To the Honorable General Assembly of the State of Connecticut

We the petitioners having formed ourselves into a society for the worship of God according to the rites of our Fathers, & believing that our excellent Constitution has made ample provision for all to worship God according to the dictates of their Consienc, & believing also that the general Law on the subject of Cristian societies is not broad enough to protect us in the possession of Church Property & Burial Grounds as is the case with all Christian denominations we therefore pray your Honorable body to take our cause into concideration & grant us relief in the case by giving us the same privileges & immunities as are now enjoyed by Christian societies of all denominations which we being Jews do not now enjoy & the petitioners further state that we have prepared a place of Public Worship at Conciderable expense & it is to secure this in the possession of the society by Committe or otherwise that this petition is brought & for which your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray

Ira Merwin

Agt for Lewis Rothchild & others