

Poale Zedek Synagogue to Hold Dedication Exercises Sunday

Rabbi Emanuel Schoenbrun of Cleveland to Deliver Principal Address

This Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock the Poale Zedek Congregation will hold the dedication exercises of the cornerstone laying for the new synagogue, at the corner of Shady and Phillips Avenues, Squirrel Hill. The members, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Ground was broken for the new synagogue on April 15th, with a very fine speaking program. The honor of break-

This synagogue was destroyed by fire in 1915 and was later rebuilt with improvements. Max Friedman was then president; Jacob Weiss, vice-president; Adolph Greenberger, financial secretary; I. S. Schutzer, recording secretary; Herman Labowitz, treasurer; and the Board of Trustees included Frank Brunnewasser, Herman Greenbaum, John Feldman, Herman Lefkowitz, Moritz Rosenzweig, Harry Recht, Herman Schwimmer and Morris Schlesinger.

Present officers of the congregation are: President, Adolph Greenberger; vice-president, Herman Windt, succeeding the late Bernath Weiss; recording secretary, William Lampl; financial secretary, Frank Brunnewasser; assistant financial secretary, Maurice Edlis; treasurer, Herman Labowitz. Board of Directors: Adolph Edlis, John Feldman, Bennie Klee, Herman Lefkowitz, Moritz Rosenzweig, Jacob Schlesinger, Morris Unger and Jacob Weiss. The Committee of the

Rebecca Steuer as president. The next president was Mrs. Joseph Klein, who was succeeded by the present incumbent, Mrs. David A. Mendoza, who has served in that office nine years. The present officers of the Sisterhood are as follows: Honary president, Mrs. Joseph Klein; president, Mrs. D. A. Mendoza; first vice-



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ing ground with shovel and pick was sold to Mr. Sam L. Berkovitz, of Dawson Street, and Mr. Morris Cohen, of Melvin Street, bought the honor of breaking ground with the steam shovel.

The New Structure

The Synagogue Poale Zedek is approximately 60 feet wide by 93 feet long and 68 feet high from the Shady Avenue sidewalk to the top of the building.

It will consist of a sub-basement, in which is housed the heating apparatus and the coal bunker. The basement consists of an auditorium, stage, property rooms of ample size, entrance hall, two check rooms, a men's and a women's rest room, both containing fireplaces, and men's and women's toilet rooms. Leading from the entrance hall at each end are staircases connecting above with the first floor.

The first floor will be approached from Shady Avenue by an imposing set of cement and stone steps with staircases leading to the main synagogue above and the auditorium below. On the street side of this lobby are three entrance doorways. This floor is given over to the Beth Hamedrash, to be used for daily services, and in the rear of which are class rooms for the Talmud Torah School, an office and large corridor leading to Phillips Avenue.

The main floor consists of a large lobby facing Shady Avenue, back of which is the main synagogue, seating about one thousand people and featured by a beautiful dome, a marble arc at the east wall and a Bimah directly under the dome. Two staircases lead from the lobby of this floor to the balcony floor above.

The synagogue will be faced on the Shady Avenue front with brick, art glass and terra cotta.

History and Facts

The Congregation Poale Zedek, now located at Crawford and Foreside Streets, was organized in 1881-1882 with fifteen charter members. Meetings were held in the third floor room of a building at Second Avenue and Grant Street. The officers at that time were as follows: President, Phillip Fried; vice-president, Isaac Horr; treasurer, H. Schwartz; secretary, Joseph Greenberger; trustees were B. Horr, Max Friedman and D. Gelb.

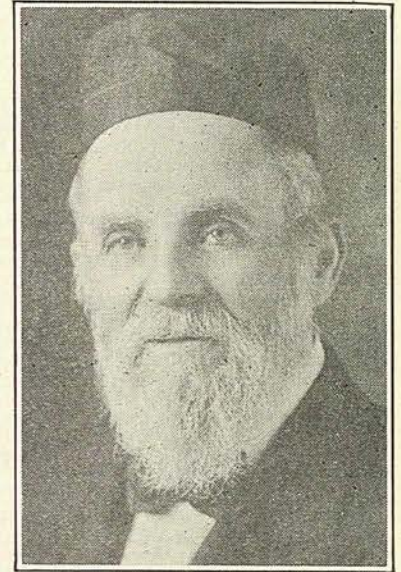
In 1900, the congregation moved to Federal Street, now Fernando Street, and remodeled a private residence there for a place of worship. The membership was then about 70. About the year 1906 the congregation moved to Crawford and Foreside Streets, the present location.

PROGRAMME	
Master of Ceremonies Hon. Adolph Edlis	
Introductory Remarks.....	Adolph Greenberger, President of Congregation
Remarks.....	Hon. Adolph Edlis
Invocation.....	Rabbi S. B. Friedman
Greetings.....	Hon. Mayor Charles H. Kline
Greetings.....	Hon. James F. Malone, Chairman City Council
Greetings.....	Rabbi M. S. Sivitz
Greetings.....	Rabbi E. W. Kochin
Greetings.....	Rabbi B. A. Lichter
Greetings.....	Rabbi H. Hailperin
Address.....	Rabbi E. Schoenbrun, Cleveland, Ohio
Greetings.....	Rabbi W. Leiter
Greetings.....	Rabbi G. A. Rose
Greetings.....	Rabbi M. A. Levin
Greetings.....	Rabbi J. J. Hurvitz
Address.....	Rabbi S. B. Friedman
Remarks.....	Max Friedman, Chairman of Publicity
CORNER-STONE LAYING	
Benediction.....	Rabbi S. B. Friedman

Past presidents and number of years served by each (when more than one year was served) are as follows: Phillip Fried, I. Horr, Max Friedman (12 years), I. Maltz, Joseph Greenberger (3 years), Moritz Dumm, D. Gelb, Max Weissberger, Bernard Weiss (2 years), Samuel Hausman (6 years), I. Klein, Frank Brunnewasser (5 years), Jacob Weiss, Isidor Ungar, Leo Ferber, Morris Weiss and Adolph Greenberger.

Building Program includes Adolph Edlis, honorary chairman; Henry Lawrence, chairman; John M. Schwartz, vice-chairman; Max Friedman, publicity chairman; Herman Windt, financial chairman; Leo Ferber, Jacob Gold, Isaac Greenberger, Samuel Hausman, Joseph Klein, Louis Lawrence, Isidor Ungar and Jacob Weinberger.

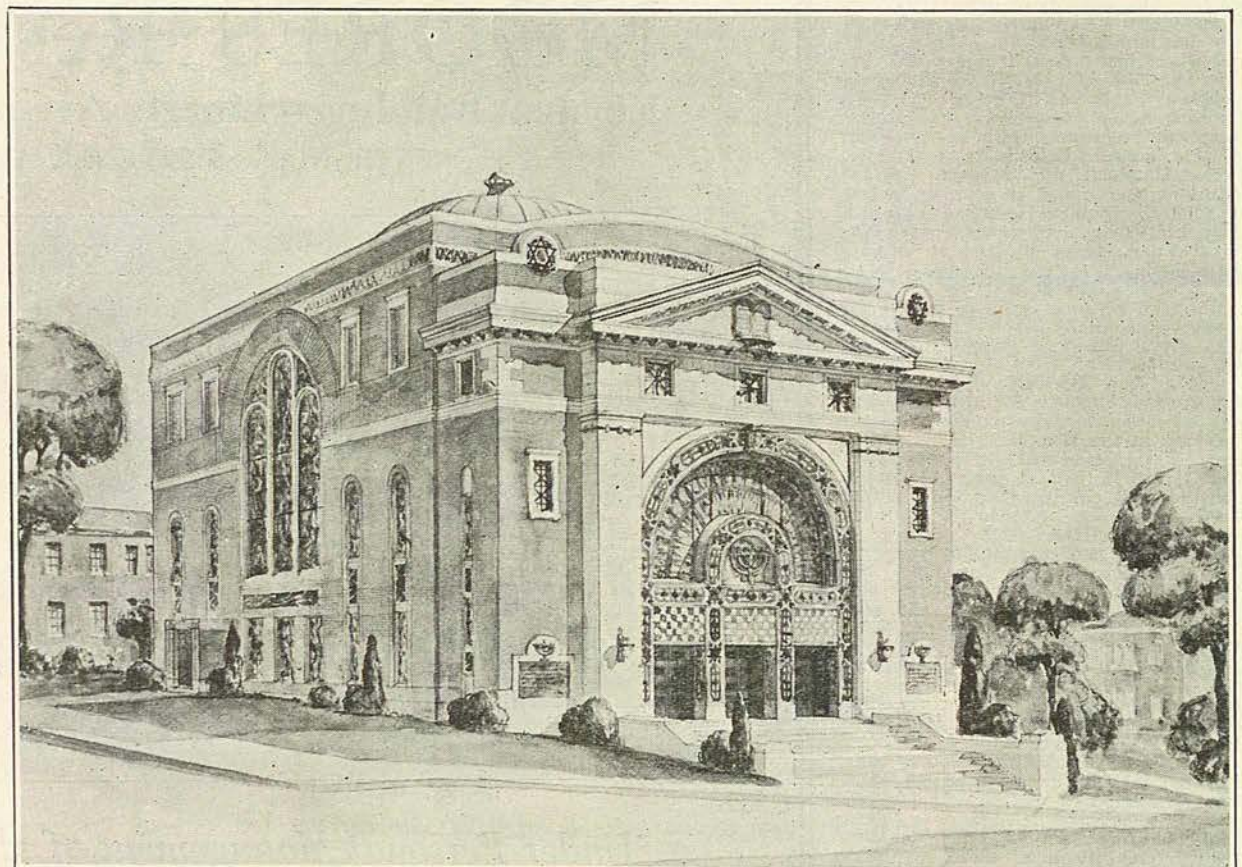
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president, Mrs. Joseph Reich; second vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Schwartz; third vice-president, Mrs. B. Klein; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Isadore Klein; fifth vice-president, Mrs. Samuel A. Cohen; recording secretary, Mrs. A. H. Steinitz; financial secretary, Mrs. A. C. Licht; treasurer, Mrs. Charles J. Weinberger; chairman of publicity, Mrs. S. B. Friedman.

Attorney for the congregation is Bernard Friedman. Architects for the new building are Charles J. and Christ Rieger, of Pittsburgh, and J. Kindler, of Pittsburgh, is the general contractor for the



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new building. The present membership of the congregation is over 200. In the



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last two months about 50 new members have joined the congregation.

Rabbi E. Schoenbrun, of Cleveland, Ohio, teacher of Rabbi Friedman, who spoke so inspiringly and impressively at the breaking of ground exercises in April, has again been invited to deliver the principal address in Yiddish at this dedication.

Rabbi Schoenbrun came to Cleveland, from Scranton, Pa., about thirty years ago, and is at present the spiritual leader of three congregations. He is very well thought of and highly respected by the Cleveland community, where, for over a quarter of a century he has been very active in promoting and strengthening Orthodox Judaism.

The guest of the congregation, Rabbi Schoenbrun, obtained his Hebrew education at the following famous Yeshivahs of Hungary: Shebesh, under the late Rabbi Leibish Jolles; Pressburg, under the late Rabbi Nathtali Sopher; Ujhely, Rabbi Eleazer Loeve; Kappush, Rabbi Joshua Heschel; Hust, Rabbi Moshe Shik; Bonhad, Rabbi Moshe Pollack; Mattesdorf, Rabbi Samuel Ehrenfeld (Ch'San Sofer).

Rabbi S. B. Friedman, spiritual leader of the congregation since April, 1920, will deliver the principal address in English.

A parade of automobiles is being arranged, which will form at the synagogue on Crawford Street, at 1 o'clock sharp, and proceed to the dedication exercises. Members and friends of the congregation are urged to bring their cars and join the procession.

HEBREW INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT THURSDAY EVENING AT "Y"

Chairman of Commencement

The community attention will be focused on the Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh this Thursday evening, at 8:15 o'clock, when the annual commencement will be held in the Morris Kaufmann Memorial Auditorium of the Y. M. & W. H. A. Marcus Rauh, a trustee, will preside. An interesting program has been arranged.

The occasion will mark the second graduation exercises of the Teachers' Training School of the Hebrew Institute and the seventh annual commencement of the High School Department of the Institute. Seven young people, who this month also received B.A. degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, will be presented with diplomas which certify that they are fully competent, thoroughly trained Hebrew instructors. It is a firmly adhered to regulation of the Institute that its training school graduates must be graduates also of a university or normal school.

The seven graduates are: David Boder, Abe Cohen, Jacob Fischler, Bernard Kaplan, Elenor Kasen, Sarah Shapiro and Morris Spievach. All have been or will be assigned to teaching positions in daily Hebrew schools of the Pittsburgh district, under the supervision of Prof. Israel A. Abrams, principal of the Institute.

At the same time, 22 boys and girls who have completed the prescribed course of study of the Institute's high school will receive diplomas. These seniors will continue to attend the school, taking post-graduate work in the Teachers' Training School, preparatory, in many cases, to entering the teaching profession.

These graduates who have finished the course in advanced Hebrew, Hebrew grammar, Jewish ethics, Hebrew literature, Jewish history, Talmud, etc., are: Solomon Abrams, Max Braude, Nathan Berman, David Davidson, Anna Dickman, Meyer Feinberg, Esther Greenberg, Myer Hirsch, Jeanette Kaplan, Isadore Levy, Max Nedlin, Norman Plotkin, Abraham Reich, Leon Rubinstein, Ida Aakovitsky, J. Schwartz, Louis Shipkovitz, Hyman Shub, Hyman Solomon, Celia Tanner, Leah Weisman, Abraham Wolf and Michael Ferguson.

The Institute has completely revolutionized old practices regarding the teaching of Hebrew to boys and girls. The Hebrew language is not simply taught so that the students may recite the tongue parrot-like without any comprehension of its meaning. At the Institute the pupils are thoroughly familiar with the meaning of each Hebrew word they utter. Elementary and advanced Hebrew grammar is one of the foremost subjects of the school.

Again, the Institute has entirely abandoned the old theory that a child's Jewish education is completed at Bar Mitzvah. Jewish education is not more complete at that age than secular studies

are finished when a boy or girl reaches the age of 13.

The Hebrew Institute is not the only school with a Teachers' Training Department. Since the restricted immigration plan has been in force, American Jewry has been compelled to look within its own ranks for young people to enter the teaching profession to fill the demand for Jewish instructors. Nothing short of pathetic is the constant plea of small communities for modernly trained Jewish teachers, and the Hebrew Institute, together with a number of other similar institutions throughout the country, is seeking to answer these appeals. There are any number of positions open and will be for a long time to come. About 1,000 young people are in training throughout the country at the present time and every effort is being put forth to attract hundreds more.

Young Judaeen Clubs to Present Program

Final plans have been made for the Young Judaeen Finale, the program which is to be given in the Morris Kaufmann Auditorium of the "Y", Sunday, June 24th, at 2 o'clock, promptly. This program, given under the direction of Miss Bessie Anna Kann, local supervisor, in honor of the Zionist District members and Junior and Senior Hadasah, will make the end of Young Judaeen activities for this season.

Each Young Judaeen club will be represented in the Sunday afternoon entertainment. There will be several sketches given by various clubs, some portraying Young Judaea as it is today, others, as it will be in years to come. Musical numbers, including violin, vocal and orchestra numbers, form a part of the program, which also includes poetry, a pantomime, orations and the awarding of prizes for the season's work. Some ensemble work will be done by members of every club in unison. The eight Pittsburgh active Young Judaeen clubs present varied types of talent, which combine to form the final program of this Junior Zionist organization.

Miss Kann has received the sincere co-operation of her individual club leaders and of many interested workers. Mr. Samuel Fuss, president of local Young Judaea; Mr. Jack Rosenberg, Mrs. Rachel Savage Ellenbogen, Rev. Guntsberg and Mrs. Vixman have been particularly helpful.

The regular season of activity will begin again in September, although informal plans have been made for the summer months.