

## CHAPTER 240.

Passed May 23, 1853. AN ACT to incorporate the trustees of the Baair Cheiim (the Well of Life) Congregation.

**Preamble.** WHEREAS, The scattered Israelites of the town of Cumberland, by their petition to this General Assembly, have prayed that they may be incorporated with powers necessary for the building of a Synagogue, wherein they may worship God according to the rights and customs of their fathers, to regulate their temporal and spiritual concerns, and to take, hold enjoy and convey property sufficient to carry into effect the object of their incorporation; Therefore,

**Incorporated.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Henry Rosenbach, Abraham Sheilds, Isaac Nathan, Abraham Sonneborn, Joseph Burgunder and Henry Adler, of said congregation, and their successors, chosen in manner hereinafter directed, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and erected into a body corporate, by the name and style of the Trustees of Baair Cheiim Congregation, and by the same name and style, shall have continued and perpetual succession, and be able and capable in law of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered, in any court of law or equity in this State, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to alter at their pleasure; and to hold, purchase and enjoy, any estate, real personal or mixed, in the same manner as other religious societies are authorised to acquire, hold and enjoy such estate by the constitution and laws of this State; *Provided,* that such estate shall not exceed in value ten thousand dollars.

**Proviso.**

**Election of trustees.** SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the male members of the said congregation, of the age of twenty-one years or over, may and shall meet on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, in each and every year from and after the passage of this act, or within twenty days thereafter, at the Synagogue of said congregation, or such other convenient place, in the town of Cumberland, as the trustees aforesaid shall designate and appoint, and then and there elect five persons, members of the said congregation, to be trustees thereof until another election be held in pursuance of this act.

**Establish by laws.**

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the male members of said congregation, over the age of twenty-one years, or a majority of them, shall be able to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall ap-