

appeals to him, and he is willing to accept the position at a nominal salary.

S Morgolis Favors Rev Stern, and to call a meeting of the parents whose children attend Hebrew School, and let them select the man which suits them.

Motion made by Rosenthal 2 by S Morgolis to elect Rev Stern at a salary 2400⁰⁰ per year including teaching, laid on the table.

Finally it was decided the Secy to call on other applicants for trial for next Sat. to select one or two from those he has received letters of application.

The meeting was closed

Grossman Secy.

Homestead Pa Dec 12 - 1928

A meeting of Board of directors was held on Dec 11 - 1927 at Synagogue 8 P.M

Pres S. Mervis Presiding

The following Directors and members of the Cong were present. 1 S Mervis. 2 B Hepps. 3 D Grossman 4 M Dweis 5 Jos Fried. 6 D Samuels 7 S Rosenthal 8 B Mermelstein, 9 Max Adelsberg 10 S Morgolis. 11 E Lemberky 12 Jos Kordon. 13 J Burchard. 14 S Guckerman. 15 J Katz 16 B Friedlander. 17 Rob Davidson

The purpose of the meeting, Rev Rakusin of Cleveland Ohio who has conducted services on the previous Saturday, and who seems to be a capable man is to be considered for election as a permanent Cantor, Shochet & Teacher.

A motion by B Hepps was made second by S Mervis, in order to find out details regarding Rev. Rakusin, that they the Pres & Vice Pres shall go to Cleveland and inquire regarding Rev Rakusin, and if they will find everything satisfactory to call a Cong. meeting for Sunday and the board to recommend Rev Rakusin to the Cong. for the position. The Pres & Vice Pres. to go to Cleveland at their own expenses, a discussion followed

and the motion was put to a vote, 15 voting in favor of motion. Mr Davidson voted present, Mr B. Friedlander voted No.

The motion was declared carried and so ordered.

The meeting was closed

J Grossman Secy.

A meeting of the Cong. members was called for Dec 18. - 1927, and the following responded to the call,

1 S. Mervis: 2 B Hepps: 3 Joe Katz: 4 J Grossman
 5 B Mermelstein: 6 Louis Mermelstein Do Mermelstein
 8 Joe Greenstein: 9 D Jacobson: 10 H S Jacobson: 11 M D Weis
 12 D Numerosky: 13 Sam Ansbach: 14 L Jackson: 15 B Friedlander
 16 Alex Hepps: 17 Max Keisler: 18 Sam Hepps: 19 D Mendelechov
 20 Sam Margalis: 21 A Farkas: 22 Berkovitz: 23 D Samuels
 24 J Hydavitz: 25 H Lemberky: 26 R Sherman: 27 Max Grossman
 28 B Seivavitz: 29 Sam Rosenthal: 30 Arthur Greenstein
 31 Dr M H Moss: 32 Joe Port: 33 Louis Glick: 34 Joe Fried
 35 Morris Fogel: 36 J Michalovitz: 37 Ben Moskowitz
 38 Sam Fogel: 39 Joe Kardon: 40 Alex Lemberky: 41 Joe
 Busechson: 42 J Dreyer: 43 M Stahlberg: 44 Morris
 Winberg: 45 Harry Seivavitch: 46 Harry Roth
 47 Morris Glick: 48 Sam Schwarz.

Pres S. Mervis opened the meeting in regular
 form. 2. O'clock P. M.

The minutes of Dec 12th were read and
 accepted.

The Pres. called upon the vice pres. to
 make a report regarding the information
 received at Cleveland Ohio in respect to Rev
 Rakusin, who has conducted services the
 past two Saturdays at Homestead and who
 is to be considered as ^{Permanent} Chasen, Shochet, Teacher,
 for the Cong.

The Report of Mr B Hepps was as
 follows,

Rev. Rakusin held a position, similar to the one at Homestead, at Cleveland Ohio for past five years. He is married to a very pleasant woman, a pleasing personality, true Orthodox, altho American born, speaks a perfect jiddish, They have three children, who are raised in the orthodox tenets and belief, the boy over 13 years old lays every day tefilim, and the younger ones say their morning prayers every day. Mr Rakusin is a level headed business man, in addition to an excellent Cantor, and expert Shochet, and teaching is a hobby with him. He is inclined to accept the position at Homestead for four months as a trial, but after considering the matter more carefully he stated this will not be satisfactory to the Cong. more to him, as before he could get acquainted the four months would be over. Therefore he is willing to accept the position for a term of two or three years. He is a willing worker, can live economically, they are highly respectable and respected people, and the Cong will not make a mistake in electing him, it is up to the Cong. to make it pleasant for him, and he is willing to conduct services twice a month on Saturdays, in addition to all Holidays, and if necessary more often. In Boston he conducted services at times five or more weeks in succession, of course he lost nothing thereby. — Leinen — he may consent to, at the Sat. when he does not Dawen. He could not find a blemish on Rev Rakusin and can't recommend him to highly.

Per. Mr Smervis verified the statement of Vice Pres B Nepps. Dr. Moss asked the Pres. to state the price for which Rev Rakusin is willing to function, and was told in reply the salary to be 240⁰⁰ a month plus Shechita. For the 240⁰⁰ Rev. Rakusin is to conduct services at least twice a month, and teach children in the Hebrew School, in the tenets of Judaism,

The Pres was further asked why Rev Rakusin is willing to leave Cleveland, and the reply was given, that the Jewish population is shifting from one section of the City to another section and his Cong. is loosing in membership and attendance, he held the position there at a salary of \$3,500⁰⁰ and he could retain the position in the future but the Cong. is unable to pay him the salary. while in Held the prospects are for him to make an equal amount as he had in his former pulpit,

A motion was made by Mr Morris Fogel seconded by Mr B Moskowitz to accept the recommendations of the Officers and Board of directors of the Cong. and tender Rev. Rakusin a call to accept the pulpit of our Cong. at a salary of 240⁰⁰ monthly, for a term of two years. This motion was amended by Mr D Jacobson to read three years, the amendment was accepted by the motion maker, and was unanimously accepted by all present, and passed.

A motion was made by Mr D Weis, seconded by Mr Fogel, to authorize the officers and directors to draw up a contract with Rev Rakusin stipulating all the conditions in the Contract as heretofore stated, motion carried.

Upon request of all those present Rev Rakusin was sent for and requested to conduct Mincha services, all went up to the main auditorium of the Synagogue and Rev Rakusin complied with the request of the members.

An announcement was made by Mr Morris Simberg that the Sunday School children will have a Chanuka festival at 8 O'clock P. M. and all are invited to be present. The meeting was closed.

Whereupon all departed to their respective homes.

J Grossman Secy.