

**C**ONSTITUTION  
AND BY - LAWS  
*of the*  
BNE REZITZA ASS'N  
INCORPORATED



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This translation shall be considered liberal.

The Yiddish text only is binding.

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# BNÈ REZITZA ASSOCIATION

(Incorporated)

— Historical Review —

by S. I. Rubin



In order to acquaint our members with the history of our organization, — how it started, and how it developed, — these lines are written.

It was organized with a handful of members on February 18, 1893, at 107 Orchard Street, Manhattan — the home of one of the organizers.

The name of this society was "Chevra Anshei Rezitza". However, for some reason, they found it necessary to change it to "Congregation Beth Lechem Iehudah Bnai Rezitza". This took place in June, 1896.

The flow of immigration to America became ever stronger, and in these new arrivals, this organization found its material wherewith to build its future. These new arrivals found a friend and a guide in this organization. Then, having become adjusted, they took their turn in befriending those that came after them.

Slowly, this society grew in numbers as well as capital. In time, the organization acquired with the help of their wives, a "Sefer-Torah", and quarters for worship. Also, burial grounds on Mt. Zion Cemetery.

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This was not all, — a Free Loan Fund was organized. This fund functions as a separate entity, but in reality is a part of our organization. Members of our society only can belong to and borrow from this fund.

Aid is thus afforded to members in a brotherly spirit, and without a charge of interest on their loans.

Always stronger, always greater, until such a time that the organization had its place to meet and worship, in one of the largest halls of the East-Side. The attendance was especially large on the high holidays.

Then, more "Sifre-Torah" were acquired, and more burial ground - - this time, the Mount Lebanon cemetery.

The constitution and by-laws having become obsolete, others were adopted. These were always eminently fair and in a fraternal spirit.

Not only to its members has our organization shown brotherly sentiment, but the "Rezitzer" always responds warmly to everything which is noble in Jewish life. To this day, we are steady contributors to various institutions.

Right after the cessation of the World War, when communications with the old homeland had been re-established, a relief committee was organized on the initiative of our society. This committee functioned

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for quite a long time, has raised considerable sums of money, and forwarded the same to Rezitza for the amelioration of the condition of the war-stricken.

It has now become a tradition with us to contribute annually to the Matzoth Fund in Rezitza.

Our sisters, too, haven't lagged behind. There was much good work to be done, so they organized the "Young Ladies' Auxiliary" of our association. Started by a few women, it is steadily growing in number, and is doing wonderful work by aiding and supporting the poor and needy.

The "Auxiliary" is ably conducted, and our association is really proud of their activity.

Our members became ever more settled in their newly adopted country, and from their first abode on the East-Side, they soon spread to all the corners of Greater New York.

This condition, as well as the fact that the ranks of the elder generation were getting thinner, reacted to the detriment of our house of worship. It became ever harder to function.

This made the existence of the organization as a congregation an absolute impossibility.

Our growth in numbers, however, continued, and in order to protect its membership, additional burial ground has been purchased on the Degel Ho-Rabonim cemetery. This we hope to God, will remain vacant for many years to come!



Conditions have changed to such a degree that many by-laws again became out of tune with the times.

So these and various other factors gave impetus to the movement to rewrite the constitution, and change the name of the organization.

After many meetings and discussions a Constitution-Committee was appointed to revise and re-write the old laws. This was accomplished after six months of arduous labor. This new Constitution has been ratified and the new name "Bne' Rezitza Association, Inc." adopted by unanimous vote at a Special meeting called for this purpose.

At present, our organization boasts a large membership, a substantial cash reserve, a Relief-Fund, three paid up cemeteries and a well-managed Free Loan Fund.

The name is changed, the constitution ammended - - the organization, however, remains the same refined, dignified Jewish organization, it always was, and our motto:

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"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"

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May it please GOD for many years to come.



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