

Impressive Ceremony to Mark Presentation of Sifre Torah to Israel

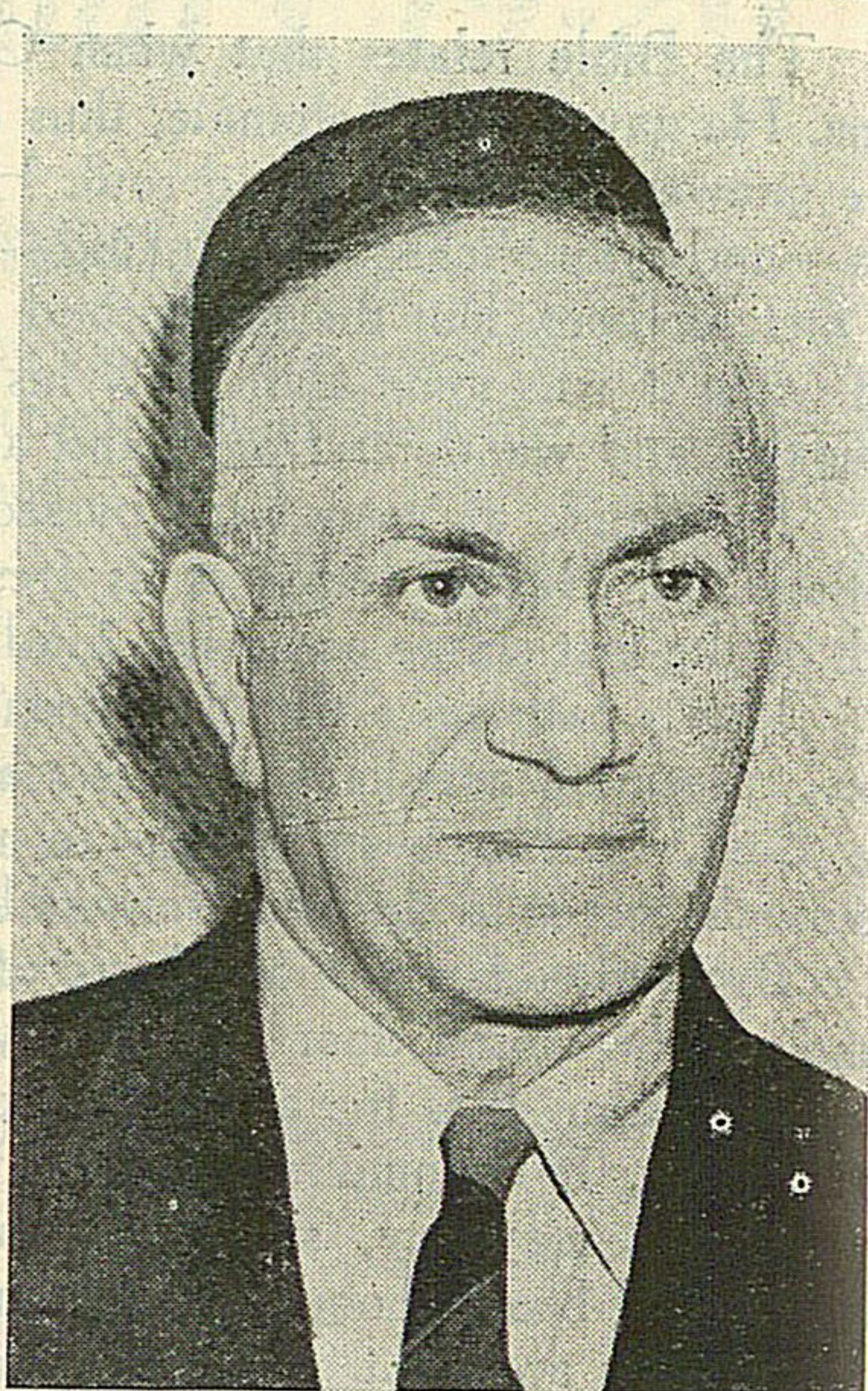


David Sakolsky, President

The Pittsburgh Community will witness a rare event — the type of ceremony that takes place perhaps once in a life-time — on Sunday evening, February 19 at 8:30 at the Poale Zedeck Synagogue.

The Tiphereth Israel Congregation, which is no longer operating its Synagogue, is transferring its Sifre Torah to ten colonies of Hapoel Hamizrachi in Israel and to the Children's Village at Raananah. Congregation Tiphereth Israel, one of the oldest Congregations in the city of Pittsburgh, was founded in 1870 and has served the community faithfully since that time. Under the spiritual leadership of the late Rabbi E. W. Kochin, Tiphereth Israel became one of the outstanding synagogues in this area. In 1912 when the Synagogue was chartered under its present name, S. L. Silverman, William Losman, Louis Goodstone, Louis Siff, M. Scheinholtz, S. J. Rogalsky, B. Berman, Issack Martinsky and L. Zarembovitz were among the Charter Members. Mr. S. J. Rogalsky is the oldest living member of Tiphereth Israel.

The Committee for the Presentation of Sifre Torah to Israel is under the general chairmanship of Rabbi Dr. Joseph Shapiro and includes a city-wide committee of Rabbis and leading laymen including Rabbi A. M. Ashinsky, Jacob Brinn, Charles G. Brown, Abraham L. Butler, Donald B. Butler, Abe Dunn, Harry Dunn, Judge Henry Ellenbogen, Max Engelberg, Herman Fineberg, Albert E. Gold, J. D. Goding, Samuel Goldstock, D. I. Horvitz, Rabbi Joseph Kaplan, Bernard Kaplan, Samuel Kaufman, Dr. Louis M. Kochin, Rabbi Morris Landis, Rabbi David Leiter, Rabbi Wolf Leiter, Judge Benjamin Lencer, Solomon Linder, William Losman, Morris Mazer, Harry N. Morris, Carl Margolis, Bennie R. Neaman, Rabbi B. A. Poupko, Max Rogal, Max Rice, Adolph Schoenbrun, D. Sakolsky, Dr. J. J. Schmidt, Morris Schwartz, Edward S. Sheinberg, Jacob Siegel, Emanuel Spector, Leo Unger, Louis Weiner, Judge



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Samuel A. Weiss, Councilman A. L. Wolk, Jacob Wolk, Rabbi A. B. Zilberberg. Elaborate plans for appropriate presentation of the Sifre Torah have been made and figures of international importance will be in attendance. The Sifre Torah will be accepted by the Hon. Elihu Elath, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States. Rabbi Morris Berman, vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America and Chairman of the National Council of Hapoel Hamizrachi will speak. Major Meir Sohitman, one of the heroes in the early battles for the State of Israel will be in Pittsburgh for the occasion. Cantor A. Vygoda will render appropriate liturgical selections assisted by Leon Kousheroff and his choir.

Messrs. D. Sakolsky, Abe Leberman, William Losman, Sam Reznick, S. L. Silverman, J. Levy, B. Berman, Harry Meyers, H. Sakolsky, M. Wolf, M. Losman and Dr. Louis Kochin, all members of the Tiphereth Israel Congregation will present the Sifre Torah in a special ceremony to members of Hapoel Hamizrachi of Pittsburgh as representatives of Hapoel Hamizrachi in Israel. This public presentation of the Sifre Torah will be made to the following colonies of Hapoel Hamizrachi: Achdut, Bamishor, Hazorim, Alma, Kfar Darom, Mchhora, Kiryat Shmuel, Moriah, Tirat Zvi, and Techayah, and to the Children's Village at Raananah. This is the first time that an event of this nature and of such magnitude has taken place in the Jewish community since the establishment of the State of Israel.

The Officers of the Tiphereth Israel Congregation are: President, David Sakolsky; Vice-President, Abe Leberman; Secretary, Rev. A. Spokane; and Treasurer, William Losman.

The Pittsburgh Jewish Community is invited to participate in this memorable celebration. Admission is free and there will be no solicitation of funds.