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Constitution



Of The  
Shia Ithna

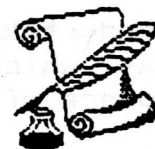
Asheri

Jamaat Of

New York



Revised 87-88



CONSTITUTION  
OF  
SHIA ITHNA ASHERI JAMAAT  
OF  
NEW YORK  
"BISMILLAHI RAHMANI RAHIM"

Article I : Nomenclature

The name of this organization shall be Shia-Ithna Asheri Jamaat of New York, herein after referred to as the "Jamaat".

Article II : Proclamation

The members of this organization believe in the Holy Book, The Quran and in Ahlul Beit, (AS) the specified relatives of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) who carried on his message. The organization shall endeavor to impress upon its members to observe Jaffery Faith and lead their lives in accordance with Islamic Teachings and philosophy as pronounced by Jaffery Faith. The organization further proclaims that the ruling of the Supreme Mujtahid shall be final on all religious issues.

Article III : Status

The Jamaat shall be a non-profit religious organization, duly incorporated and registered under the statutes of the N.Y. State. It shall not affiliate with any political organization. It shall neither support nor promote any policies or activities contrary to Islamic Law of Jaffery Faith.

Article IV : Registered Mailing Adress

The official mailing address of the Jamaat shall be 114-41 Queens Blvd, Suite 786 Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375.

Article V : Aims and Objectives

- 1) To promote the teachings of Islam according to Shia Ithna Asheri Jaffery Faith and to provide facilities for the members and their families to observe the same.
- 2) To create, cultivate and maintain goodwill, and promote a sense of communal identity amongst all its members.
- 3) To minister and supervise all religious ceremonies and rites including those attendant upon engagements, marriages, deaths and any further functions held within the official premises of the Jamaat.
- 4) To undertake all such activities within the means of the Jamaat, which are of benefit to Muslims, in general, and the followers of Jaffery faith, in particular.

- 5) To perform charitable work for the betterment and upliftment of the community members.
- 6) To encourage the propagation of the Shia Ithn Asheri Jaffery faith.
- 7) To establish, encourage, assist, and operate educational institutions for the benefit of the community members.
- 8) The Jamaat shall have the power, in furtherance of its objectives, to create, receive, raise, invest and disburse funds, for the benefit of the members.
- 9) The Jamaat shall have the power to acquire, own, build, sell, protect, maintain, and let properties.
- 10) To affiliate and collaborate, as appropriate, with organizations having similar objectives and principles.
- 11) To ensure that resources of the Jamaat are used primarily for the benefit of the Jamaat members.

**Article VI : Definitions:**

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- 1) Community members : All people who profess the Jaffery faith.
- 2) Jamaat members : All people who profess the Jaffery faith and are paid up members of the Jamaat.
- 3) Constitution : This constitution subject to any further amendments
- 4) Executive Committee : Means a committee consisting of the President and / or the Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Jamaat.
- 5) Managing Committee : Means a committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretaries, Treasurers, Social Workers, elected and nominated committee members.
- 6) General Body : Comprises all paid up members of the Jamaat.
- 7) Sub-Committee : Is made up of members nominated by the Managing Committee and having specific duties to perform.
- 8) Jamaat Register : A book which records events related to births, engagements, marriages, deaths etc. which take place in the Jamaat.

**Article VII : Membership**

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- 1) All followers of the Shia Ithna Asheri Jaffery Faith of the full age of eighteen years and over shall be eligible to become members of the Jamaat.

An applicant will fill out an application form for membership and submit it to the Secretary who will in turn present it to the Executive Committee for consideration.

- 3) An applicant will qualify as a member of the Jamaat upon payment of current year subscription in full or pro-rata, and upon producing evidence of fulfilment of his financial obligations to his previous Jamaat.
- 4) A member who is in arrear for more than one year will cease to be in good standing and lose privileges of membership.
- 5) Members will be required to obey and uphold the aims of the Jamaat, its constitution and by-laws.

#### Privileges of Members

- 1) A Jamaat member shall, subject to any restrictions prescribed in the Constitution, be entitled to all the privileges of the Jamaat.
- 2) A Jamaat member shall have the right to vote at all General Meetings of the Jamaat.
- 3) A Jamaat member shall have the right to inspect the books and records of the Jamaat upon submitting a satisfactory explanation in writing describing the scope, nature and reason for intended inspection 15 days in advance to any member of the Executive Committee
- 4) He shall cease to enjoy privileges under following circumstances :
  - (a) He commits a breach of the Jamaat's Constitution and its by laws.
  - (b) He purports to act or do anything on behalf of the Jamaat without the permission of the Managing Committee.
  - (c) He prints, publishes or circulates any literature and makes any public statements for the Jamaat without written permission from the Managing Committee.
  - (d) He calls a meeting on behalf of the Jamaat without written permission from the Managing Committee.Under the circumstances outlined above the Managing Committee may exercise the option of imposing an appropriate disciplinary action against such a member.

#### Article VIII : Subscription

- 1) The annual subscription shall be such a sum as the Managing Committee may recommend and the General Body shall, by majority, approve.

