CONSTITUTION OF THE MCGILL UNIVERSITY L’CHAIM STUDENTS’ SOCIETY

Ratified by SSMU Executive Committee on: April 4, 1994

ARTICLE I - Name

The McGill University L’CHAIM Students’ Society

ARTICLE II– OBJECTIVE(S)

The objective of The M.U. L’CHAIM STUDENTS SOCIETY is to be a Traditional Chassidic Jewish cultural centre which is non-political. Over the course of Chabad House’s twenty-year existence, students from all backgrounds have participated in a variety of Jewish experiences on a daily basis. Such daily activities presently include:

- Daily Talmud Sessions
- Daily Prayer Services (3 times daily)
- Kosher eating facilities (Kotel restaurant)
- Chassidic philosophy sessions

Students have hands-on experience with and help in the development of these and other activities.

Unfortunately, many students (particularly out-of-town students) have gone through McGill without taking advantage or even knowing of the available activities. Therefore, we, as undergraduate students at McGill, take it upon ourselves to establish this student organization in order to help our fellow students become more involved in developing these activities.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

a) Any McGill University student regardless of religion, nationality, colour or sex may join the organization.
b) Only members of SSMU are eligible to be elected as officers and to hold voting privileges.
c) Associate non-voting membership may be allowed for non-students.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following: a President; a Vice-President; a Treasurer and a Secretary.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE DUTIES

The President shall:
- be the chief executive officer of the organization and is responsible for its organization in general;
call and preside at all meetings;
- co-sign all financial documents with the Treasurer;
- co-sign the minutes with the Secretary. L'Chaim Students' Society

The Vice President shall:
- be responsible for overseeing the executive staff and for providing direction in the formation and performance of subcommittees.

The Secretary shall:
- be the custodian of all records and take minutes at all meetings;
- be responsible for keeping members informed of all important issues;
- co-sign the minutes with the President

The Treasurer shall:
- be in charge of all receipts and disbursements of the organization;
- present the annual budget at the first general meeting in September;
- co-sign all financial documents with the President.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

a) There shall be a meeting of all members at least twice per year during the school year.
b) Discussion at meetings will be centered on topical issues, including those raised by the subcommittees.
c) Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.
d) Notice of the General Meeting shall be given one week prior to the date through the McGill Tribune/Daily and the SSMU Notice boards.
e) Quorum for the General Meeting shall be fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the members.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

Elections will take place at the General Meeting held each year during the month of March. Voting shall be by closed ballot. Notice of this meeting shall be given one week prior to the date.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments made to this Constitution are not effective unless arrived at:
1. By a 2/3 vote of the club’s executive and
2. By approval of the SSMU Council.

ARTICLE IX - AFFILIATION

The M.U. L’Chaim Students’ Society is affiliated with the international Chabad Lubavitch movement.

ARTICLE X - STUDENT’S SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

In the event a concern arises which is not covered in this constitution, the SSMU Constitution takes effect.