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SUBJECT: International Federa tion of Messianic Jews,
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)
Inc.

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

January 19, 1996

W. HAIM LEVI
PO BOX 271708
TAMPA, FL 33688

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MESSIANIC JEWS, INC.
Ref. Number: W96000001483

We have received your document for INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MESSIANIC JEWS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$140.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation"); and the registered agent's signature.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MESSIANIC JEWS, INC. SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned hereby execute and acknowledge these ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION in order to organize and incorporate this non-profit corporation under the corporate name stated in Article III.

ARTICLE I - PURPOSES

To unite both Jewish and non-Jewish Messianic believers throughout the world in a spirit of love, prayer and common clear Messianic Jewish vision, to maintain a distinctive Messianic Jewish life style, and to bear a united witness of Yeshua as the Jewish Messiah, Savior, and Lord.

Furthermore, we aim to promote the following:

1. To keep and extend the knowledge and practice of our Messianic Jewish Vision to those of Jewish birth throughout the world.
2. To welcome and assist other similar Messianic Jewish organizations who may need assistance and encouragement, with protection, services, and prayer wherever possible.
3. To welcome and assist other similar non-Jewish Messianic organizations.
4. To welcome into the Messianic Jewish fold all "Marranos", who through no fault of theirs have been penalized all through the centuries.
5. To acquire by purchase and otherwise maintain the proper land and buildings for corporate offices.
6. To license and ordain Messianic Jewish Rabbis and teachers to preach the Messianic Jewish message.
7. To join in combined effort with other Messianic Jewish groups, or Gentile groups of the same vision.
8. To foster, create, contain, and to establish subsidiary and affiliate branch ministries, schools, institutes, colleges, Yeshivot, and seminaries.

ARTICLE II - SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATE BRANCHES

The International Federation of Messianic Jewish Congregations and Synagogues (IFMJCS) shall be an affiliate branch of the International Federation of Messianic Jews (IFMJ).

The International Federation of Messianic Jewish Congregations and Synagogues (IFMJCS) shall be the synagogal and congregation organization empowered to do the following:

1. To assist in the formation of and to recognize Messianic Jewish Congregations and

Synagogues and other similar ministries in the United States of America and in any other nation of the nation of the world.

2. To license and ordain Messianic Jewish Rabbis, Pastors, and Teachers to teach the Messianic Jewish message.
3. Etz Chayim Messianic Jewish Yeshiva - will teach and train Messianic Jewish Rabbis and Pastor by equipping them in their respective roles.

ARTICLE III - NAME

The name of this worldwide organization of Jewish believers in the Messiah Yeshua shall be the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MESSIANIC JEWS, hereinafter referred to as the IFMJ. It's location shall be in the United States of America, with the location of it's headquarters to be decided by the Executive Committee, which shall be made up of the elected members of affiliated **National Federations** in other countries.

ARTICLES IV - QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

1. Membership to the IFMJ, may be obtained by application to the affiliated **National Federations** or similar ministries where the applicant resides. Where there is no affiliated National the applicant should contact the nearest affiliated National Federations or similar ministry. All members of affiliated **National Federations**, are recognized members of the IFMJ.
2. Membership will be granted to the following applicants, all of whom must satisfy the conditions of paragraph three below.
 - A. Applicants whose mother, father, or spouse is Jewish.
 - B. Applicants who are Marranos, or of known Jewish Ancestry.
 - C. Gentile applicants who have become Gerim, after the tradition of Ruth the Moabite, by willfully choosing to attach themselves to Israel, provided that the National Federation to which the applicant applies permits it.
3. All applicants for membership must:
 - A. Believe in one God (Father, Son, and Ruach HaKodesh), acknowledging Him to be the one and only God as stated in the Shema, Deuteronomy 6:4.
 - B. Have accepted Yeshua the Messiah as personal Savior, and as such to be living a life worthy of the Messiah.
 - C. Believe in the final atonement that He brought for all by the shedding of His blood, and by His death and in His resurrection.
 - D. Acknowledge Yeshua as the prophesied Messiah by the Jewish Prophets.
 - E. Declare adherence to the Holy Scriptures, the Tanach (The Old Testament), and the B'rit Hadashah (The New Covenant), as the supreme rule of faith and life.
 - F. Endeavor to live a life to the glory of God as a witness to our Messiah Yeshua.

ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI - SUBSCRIBERS

W. Haim Levi	8609 Beth Court Odessa, FL 33556
Rachelle S. Levi	8609 Beth Court Odessa, FL 33556
Michael Stepakoff	7712 Winging Way Dr. Tampa, FL 33615

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

1. The Executive office bearers shall be:
 - A. President: The President shall be Rabbi W. Haim Levi, as incorporator of the IFMJ.
 - B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall be Rabbi Ishmael Portillo.
 - C. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be Rachelle S. Levi.
 - D. Executive Secretary: The Executive Secretary shall be Rachelle S. Levi.
2. The above office bearers, other than the President, shall be appointed by the President, and the length of their service shall remain within the discretion of the President.
3. In the event that the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President and assume all the duties, obligations and powers of the preceding President.
4. The founder and initial agent of the said corporation shall continue as presiding officer and director of said corporation until his resignation, death, or until his dismissal by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The supreme control, government and management of the property and affairs of the IFMJ, shall be vested in the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
2. The COMMITTEE shall consist of:
 - A. The Office bearers.
 - B. The Presidents of affiliated **National Federations** or similar ministries.
 - C. This corporation shall have six Executive Committee Members initially. The number of Executive Members may be increased from time to time, by the by-laws, but shall never be less than six.
 - D. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the by-laws.

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Executive Committee

Members for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation are:

W. Haim Levi

8609 Beth Court
Odessa, FL 33556

Ishmael Portillo

Popocatepetl 204
Colonia Urdiales
Monterrey, MEXICO 64390

Rachelle S. Levi

8609 Beth Court
Odessa, FL 33556

Harvey Koelner

4751 NW 24th Court
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33313

ARTICLE X - INITIAL OFFICERS

The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first meeting of the Executive Committee are:

President

W. Haim Levi

Vice-President

Ishmael Portillo

Secretary-Treasurer

Rachelle S. Levi

The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee or as provided by in the by-laws.

ARTICLE X - BY LAWS

The Executive Committee of this corporation may provide such by-laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Upon proper notice the by-laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Executive Committee present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote of those present.

Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the by-laws, of intention to submit such amendments.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

"In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(C) (3)

and 170(C) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:

- A. A corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or
- B. A corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(e) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law."

ARTICLE XIII - LOCATION

The location of this corporation will be at 13018 Gunn Highway, in the city of Odessa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida.

ARTICLE XIV - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The registered agent shall be W. Haim Levi. The registered office shall be at 13018 Gunn Highway, Odessa, FL 33556.

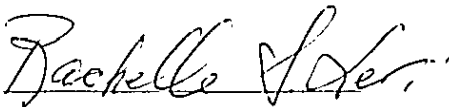
I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.


W. Haim Levi

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 28th day of January 1996, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under laws of the State of Florida.


W. Haim Levi

W. Haim Levi


Rachelle S. Levi

Rachelle S. Levi

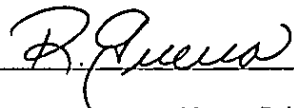
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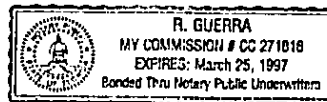
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared. W. Haim Levi and Rachelle S. Levi, to me know to be the persons described as subscribers in and who executed the foregoing articles of incorporation, and they acknowledged before me that they executed and subscribed to these articles of incorporation.

Witness my hand and official seal in the county and sates named above

this 1/25/96
(Date)


Notary Public



March 25, 1997
My Commission Expires

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