

**Dr. Joseph Babad Installed as Rabbi in Tarentum**

Six months after his arrival from New York City, Dr. Joseph Babad, of Vienna, was formally installed as Rabbi of Ohev Sholom Synagogue, Tarentum, Pa., on Sunday evening, January 12.

Rabbis Wolf Leiter and Benjamin A. Lichter of Pittsburgh attended the installation ceremony to honor their new colleague.

Dr. Babad, a direct descendant of a rabbinical family who for fourteen generations have been famous throughout Central and Eastern Europe, attracted the attention of Jewish leaders in America long before his arrival in this country on January 1, 1940.

Rabbi Babad was born June 17, 1905, near what was the former Russian-Austrian border, in the city of Lubaezow. In 1914, he and his parents fled from the Russian invasion to Vienna. There he received both a profound general and a special Jewish education. He graduated from the University of Vienna in 1933, with a Ph. D. degree.

From the year that he was graduated until 1938, he was district rabbi of Corinthia, a southern county in Austria. During January, 1938, Rabbi Babad assumed the leadership of the well known synagogue Aeshel Avroham in Vienna which had a congregation numbering fifteen hundred members. At the same time he was a professor of Jewish religion at the only Jewish college in Vienna, Chayes Gymnasium. While in Vienna, he wrote for many periodicals.

In December, 1938, Dr. Babad was forced to flee to Holland where he continued working as a leader of Zionist and Mizrahi movements. Two years later, he was again forced to

become a refugee. This time he found a haven in New York City.

The committee for the installation ceremony and dinner were: program, David Silverman, chairman; Frank Singer, Mrs. Carl Middeman, Jack Tanovitz, Mrs. Jack Tanovitz, Mrs. Victor Reiter, Mrs. Harold Newhouse, Mrs. Alex Weisberg, Mrs. Martin Gluchow, Mrs. Abe Sparks, Mrs. H. Silverman, and Dr. I. H. Wachs; dinner, Mrs. Joe Wikes, chairman; Mrs. Meyer Slone, Mrs. Frank Singer, Mrs. S. Caesar, Mrs. I. H. Wachs, Mrs. Dave Silverman and Mrs. Dave Weissburg. Abraham Fishkin acted as toastmaster for the evening.

**Benefit Dance Planned by McKees Rocks Group**

The McKees Rocks Mother's Club will hold a benefit dance at the club El Chico, in Pittsburgh, on January 20.

For reservations call Federal 2956. Mrs. Harry Fruchthandler is chairman of the dance.

**S.W.D. to Hear Rabbi Lichter**

The Southwestern District of Pennsylvania Jewish Religious Schools Teachers Institute will hold its monthly meeting in the Social Hall of the Rodef Shalom Temple, on Monday evening, January 20, at 8:15 o'clock. Rabbi Benjamin A. Lichter will be the guest speaker. His subject will be, "Some Aspects of Jewish Music." This talk will be illustrated by Cantor Gustav Heiser.

Refreshments and a social hour will follow the general meeting. Kehillath Jeshurin Mothers' Club will be the hostesses for the evening. Teachers, superintendents and all those interested in the Southwestern District are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

**Dr. Freehof Honored by Golden Book Inscription**

In recognition of the fine cooperation and the invaluable services rendered by Dr. Freehof to the leaders of all worthy causes and of the Zionist Organization, the Pittsburgh Zionist District inscribed the name of Doctor Solomon B. Freehof in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

Saul S. Spiro, President of the Pittsburgh Zionist District, received the following letter from Dr. Freehof acknowledging the honor:

"I was very happy to hear from you that the Zionist District and the Pittsburgh Council for the Jewish National Fund were generous enough to have my name inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

"I am grateful first for myself since you have put me thereby in an illustrious list of Jewish communal workers and leaders who are devoted to the upbuilding of Palestine. This is an honored group who by their enthusiasm and devotion expressed in their work for Palestine have also helped build up the American Jewish community.

"Then I am also grateful to have been the occasion whereby the District can make an additional gift to the Fund itself, thus aiding in achieving the permanent foundation for the Yishuv. These are days in which all Jews need to summon whatever courage is in their heart. History will record some heroic communities during these days of tragedy. The common people of London and the average man and woman of Palestine constitute heroic communities in the modern world. May their heroism be rewarded with victory."

**Dr. Alexander Silverman Receives Award**

Dr. Alexander Silverman, head of the University of Pittsburgh Department of Chemistry, has been named recipient of the 1940 Pittsburgh award of the American Chemical Society. The award is in recognition of his outstanding service to chemical education and for distinguished contributions to industrial chemistry and the ceramic arts.

**Dessert Bridge Planned by Mother's Group**

Mrs. J. M. Hurwitz, President of the Mothers' Club of the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, has announced the following committee members for the Dessert Mah Jong and Bridge Party to be held Sunday afternoon, January 26 at 1:30 o'clock at 314 N. Neville Street: Mrs. Jos. Brown, Chairman; Mrs. Herman Glass, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Louis Wintner, Ticket Chairman, with Mrs. Aron Mayer as Co-Chairman; Mrs. Sol Black, Prizes; Mrs. Harry Dunn, Social Chairman; Mrs. Alex. Lowy, Arrangements.

**Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh Synagogue**

Services are held every Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock for students of the Hebrew Institute and all those in the neighborhood who understand Hebrew.

On Saturday, January 18, Rabbi P. N. Gross will speak in Hebrew on "Moses, the Father of Prophecy."

Rev. S. Rosenberg will conduct the services and sing the traditional responses.

**Inter-City Youth Conference Plans Completed**

Samuel D. Gershovitz, field secretary of the Mid-West Section of the National Jewish Welfare Board, will confer with the executive committee of Pittsburgh Jewish Youth Council this Sunday on final plans for the Second Annual Inter-City Youth Conference to be held at the "Y" February 1 and 2.

Co-chairmen Ray Sachs and William Mazefsky announced this week that more than 1,000 young men and women from seven Mid-West cities expect to attend the conference dance, luncheon and four round-tables, all to take place in the local "Y" Building.

**Braddock B'nai B'rith Auxiliary**

Mrs. Frank Shaffer, general chairman, and her committee consisting of Misses Minnie Goldfield, Esther Tobe, Rose Rosenfeld, Belle Pollock, Ruth Rubin; Mesdames Milton Kahn and J. Bastacky, have made final plans for a benefit bridge to take place on Sunday evening, January 19, at 8:00 o'clock. The affair, which will take place at the Braddock Jewish Community Center, is being sponsored by the Braddock B'nai B'rith Auxiliary.

Bridge, mah jong, and refreshments will be part of the evening.

Miss Minnie Goldfield, fireside chat chairman, held a meeting at her home on Tuesday, January 14, at 8:30 p. m. at which a local speaker discussed the practical side of anti-defamation.

The next regular meeting of the organization will take place on Tuesday evening, January 21. Dr. W. McFarland, director of the general health council will speak on "Social Disease in any Community." Mrs. Joseph Marder is president of the Braddock B'nai B'rith Auxiliary.

**Homestead Club Organizes**

The newly organized H. S. Schwartz Aleph Club of Homestead, Pa., has set February 7 at 8 p. m., at the Rodef Sholem Synagogue, Homestead as the date and place for the installation of their newly organized chapter and officers of the ensuing year.

The following Alephs and their office are as follows, president, Milton Jackson; vice president, Manuel Glick; secretary, Morris Lazar; treasurer, Charles Seiavitch; sergeant-at-arms, Leslie Jacobson; doorkeeper, Harold Mermelstein; publicity chairman, Lester Rubinstein; religious chairman, Wilbert Newman. Advisory Board: Rabbi A. M. Pinkas, Mr. Bernard Hausrath, and Mr. Herman Lembersky.

**Jacob Lestchinsky to Speak Here**

Jacob Lestchinsky, foremost authority on Jewish social and economic problems, will speak on the subject: "The Jews in Soviet Russia and other European Countries" on Thursday evening, January 23, at the Y. M. and W. H. A. under the auspices of the Labor Zionist Council of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Lestchinsky, an outstanding economist, has devoted his life to a broad study of Jewish economics and has an intimate knowledge of Jewish life from personal contact and active participation in the various movements of more than three decades, designed to relieve and improve the statutes and conditions of European Jewry.



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