

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TAMPA BAY

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as the Jewish Genealogy Society of Tampa Bay hereinafter referred to as the "Society" or "JGSTB".

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this Society shall be to assist its members engaged in Jewish genealogical research. The Society's activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Facilitate exchange of research information.
2. Encourage and coordinate research activities.
3. Educate members to help themselves and others.
4. Acquire and organize research materials.
5. Arrange genealogical programs at meetings.
6. Arrange genealogical tours.

B. In the pursuit of the Society's purpose, members are encouraged to utilize area LDS Family History Centers, local libraries with genealogical departments (Largo Library and Tampa Main Library), the Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida at Gainesville, Florida, and the National Archives branch at East Point, Georgia.

C. All of the foregoing are for carrying on the work of the Society to operate solely for educational purposes as authorized by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as revised.

D. In the event of dissolution, funds and tangible property of the Society shall be distributed to an organization or organizations exempt under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies unless otherwise voted by a majority of the Society membership, shall be the recipient of said assets in such an event.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in promoting the purposes of this Society.

ARTICLE IV DUES

Membership dues shall be paid by each member of the Society to defray costs incurred in running the Society, costs of acquiring research materials, and costs of paid speakers, as well as any other appropriate use as agreed to by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. [Board Members may be polled by e-mail or telephone].

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The term of office of Officers and all Committee Chairpersons shall be one year. Those willing to serve additional terms shall be properly elected.
- B. The Officers shall consist of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer with duties as defined in the Bylaws. Officers shall be elected by the Members.
- C. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers, the immediate past President and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees. The President may, at his discretion, appoint up to 3 additional Board members from the membership, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI
COMMITTEES

- A. The Standing Committees shall consist of:
1. Ways and Means Committee
 2. Membership Committee
 3. Program Committee
 4. Publications Committee (Newsletter)
 5. Internet Committee (Webmaster)
 6. Budget and Finance Committee
 7. Publicity
 8. Library
 9. Hospitality
- B. Other committees for special functions or ad hoc purposes may be established as needed.
- C. Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President subject to approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and all other committees shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

- A. The activities of the Society shall be keyed to the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.
- B. The Board of Directors shall meet once each quarter and at such other times as called by the President. Four members of the Board of Directors including at least three elected Officers shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors.
- C. General Membership meetings shall be held monthly, unless otherwise decided by the Board, for the primary purpose of pursuing the goals of the Society as outlined in the Constitution. Additional General Membership meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors provided two weeks written or e-mailed notice is given to the members. Twenty percent of the members in good standing present shall constitute a quorum.
- D. Election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting as defined in the bylaws. Installation of officers shall take place at the next meeting following the Annual Meeting. The slate for voting shall have been published in the Society Newsletter or a mailed notice to the membership at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Members in good standing who are present provided there is a quorum, but no amendment shall be voted upon without at least two weeks written or e-mailed notice to the Members.

ARTICLE IX
TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Society shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempted from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).