

Rabbi Leifer lights up life in Pittsburgh 'twin

On Sunday, Feb. 19, there was a gathering at Poale Zedek Congregation in honor of the twelfth yahrtzeit of the Pittsburgher Rebbe Josef Leifer, a renowned tzaddik who served in Pittsburgh for 44 years. The actual yahrtzeit is February 21.

In their remarks to pay tribute to him, Rabbis Bernard Poupko, Irvin Chinn Sholom Posner, Mordechai Glatstein, and Eliyahu Safran told how the Rebbe had been a "beacon of light" and "a spiritual generator" to this area and that "he had become a legend in his own time."

Special guest speaker was the current Pittsburgher Rebbe Avrohom Leifer who came here from Shikun Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh Village) which he and his followers established in Ashdod, Israel.

Rebbe Avrohom Leifer, son of Josef Leifer, stressed that Pittsburgh is the only American city with a true "twin" in Israel.

"The reason we established a Pittsburgh in Israel," he declared, is that Pittsburgh Jewry has a clearly defined, clear-cut duty to continue the work of the Alter Rebbe."

Since Rabbi A. Leifer settled in Ashdod, the Pittsburgh community there has grown to nearly 250 families. Rabbi Leifer has established a Talmudical Academy (Kollel) at Ashdod, named Tsidkas Yosef, after his father. In fact, all of Rabbi A. Leifer's works are in the name of his father.

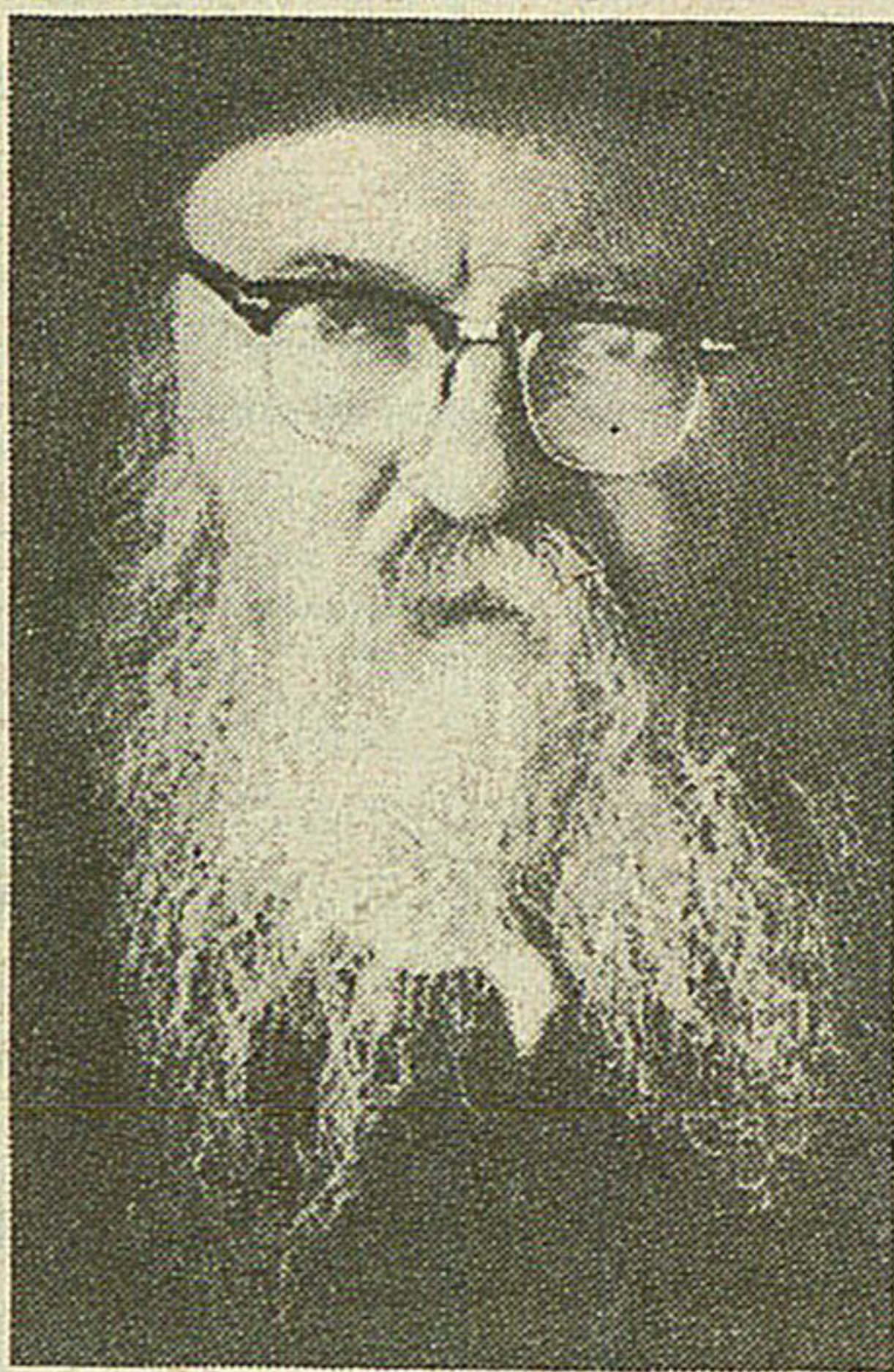
In Ashdod, he has begun 26 Talmud Torah schools to serve the city's 6,000 youths attending non-religious schools.

Additionally, he has developed a program of study for the working parents of those youngsters attending Talmud Torah, called "Each and Every Month."

It is presented every Rosh Chodesh at a different synagogue in Ashdod. Students from the Kollel discuss Judaism with parents, teach Torah law and conduct classes in Gemora and ethics.

Building is underway at Shikun Pittsburgh to complete a Yeshiva with synagogue, administrative offices libraries and dormitories.

Friends and well-wishers



RABBI JOSEF LEIFER

Torah life in Ashdod.

of the Pittsburgher Rebbe can reach Rabbi Leifer at 421-7224. After he leaves Pittsburgh, he will be in New York through Purim. There he can be reached at: 504 W. Broadway, Cedarhurst, N.Y. 11516. His Israel address is: Shikun Pittsburgh 2004-2, Ashdod, Israel, (055) 25893.

Center plans 'Talks & Tours' program



L. Hirsch



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Talks and Tours is a new program which is being initiated by the Adult Education Department of the Jewish Community Center. This program is being co-ordinated by Lila Hirsch who is assisting Howard Parmet, director of the Adult Department.

This program will give participants an opportunity to view six shows at Sara Scaife Galleries. Each viewing will be preceded by a lecture from a docent from the Museum.

The first tour will take place on Saturday, March 11 at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The fee must be paid in advance. The fee is \$12 for the Six Tours.

Registration and fee must be in March 8. Space is limited so register as soon as possible. Send checks to Howard Parmet payable to the Jewish Community Center, 315 S. Bellefield Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213.