PREAMBLE

In order to perpetuate Judaism, to serve the Jewish people by providing a place where they may worship and where the teachings of Judaism may be made known, and to advance the welfare of all those who may come under its influence, we do dedicate ourselves to the task of establishing a Jewish Reform Congregation.

ARTICLE I
NAME OF CONGREGATION AND AFFILIATION

SECTION 1.
NAME. This Congregation shall be known as Community Synagogue of Rye (sometimes referred to as “Community Synagogue” or “Congregation”).

SECTION 2.
AFFILIATION. The Congregation shall be affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (formerly known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations).

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.
MEMBERS. The Board of Trustees may elect to membership in the Congregation: (a) any person of the Jewish faith and (b) where consistent with the purposes of the preamble and the provisions of Article II Section 5, any other person.

The unit of membership shall be, as the case may be, an individual, a single parent family or, in the case of two adults living together, a life partner family. For the purpose of computing membership units of the Congregation, the number shall be computed as follows: (a) an individual member is one unit, (b) a single parent family member is one unit and (c) a life partner family membership is one unit.

For the purpose of membership, (a) a life partner family shall be deemed to be two adults and any unmarried children under 21 years of age or over 21 years of age providing they are still unmarried and are dependent or are attending school and (b) a single parent family shall be deemed to be an adult caregiver and any unmarried children under 21 years of age or over 21 years of age providing they are still unmarried and are dependent or are attending school.

SECTION 2.
DUES. A member shall pay such annual dues as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees. Different dues may be fixed for different units of membership. The Board of Trustees may provide that voluntary assessments over minimum dues shall be deemed free will offerings.

The annual dues of a member during the first year of membership (if the period remaining in such first year shall be less than seven months) shall be prorated according to the number of months remaining in the then current fiscal year of the Congregation, measured from the first day of the calendar month during which the member is elected to membership in the Congregation.

Anything to the contrary in these By-laws notwithstanding, the Board of Trustees may adopt special dues, Building Fund and other arrangements as it deems appropriate in order to attract newlyweds, young individuals, young families, senior citizens and handicapped persons to become or remain members of this Congregation – all without regard to any question of financial means.

SECTION 3.
VOTING. For the purpose of voting, each of the following shall be entitled to vote as follows:

(a) An individual member shall have one vote;
(b) A single parent family shall have one vote;
(c) In the case of a life partner family, each partner shall have one vote.
SECTION 4.
AGREEMENT TO THESE BY-LAWS. Each present member of Community Synagogue, and any person who hereafter becomes a member of Community Synagogue, agrees to all the terms, conditions and provisions of these By-laws as adopted and as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 5.
NON-JEWISH MEMBERS.
A. POLICY. Community Synagogue welcomes as members persons not of the Jewish faith who meet the requirements of Article II Section 1. As a matter of religious conviction and policy, the Synagogue reaches out to families in which one spouse is Jewish and one spouse is not, and it strives to have such families participate as active members in all Synagogue functions, including life cycle rituals. However, as Judaism is, in substantial part, a core of beliefs and traditions, many of which go back thousands of years, and as the purpose of the Congregation is to promote Judaism, it is necessary to draw certain distinctions between the roles of Jews and non-Jews in the areas of Synagogue ritual and administration.

B. RITUAL. The Rabbi, in consultation with the Ritual Committee, shall determine meaningful and appropriate ways in which non-Jews can participate in services and life-cycle rituals. A non-Jew shall not conduct any Jewish liturgy in the Synagogue.

C. ADMINISTRATION. A non-Jew shall not serve as, and shall not be nominated or appointed to serve as an Officer, Trustee, or Committee Chair of the Synagogue; or an Officer of the Synagogue’s Men’s Club, Sisterhood, or Youth Group.

ARTICLE III
PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.
PRIVILEGES. Subject to Article II Section 3, a member of the Congregation in good standing shall be entitled to the following privileges:

(a) A member shall have the right to vote at all meetings of the Congregation in accordance with Article II;
(b) The children of each member in good standing shall have the right to receive their religious education in the Religious Schools of the Congregation and be prepared for and receive Bar or Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation in the House of Worship of the Congregation. Fees and requirements shall be set from time to time by the Board of Trustees;
(c) Members (as defined in Article II) shall be entitled to seats for all religious services and the High Holy Days;
(d) A member shall be entitled to participate in all activities held under the auspices of the Congregation and its affiliated bodies;
(e) A member shall be eligible for election as an Officer or Trustee of the Congregation except as stated in Article II Section 5 C.

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 1.
COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The Board of Trustees of the Congregation shall be composed of the following:

(a) The eight Officers of the Congregation elected annually from within its membership;
(b) Eighteen Trustees elected by the Congregation from within its membership to serve for terms of three years each and until their successors are elected;
(c) The Immediate Past President of the Congregation provided he remains a member in good standing of the Congregation.
(d) The Presidents of the Sisterhood (Women of Reform Judaism) and Men’s Club (Men of Reform Judaism), and the Chairs of the Religious School Committee and the early Childhood Center Council.

SECTION 2.
GENERAL POWERS. The Board of Trustees shall govern the affairs of the Congregation, control
its revenue and property, and take such action as shall in its judgment best promote the welfare thereof.

SECTION 3.
SPECIAL POWERS. Without limiting the general scope of Article IV Section 2, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to:

(a) Remit, forgive or abate the whole or any portion of any dues, assessment or other fees and charges of any member or former member of the Congregation according to its best judgment; this function may be performed by the Board of Trustees or delegated by the Board to any Officer or Officers;

(b) Select such employees as may be necessary, fix their duties and compensation or remove such employees; this function may be performed by the Board of Trustees or delegated by the Board to any Officer or Officers;

(c) Authorize an extra-budgetary appropriation of funds, subject to the approval of the Congregation at any regular or special meeting; in an emergency, the Board may authorize the appropriation of non-budgeted items;

(d) Order a special meeting of the Congregation whenever it may be deemed necessary;

(e) Remove any Trustee, Officer or a Committee Member of the Congregation from such Trusteeship, Office or Committee, for cause, provided two-thirds of all Trustees vote for such removal. No elected Trustee or Officer may be removed without an opportunity to be heard;

(f) Determine the amount and manner in which Building Fund assessments shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Congregation.

SECTION 4.
MEETINGS. The Board of Trustees shall meet regularly at least once every month, and at other times at the call of the President. The President shall also call a meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board of Trustees. Five days’ notice of such special meetings shall be given except that the President in his sole discretion may shorten the period to permit meetings to be held by telephone or other available technology as permitted by the statute.

SECTION 5.
QUORUM. A majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 6.
ABSENCE. The office of any Trustee absent for three successive regular meetings of the Board and not excused by the presiding Officer of the meetings may be declared vacant by the Board.

SECTION 7.
VACANCY. Should a vacancy occur in the office of any Trustee, the Board shall fill such vacancy by election by the Board until the next annual election. No such election, however, shall be held until the Nominating Committee shall have been advised of the vacancy and a nomination is received from the Nominating Committee in accordance with Article XIV Section 2.

SECTION 8.
VOTING. Decisions of the Board of Trustees shall be by a majority vote of those present at a regular or special meeting except as provided in Article IV Section 3(e). Each member of the Board shall have one vote.

SECTION 9.
ALL OTHER PAST PRESIDENTS. All other Past Presidents not remaining on the Board shall be Honorary Members of the Board of Trustees without vote.

SECTION 10.
TRANSITION RULE. Implementation of these By-laws shall not shorten or terminate the term of any Trustee in office at the time of adoption of these By-laws.
ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

SECTION 1.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The Congregation shall annually elect a President, an Executive Vice-president, three other Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Financial Secretary who shall serve for a term of one year and thereafter until their successors are elected.

SECTION 2.
DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Trustees and preside at all meetings of the Congregation; shall enforce the By-laws; and shall sign all official documents and orient all Officers, Trustees, and Committee members of their duties. It shall be his duty also to:

(a) Call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees upon receipt of a request signed by five members of the Board. The request shall state the subject matter to be brought before the Board;
(b) Call a special meeting of the Congregation as provided in Article IX Section 2. Upon the refusal or failure of the President to act within ten days after the receipt of such request, or in his absence, any Vice-President shall call such meeting;
(c) Call a special meeting of the Congregation or Board of Trustees whenever, in his opinion, necessity therefore exists;
(d) Appoint the representatives from the Congregation, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, to all bodies wherein the Congregation may be entitled to representation;
(e) Promptly appoint the chairs of all Committees each of which he is to be an ex-officio member;
(f) Cast the deciding vote on all questions in which there may be an equal division of votes, except as to appeals from his decisions;
(g) Present a report to the Congregation at its Annual Meeting of the status of the affairs of the Congregation.

SECTION 3.
DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT. The Executive Vice-President shall, in the absences of the President, assume all the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon the President. The Executive Vice-President shall coordinate the activities of the committees assigned to him by the President. If for any reason the office of the President shall become vacant, then the Executive Vice-President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President until a successor President is appointed or elected pursuant to Article V Section 8.

DUTIES OF OTHER VICE-PRESIDENTS. The other Vice-Presidents shall assume all duties incumbent to these offices. They shall coordinate the activities of committees assigned to them by the President. If for any reason the office of the Executive Vice-President shall become vacant, then the Board of Trustees shall select one of the other Vice-Presidents to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Vice-President until a successor Executive Vice-president is appointed or elected pursuant to Article V Section 8.

SECTION 4.
DUTIES OF THE TREASURER. It shall be his duty to:

(a) Keep a correct account between the Congregation and its members, including providing confidential authorization of dues adjustments;
(b) Perform such other duties as the office demands or as required by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5.
DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to:

(a) Attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and the Congregation, and keep a correct record of the proceedings;
(b) Perform such other duties as the office demands or as required by the Board of Trustees;
(c) At the expiration of his term, deliver to his successor, when duly qualified, all books and papers pertaining to his office, which may be in his possession.
SECTION 6. DUTIES OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to:

(a) Provide fiscal oversight for the institution, ensuring compliance with all relevant financial standards and sound accounting practices;
(b) Perform such other duties as the office demands or as are required by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 7. CHECKS. All checks on any bank account of Community Synagogue shall be valid if signed by any two of the following:

(a) President
(b) Executive Vice-President
(c) Treasurer
(d) Financial Secretary
(e) Executive Director

SECTION 8. VACANCY. In the event of vacancy of any office, the Board of Trustees shall, after receiving the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, appoint such Officer who shall hold office until the next annual meeting unless otherwise provided for by these By-laws. No election by the Congregation to fill an office that is vacant shall be held until the Nominating Committee shall have been advised of the vacancy and a nomination is received from the Nominating Committee in accordance with Article XIV Section 2.

SECTION 9. ABSENCE. The office of any Officer absent for any three successive Executive or Board of Trustees meetings and not excused by the presiding Officer of the meetings may be declared vacant by the Board.

ARTICLE VI
CLERGY

SECTION 1. SELECTION. The Clergy shall be selected by the Board of Trustees for such salary and such period of time as may be determined, subject in the case of Rabbis, to the approval of a majority vote of members of the Congregation at an annual or special meeting.

SECTION 2. AFFILIATION TO THE CONGREGATION. Clergy shall be ex-officio members of the Congregation.

SECTION 3. DUTIES. Clergy shall perform all duties incumbent upon, and in accordance with, their respective offices.

SECTION 4. PARSONAGE. The Board of Trustees may arrange for suitable parsonages for Clergy or in lieu thereof provide them with parsonage allowances.

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. UNASSIGNED SEATS. Seats in the Synagogue or designated space for Congregational worship shall be unassigned. It shall, however, be the duty of the Board of Trustees, whenever required on special occasions, to make a reservation sufficient to accommodate the membership, it being understood that no specific assignments to members shall be made within said reservation except when in the judgment of the Board of Trustees necessity requires such assignment of seats.

ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The eight elected Officers and the Immediate Past President of the Congregation shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. This Executive Committee shall meet regularly at least once each month and at such other times at the call of the
President, as he deems necessary. The Executive Committee shall establish its own rules of order. A quorum shall consist of at least five of its members. The Executive Committee by an affirmative vote of not fewer than five of its members in a meeting duly assembled shall have power to decide any matter placed before it by the President between regular Board of Trustees meetings. Any action taken by this Committee shall be reported to the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.

The functions of the Executive Committee shall be:
(a) To assist the President in the performance of his duties;
(b) To maintain close communication with the clergy and the professional staff;
(c) To initiate and formulate policy for consideration by the Board of Trustees;
(d) To make appropriations of up to $5,000, except as provided in sub – section (e);
(e) To act on matters of such urgency that a delay until the next Board of Trustees meeting would, in the reasonable judgment of the Executive Committee, be detrimental to the best interests of the Congregation;
(f) To report to the Board of Trustees action taken between Board meetings at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2.
COMMITTEES. The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to establish or terminate such other committees, auxiliary bodies or other units of operation as it may deem desirable, and make rules for the government thereof. The President shall appoint the Chairmen and members thereof when authorized to do so by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 3.
SUPERVISION. All committees shall at all times be subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX
MEETINGS

SECTION 1.
ANNUAL MEETING. An Annual Meeting of the Congregation shall be held in the month of May of each year at a date and time fixed by the Board of Trustees. Every member of the Congregation shall be notified, by mail, at least ten days prior to the holding of the Annual Meeting and five days prior to any adjourned date.

SECTION 2.
SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Congregation shall be called by the President at the request of the Board of Trustees or on written application of fifty members in good standing. Requests of the Board of Trustees or applications of the members shall state the specific purpose of such special meeting. The notice of special meetings shall be mailed to the Congregation at least ten days prior to the time of such meeting and shall set forth the purpose of the meeting. No business shall be transacted at such special meeting except as specified in the notice.

SECTION 3.
QUORUM. At all meetings of the Congregation, ten (10) percent of the total membership units of the Congregation shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4.
VOTING.
(a) Voting shall be in accordance with Article II Section 3;
(b) Except as otherwise prescribed by these By-laws, all determinations shall be made by majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting;
(c) At all annual and special meetings of the Congregation, all matters specially noticed to be acted upon at such a meeting shall be acted upon by written ballot;
(d) Voting by written ballot on any of the above mentioned matters may be dispensed with if there be no objection thereto;
(e) In the case of election of Officers and Trustees, election shall be by plurality;
(f) Proxies will not be permitted except to the extent allowed by law.

SECTION 5.
TERM OF OFFICE. The terms of all Officers and Trustees elected at an Annual Meeting shall take effect immediately following the meeting at which the election is held.
ARTICLE X
BUILDING FUND

SECTION 1.
NEW MEMBERS. All persons who are elected for the first time into membership in Community Synagogue shall be and they hereby are assessed (and by their election into membership agree to pay) in addition to their annual dues, such sum, over such period of time, as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI
SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF DELINQUENT MEMBERS

SECTION 1.
PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP. The privileges of membership of a delinquent member may be suspended by the Board of Trustees without hearing, such suspension to take effect on the 10th day after notification of such Board action to such member in person or by mail. Such privileges of membership shall be restored to such member upon the member making payment of all arrearage before termination of membership or upon the vote of the Board of Trustees.

Such suspension shall, however, be stayed until the Board of Trustees meeting following the giving of such notification provided that the delinquent member, in a letter addressed to the President of the Synagogue and sent by mail, requests permission to appear before the Board meeting and states the grounds upon which he believes he should not be suspended. This stay of suspension shall terminate and the suspension shall become effective immediately following such Board of Trustees meeting if (i) the member, after requesting a personal appearance before the Board meeting, does not appear in person or (ii) the Board, at the meeting, votes not to lift the suspension. The Board shall also have the right to stay the suspension on such additional terms as the Board may determine.

SECTION 2.
TERMINATION AFTER SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP. In the event that such delinquent member does not pay all arrearage to the Congregation within thirty days after being notified that his privileges of membership have been suspended, the membership of such member in the Congregation may be terminated by the vote to that effect of the Board of Trustees without any further notification to the member. Upon such vote being taken, the member’s membership in the Congregation shall come to an end.

ARTICLE XII
EXPULSION

SECTION 1.
DEFINITION. A member may be expelled by the Board of Trustees for willful violation of the By-laws of the Congregation or for any conduct prejudicial to the interests and welfare of the Congregation.

SECTION 2.
PRESENTMENT OF CHARGES FOR EXPULSION. Such person shall not be expelled except upon written charges and specifications preferred by three members and presented to the Board of Trustees, who shall thereupon cause a copy of such charges and specifications to be served personally or by mail by the Secretary upon the accused.

SECTION 3.
PROCEDURE FOR EXPULSION. In case charges shall be so preferred as aforesaid, the Board of Trustees shall not later than its second meeting after the receipt of such charges and specifications select a committee of three members, none of whom shall be a member of the Board, to investigate the case.

The Committee shall promptly examine the matter and file within 30 days of its appointment or such additional time as allowed by the Board of Trustees its written report with the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall promptly after the receipt of the report of the Committee, act upon the said report and make its decision, either dismissing the charges or expelling the member, as the case may be, or any other conclusion which it deems fair and just. The person against whom the charges have been preferred shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard before the
Committee and to be represented by counsel. If the member, Officer, or other person involved feels aggrieved by the decision of the Board and desires, upon the petition of ten percent of the Congregation, a special meeting of the Congregation must be called to consider and act upon the said decision. At the said meeting of the Congregation, two-thirds of the members present shall have the power to overrule the decision of the Board of Trustees. Otherwise, the decision of the Board shall be final and binding on the person involved.

ARTICLE XIII
LIABILITY FOR PAST DUE AND COLLECTION CHARGES

SECTION 1.
LIABILITY CONTINUES. In the event that the membership of any member in the Congregation is terminated by reason of (a) the member having been a delinquent member, or (b) the member being expelled, or (c) the member resigning, or (d) death, or (e) any other cause or circumstance, such former member or his estate as the case may be shall continue to be liable to Community Synagogue for any and all past due and current Annual Dues, including self-assessments as they accrue, all past due and current Religious School registration fees and charges, Early Childhood Center school fees and charges, mid-week Hebrew School charges, Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah preparation charges, building fund assessment, fees and charges for use of any rooms or other facilities of Community Synagogue or any other fees, charges and indebtedness of any kind or nature, owing at time of termination of membership to Community Synagogue.

SECTION 2.
COLLECTION CHARGES. The former member shall also be liable to Community Synagogue for all costs incurred by it to collect any of the items set forth in Section 1 of this Article; such costs shall include reasonable attorney’s fee, collection agency fees, all court costs and disbursements, and all expenses and disbursements reasonably incurred to effect a recovery thereof.

ARTICLE XIV
NOMINATIONS: OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

SECTION 1.
NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES. Nominations of all Officers and Trustees shall be made by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be elected for a two-year term at the same meeting at which the Officers and Trustees are elected and shall consist of eight members, four of whom shall be elected each year. The Chairman shall be selected by the President of the Congregation from the four members who have one year remaining of their term at the time of the election. The Nominating Committee will submit four names for election to the Nominating Committee at the time it submits the slate of Officers and Trustees. At least one of the proposed persons shall be a member of the Board of Trustees and at least one shall not. Should a vacancy occur in the Nominating Committee between the annual meetings, the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by election by the Board of Trustees. No such election shall be held until the Nominating Committee shall have been advised of the vacancy and nomination is received from the Nominating Committee in accordance with Article XIV Section 2.

SECTION 2.
FILING AND NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS.

A. BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Nominations by the Nominating Committee must be filed and read by the Nominating Committee at the meeting of the Board of Trustees one month prior to the election, and notice of said nominations must be mailed to the Congregation at least three weeks prior to the election.

B. BY THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE. Nominations by the Congregation at large may be made by petition of at least ten percent of the total membership units of the Congregation. Such petition must be filed with the Recording Secretary at least two weeks prior to the election and notice of said nominations must be mailed to the Congregation at least one week before the election.

C. NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES. Upon being advised that there is a vacancy in any office or of an elected member of the Board of Trustees or on the Nominating Committee itself, the Nominating Committee shall promptly meet and within 30 days of having been notified of such vacancy submit to the Board of Trustees the Committee’s nomination of a person to fill such vacancy. Notice of such proposed nomination shall be mailed to
the Board members at least two weeks prior to the date of the next regular or special meeting of the Board at which time election is to be held. If the Board rejects the nomination made by the Committee, the matter shall be referred back to the Nominating Committee for a new nomination. All other procedures shall be followed as in the case of the original nomination except that the Board may limit the time of the Nominating Committee to present another nomination to a period of 21 days from the date it is advised of the rejection. No nominations may be made in any other manner, nor by a write-in at the time of the balloting or from the floor.

SECTION 3.
TRUSTEES. No Trustee having held office for two consecutive terms of three years each shall be nominated for the office of Trustee for a subsequent term until one year after the expiration of such last term in office.

SECTION 4.
NO FLOOR NOMINATIONS OR WRITE-INS. No nominations may be made in any other manner nor by a write-in at the time of balloting or from the floor.

SECTION 5.
DELINQUENT. Delinquent members may not be nominated to any office or as a Trustee of the Congregation. Before submitting a nomination, the Nominating Committee must check with the Financial Secretary to determine that the nominee is a member in good standing.

SECTION 6.
GUIDELINES. The Board of Trustees shall adopt a set of Guidelines that members of the Nominating Committee shall read each year at the first or organizational meeting of such committee. The Nominating Committee Chairman shall report back to the Board of Trustees that said Guidelines have been so read.

ARTICLE XV
INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

SECTION 1.
ELECTION OF INSPECTORS OF ELECTION. At every annual meeting, two Inspectors of Election shall be appointed by the President to act at all elections and meetings, which may be held by the Congregation during the ensuing year.

ARTICLE XVI
RULES OF PROCEDURE

SECTION 1.
DETERMINATION. The rules of procedure applicable at meetings shall be determined by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XVII
NOTICES

SECTION 1.
SERVICE OF NOTICES. Notice under the By-laws shall not be construed to mean personal notice, except if specifically required and stated, but may be given by mail addressed to such person at his last known post office address, and the time of giving of such notice shall be the time when the same shall be so mailed. Members shall have the duty to advise the office of the Synagogue in writing of any change of address.

ARTICLE XVIII
GENDER

SECTION 1.
USE OF MASCULINE PRONOUN. The masculine personal pronoun, wherever used in these By-laws, shall be construed as including the feminine.
ARTICLE XIX
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

SECTION 1.
The Board of Trustees in its discretion may elect to honorary life membership any member who has provided outstanding leadership to the Congregation, subject however, to confirmation by the Congregation as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2.
Upon presentation of an appropriate resolution of the Board of Trustees electing an honorary life member, the Congregation shall confirm said election; a two-thirds vote of those present shall be necessary for such confirmation.

SECTION 3.
Notice in writing shall be given to every member of the Congregation at least ten days in advance of any meeting of the Congregation at which a resolution of the Board of Trustees to the foregoing effect is to be acted upon.

ARTICLE XX
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.
The Procedure for amending these By-laws shall be as required by Section 5 of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York (or any other applicable statutes) and by Section 2 of this Article XX.

SECTION 2.
Amendments to these By-laws must be in writing and must be proposed by the Board of Trustees or by at least ten percent of the total membership units of the Congregation and filed with the Board of Trustees. Such amendments may be acted on at any Annual Meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be mailed to each member at least ten days prior to the meeting at which any amendment is to be acted upon. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the persons present at such meeting and entitled to vote in accordance with Article II Section 3 shall be necessary to adopt any amendment.