

DR. COFFEE TO LEAVE PITTSBURGH.

The people of Pittsburgh will be interested to know that Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee, for the past nine years minister of the "Tree of Life" congregation on Craft avenue, has accepted a very flattering offer to take charge of the new Social Service Department of the Independent Order of B'nai Brith, with headquarters in Chicago.

Doctor Coffee will remain in Pittsburgh over the holidays, but will sever his connection with the congregation soon after. He expects to assume charge of his new duties on October 15th. During the nine years of his incumbency, the congregation passed through its transition period. The new building on Craft avenue was just about ready for occupancy, and the new policy of the congregation was yet to be determined. On the basis of a well ordered Religious School, conservative Judaism was emphasized, and "Tree of Life" has grown in the nine years from less than 50 members to over 160. The forty school children and three teachers have increased to almost 250 with 15 teachers, and the size of the school is only limited by the lack of space within the synagogue. Under Doctor Coffee every branch of synagogue activity has prospered and a united har-