

Short Biographical Sketch-- of Rabbi Robert A. Kaufman, BA, MA, BHL, MHL, Ordin.

Positions Held--

Present--since 1959---- Rabbi of the Synagogue of Israel, Wheeling, West Va.

The synagogue is a Conservative congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of America. Position here calls for the rabbi to teach children and adults. At present I teach in the Hebrew school and on Sunday morning, the confirmation class. We have in the Hebrew school 35 pupils and 100 in the Sunday school. Services held on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and afternoon.

Previous positions----

1958-59-- Rabbi --Chaplin at the B'nai Brith Center in Roshester, Minn. Acted as a ^{chaplin} ~~chaplain~~ in the hospital system of the Mayo Clinic and as a rabbi at the center for the community.

1957-58---- Rabbi of Tree of Life Congregation, Morgantown, West Va. and Director of the ~~BI~~ B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at the West Va. University.

1955-57---- Served ~~xxx~~ as a Chaplin in the United States Army. Stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Founded the Fort Bragg Jewish Center. Handled all public relations for the Fort Bragg Chaplin's Section.

Positions held as a Student Rabbi-----

1953-55---Rabbi of ~~z~~ Temple Beth El of Northern Valley, Closter, N. J.

New congregation located in the suburbs of New York City.

1952-53--- Rabbi of Temple Shomray Sholom, Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Congregation mainly of young married people living in a veteran's housing project.

1951-52--- Jewish Education Instructor at the Edenwald School for Boys, Bronx, N.Y.

School was run under the Jewish Child Care Assoc. of New York

General Employment before entering Rabbinical studies-----

1948 - 50 ---- Employed as a Case Worker in Pittsburgh, Pa. by the

Penna. Department of Public Assistance

General Employment----

1948----- Worked as an Investigator for a short time for the Penna. ~~Stat~~ State
Tax Equalization Board, in the Pittsburgh Area.

Education-----

High School----- Punxsutawney High-----Punxsutawney, Pa. 1943

College-----

Penna. State University-----State College, Pa. B A 1946

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. M A 1948

work toward a Ph D at Pitt 1948-49

Jewish Higher Education

Teacher's Training courses at -- 1948-50

Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh

Rabbinical Training-----

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

New York School 1950-55

Ordained at N. Y. and given MHL
degree---June 1955.

Organization and Community Activity-----

Hillel Foundation Penn State-----active-----1943-46

Student Zionist Federation----- 1945-48--State College and Pittsburgh

Hapoel Hamizrachi (Religious Labor Zionists) 1948-49

Poale Zion--Labor Zionist Organization of America----- 1948-55

Zionist Organization of America--member at present and -- Vice-President of

Tri-State Region--

Central Conference of American Rabbis--member since 1955--

(also applying for membership at present in Rabbinical Assembly-Conservative)

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~~Tri-State~~ Association of Conservative Rabbis--member since 1959
Organization of Rabbis serving Conservative congregations in
the Tri State Area.

Non -Jewish Assoc.

Masonic Order (14 degree Scottish rite mason)

Military Chaplins Assoc.

Reserve Officers Assoc.

American Association for the United Nations--Wheeling Chapter

Member of the Board of the Children's and Family Service Association of
Wheeling.

Synagogue Assoc.

Previous to entering the rabbinate I was an active member of the Young
Peoples Synagogue of Pittsburgh. I served as an officer of the synagogue
for two years. 1947-49.

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Marital Status----

Married and father of two girls, aged 9 and 3--Aviva and Toby Ann.

Wife--Hilda--- formerly a native Pittsburgher. ^{-GRADUATE-} Graduate of the Hebrew Institute
teaching
of Pittsburgh. More than 10 years ~~teaching~~ experience in the Hebrew
schools of the city. Graduate of the University, of Pittsburgh--1948.

In the absence of a rabbi Mrs. Kaufman ran the Hebrew and Sunday school
for the Beth Israel Center, in Fayetteville, N. C. for almost 9
months. 1955-56.