

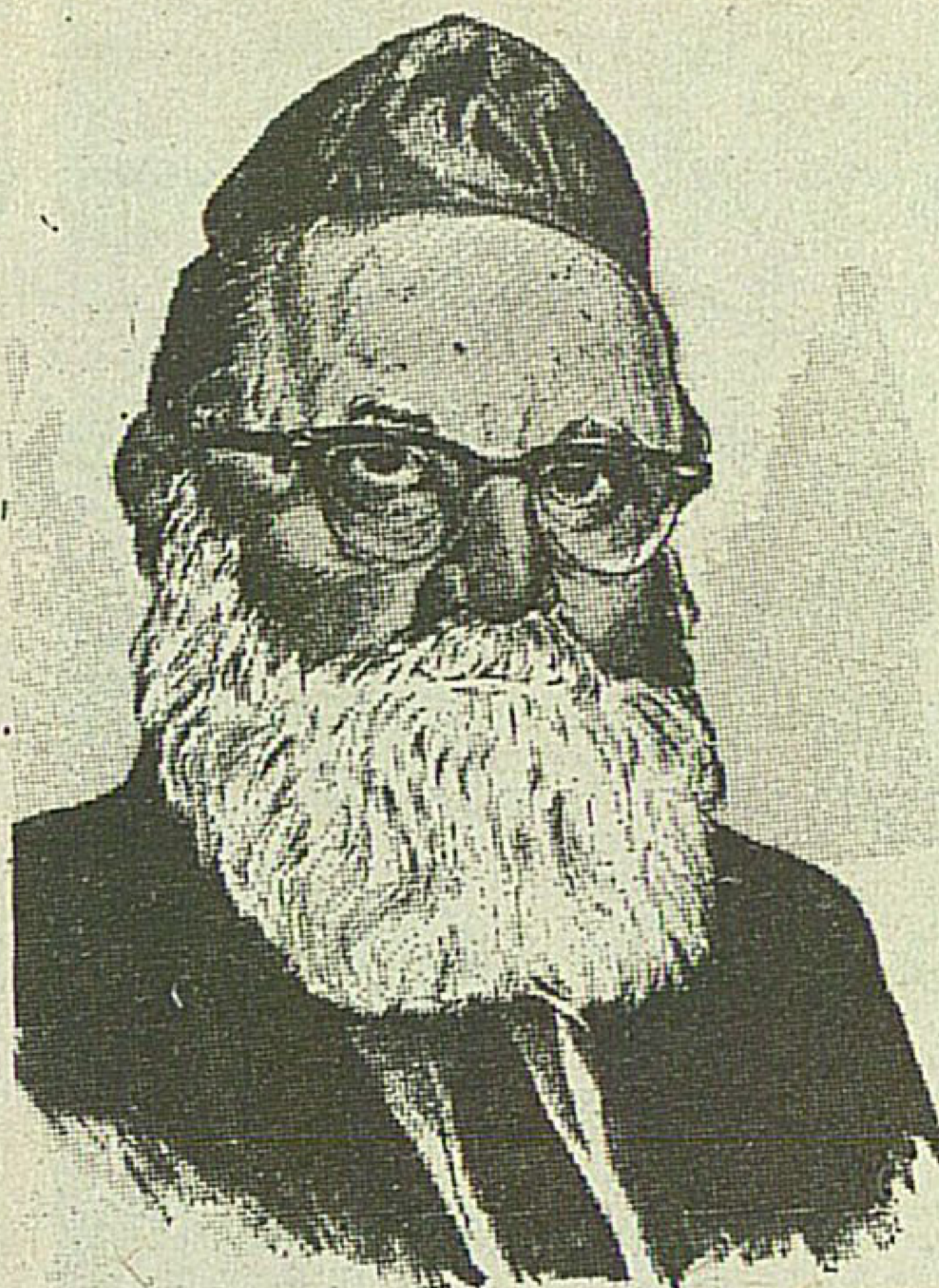
# Scholar Rabbi Leiter Dies at 82

Rabbi Wolf Leiter, long considered one of the world's foremost Talmudic scholars, and leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas here for 50 years, died last week in Suffern, N.Y. He was buried on February 24 in Bnei Brak, Israel.

The 82 year old legal authority had been with the congregation since 1922 when it was located in the Hill District, and remained spiritual leader at its present East End location until a year ago, when he moved to Suffern.

An energetic leader of the Jewish community both culturally and religiously, Rabbi Leiter was fluent in 12 languages. His concern for Judaism and his grasp of Jewish law's intricacies earned him the honorary titles of Dean of the Pittsburgh Orthodox Rabbinate and Dean of Hebraic Law.

According to Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko, Chairman of the Rabbinic Fellowship of Greater Pittsburgh, "The death of Rabbi Wolf Leiter has removed from our community and from American and world Jewry a great scholar and a unique rabbinic personality. Rabbi Leiter was widely known and highly regarded not only for his profound Talmudic erudition but also for his truly remarkable classical and authentic style in discharging his rabbinic functions and zealously



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## RABBI WOLF LEITER

*Grasped the intricacies.*

guarding the exalted institution of the rabbinate.

"He was one of the very last genuine links with the rabbinic giants of the previous generations. His love of Zion reborn and Torah scholarship was the central force of his illustrious ministry to our people."

Rabbi Leiter was a director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the United Jewish Federation; a member of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of

America, and a delegate to the Jewish World Congress in 1934.

He was on the local boards of the National fund and the Jewish-American Congress, and helped organize and supervise a kosher kitchen at Montefiore Hospital in Oakland.

A chairman of the Rabbinical Council of Pittsburgh, Rabbi Leiter was a director of the Maimonides Institute of Jewish studies here, and served as a chaplain at Western Penitentiary and at city jail.

Surviving are his widow, Regina Leiter; three sons, Rabbi Abba Leiter of Pittsburgh, Rabbi David Leiter of New Jersey and Rabbi Saul Leiter of New York; a daughter Deborah, of Pittsburgh; a brother, Saul, also of New York; and six grandchildren.



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