must be qualified to stand in for him when necessary. Deacons must have been active members



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for a minimum of (3) years and be approved by the Board. All Deacons must meet the qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy (3:8-13) and Acts (6:3).

The duties of a Deacon include, but are not limited to:

- Performing or assisting in Baptisms
- Assisting in Sabbaths, Holy Days, and Church responsibilities
- Serving as stewards for "Church widows"
- Acting as surrogate fathers to fatherless and young people of the church with wisdom and humility
- Providing periodic updates to the Board regarding indigent members' conditions

The responsibilities of a Captain differ from those of the Deacon; however, he must be qualified to stand in for him whenever necessary. Captains must have been active members for at least (2) years and be approved by the Board. All Captains must meet the qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy (3:8-13) and Acts (6:3).

Section 2 - Duties and Responsibilities of Elder

The responsibilities of the Elder are distinct from those of the Deacon; however, he must also be qualified to stand in for him when needed. Elders must have been active members for a minimum of (5) years and be approved by the Board. All Elders must meet the qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy (3:8-13) and Acts (6:3).



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The duties of an Elder include, but are not limited to:

- Performing or assisting in Baptisms
- Assisting in Sabbaths, Holy Days, and Church responsibilities
- Serving as stewards for "Church widows"
- Acting as surrogate fathers to fatherless and young people of the church with wisdom and humility
- Providing periodic updates to the Board regarding indigent members' conditions

Article 5

Section 1: Right to Amend Constitution

This revised document clarifies and articulates the principles and regulations guiding the Lions of Zion organization, ensuring alignment with its mission and values derived from the Holy Scriptures.

Section 2 - Amendment of By-laws

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new by-laws reviewed by the Board. Members must receive at least seven (7) days advance notice after Sabbath class before a meeting called for this purpose.

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