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## Takes Up Duties Aug. 15

## Rabbi Sigal New B'B' Hillel Chaplain

Dr. Richard A. Finegold, president of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Board, has announced the appointment of Rabbi Phillip Sigal of Bloomfield, N.J., as executive director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation serving Jewish students on Pittsburgh campuses.

He succeeds Rabbi Boris A. Rackovsky, who was the first director of the newly organized foundation formed by B'nai B'rith and the United Jewish Federation. Rabbi Rackovsky is going on aliyah and has accepted a position at Bar-Ilan University.

Rabbi Sigal will take up his new duties here as of August 15.

Dr. Finegold said, "We are looking forward with greatest

pleasure, pride and anticipation to the assumption of the directorship by Rabbi Sigal. We anticipate broadening our horizons at Hillel and extending the dynamism of Judaism on the various campuses in Pittsburgh.

"We hope B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will continue to enhance its impact in religious, social and cultural spheres."

"We are very sorry to lose Rabbi Rackovsky. We know that he will be of great service to Bar Ilan University and in the self-fulfilling mission of aliyah," Dr. Finegold added.

Rabbi Sigal recently served as spiritual leader of Temple B'nai Zion in Bloomfield where he served as a town commissioner on the Commission of Civil Rights since October, 1965, and as its chairman since January, 1969.

Rabbi Sigal has served on the Continuing Conference of Conservative Ideology of the Rabbinical Assembly and for many years has been an active member of the Committee of Jewish Law and Standards. He has served as Secretary of the Committee during the late 1950s and again since 1968, and has written Responsa on questions of Jewish religious law for the committee.

They include "Yom Tov Shoni", "Hataphat Dam Brit", "Permitting Women to be Included in a Minyan" and revision of the halakha of Shiva related to the cancellation or postponement of Shiva on festivals, and on the waiving of the traditional practice of Halitzah (Levirate Marriage), among others. He has also com-

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RABBI PHILLIP SIGAL

Students' new director.

## Rabbi Sigal

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piled digests of the halakha on various subjects and has published more than 20 articles.

Born in Toronto, Rabbi Sigal received his higher education at the University of Toronto and at Yeshiva University in New York. Then he studied at Columbia University, receiving his M.A. in English history. Studies at Jewish Theological Seminary led to his ordination in 1964.

The Rabbi previously served as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Abraham in Bridgeton, N.J. and founded a local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He also founded the Cumberland County Guidance Center, organized a human relations committee, served on a citizens advisory committee for Bridgeton and authored the history of the county's Jewish community.

Rabbi Sigal and his wife Lillian have two daughters, Sharon, 17 and

Sabrina, 14.