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Dear Sirs:

Please file these papers and notify me with a certified copy sent to the above address when the corporation has been accepted.

If there are any problems, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL STEPAKOFF, ESQ.

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SUBJECT: MT. SINAI MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE OF TAMPA
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We have received your document for MT. SINAI MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE OF TAMPA and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

You stated in Article V that you have officers, but yet you did not give the names of the officers along with the street address.

Please return the original and one copy of 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
OF
MT. SINAI MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE OF TAMPA, INC.

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

ARTICLE I : PURPOSE

The purpose of this non-profit corporation is to unite both Jewish and non-Jewish believers in the spirit of love, prayer, and worship, in various parts of the world, by bearing witness that Yeshua is the Messiah, Saviour, Lord and King of all the earth.

Furthermore, we intend to promote the following:

1. To help bring about the spiritual salvation of the Jewish people through the establishment of Davidic praise and worship, after the tradition of our Jewish ancestors, in a congregation of Jewish believers and non-Jewish believers who share in the same vision for the biblical revival of Israel as foretold by the Hebrew prophets.
2. To establish, guard and teach Torah as a way of life for Jewish believers in Yeshua, and also for non-Jewish believers who feel that they are called to live according to Torah.
3. To teach Jewish and non-Jewish believers the Hebrew language for the purpose of promoting Hebrew as the language of choice in our own congregation and also in other congregations that are committed to learn or establish traditional, Jewish praise and worship.
4. To promote awareness and knowledge of biblical Jewish customs, traditions, and liturgy among ourselves and others.

5. To maintain fellowship, to the greatest extent possible, with the Jewish community of Tampa, through support and friendship with synagogues of all types, and through participation in local Jewish organizations and events.
6. To demonstrate to the Jewish Community of Tampa our faithfulness, support, and love for our Jewish State of Israel.
7. To maintain and proclaim our right as Jews to our inheritance in the land of Israel, as promised to our Father Abraham.
8. To provide, in cooperation with the international Messianic Rabanut, an authoritative means for conversion according to halacha, and for recognizing as Jews those who are of Jewish decent, but whose families were forced into Christianity by the Spanish Inquisition.
9. To place a special emphasis on reaching out to the Latin American Community of Tampa, for sharing the Messianic Jewish vision in Spanish and other languages in order to help raise an awareness of Jewish Roots, and to receive back into the Jewish fold those "Anusim" whose families were estranged from the tribes of Israel through fear or forced conversion of the Church.
10. To maintain and encourage fellowship with other Messianic Congregations and Synagogues in the Tampa area, and with local churches who have a love for Israel, by promoting and encouraging joint Messianic Jewish events, publications, organizations and activities in the Tampa area, all for the purpose of promoting peace in the body of Messianic Jewish and non-Jewish believers.
11. To maintain fellowship and cooperation with other statewide, nationwide, and International Messianic Jewish organizations of which our congregation may not be a member.
12. To maintain membership in Messianic Jewish organizations which share the same vision as ours for life according to Torah and Ruach HaKodesh, in the name of our Lord and King, Yeshua HaMashiach.

13. To teach and train in other congregations in other vicinities throughout the State of Florida who acknowledge Yeshua as Messiah, and are interested in learning our vision for Torah and Ruach HaKodesh, in order to promote the establishment of other congregations like ours throughout the State of Florida.
14. To acquire by purchase and otherwise maintain the proper land, buildings, and materials necessary for corporate offices and the promotion of these corporate purposes.

ARTICLE II: NAME

The name of this Messianic Jewish Synagogue shall be MT. SINAI MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE OF TAMPA, INC. Its headquarters shall be in Tampa, Florida.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in MT. SINAI MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE OF TAMPA, INC. shall be granted to applicants in a manner that shall be determined in the by-laws.

ARTICLE IV: DURATION

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

1. The executive offices shall be:

A) President: Michael Stepakoff, 220 E. Madison Street, Ste. 1010 Tampa, Fl. 33602.

B) Vice President: Ramon Martinez, 9702 Kings Canyon Place, Tampa, Florida 33634.

C) Treasurer: Michael Stepakoff, 220 E. Madison Street, Ste. 1010 Tampa, Florida 33602.

D) Secretary: Sam Dorio, 4601 North Armenia Ave., Tampa, Florida 33603

2. Each of the above officers shall be elected by the board of directors at the first scheduled meeting, and shall be elected and/or retained thereafter in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The supreme control, government and management of the property and affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

2. The Board shall consist of:

- A. Each of the above-listed office bearers listed in Art. V, who shall be elected by the board.
- B. Established participants in the Synagogue who shall be elected and/or retained by the board in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the bylaws.
- C. The individuals who will serve as directors shall be determined at the first scheduled meeting of the board, and thereafter, at subsequent board meetings, and shall be adopted into the bylaws, however, the number of directors shall never be less than four individuals.

ARTICLE VII: INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names of the persons who are to serve as initial directors until the first meeting of the board shall be:

- 1) Michael Stepakoff.
- 2) Ramon Martinez.
- 3) Sam Dorio.
- 4) Leonard J. Kronen

- 5) All other directors shall be determined according to the bylaws at the first scheduled meeting of the board.

ARTICLE VIII: BY LAWS

The Board of Directors 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 IX: 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 upon notice given, as provided in the by-laws, of intention to submit such amendments.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

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(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE XI: LOCATION

The initial location of this corporation shall be: 7520 West Waters, Ste. 4, Tampa, Florida 33615.

ARTICLE XII: REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The registered agent shall be Michael Stepakoff. The registered office shall be at 220 E. Madison Street, Ste. 1010, Tampa, Florida 33602.

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


MICHAEL STEPACOFF

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I the undersigned subscribing incorporator, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 3rd day of Aug, 1998, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.


MICHAEL STEPACOFF

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