

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 17. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Montpelier on its centennial anniversary.

Whereas, the presence of Jewish families in Montpelier was recorded as early as 1895, and

Whereas, as stated in a Yiddish language document displayed prominently at the Beth Jacob Synagogue, the congregation was established in 1913 as Chevra Bais Yaakov (Beth Jacob), and

Whereas, the name of the Synagogue was chosen in memory of 10-year-old Jacob Yett, a son of one of the congregation's founders, who had died in an accident, and

Whereas, this same document established a framework of officers and trustees for the Synagogue, authorized the payment of financial support from members of the Jewish community, and required Jewish residents residing in Barre and Montpelier to pray at the Synagogue on designated holy days, and

Whereas, according to a written history of the Beth Jacob Synagogue, on October 14, 1914, the three synagogue trustees Harris Yett, I. Hendelman, and E. L. Segel filed articles of association with the Secretary of State for "Congregation Base Yaucove," creating a legal framework for the Synagogue pursuant to the laws of the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, only a month later, on behalf of the Synagogue, the three trustees purchased a property on Harrison Avenue and created a Jewish house of worship, which also for many years served as the residence of the congregation's rabbi, and

Whereas, according to Myron Samuelson's book on the Jews of Burlington, a specially trained Jewish scribe or sopher at the Beth Jacob Synagogue, named Mr. Krozer, wrote the calligraphy and prepared the parchment for a sacred Torah scroll, and its completion represented an historic milestone for the Montpelier Jewish community, and

Whereas, according to the *Times-Argus*, the Beth Jacob community room was added in 1967, and

Whereas, in recent years, Beth Jacob's much-loved sanctuary was in need of rejuvenation, and the congregation opted to build a beautiful new sanctuary on the original sanctuary's footprint, and it was dedicated in 2010, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Beth Jacob Synagogue is celebrating its centennial anniversary with a series of commemorative events, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Montpelier on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Beth Jacob Synagogue.

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