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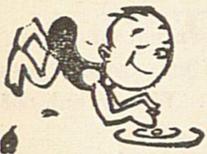
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On Sunday afternoon, July 8th, the Agudath Hakehilloth (Union of Congregations) held an election of officers. The first meeting of the Kehillah took place on June 10th, at the call of Rabbi S. B. Friedman, who sent out letters to presidents of thirty congregations and organized them into an Agudath Hakehilloth.

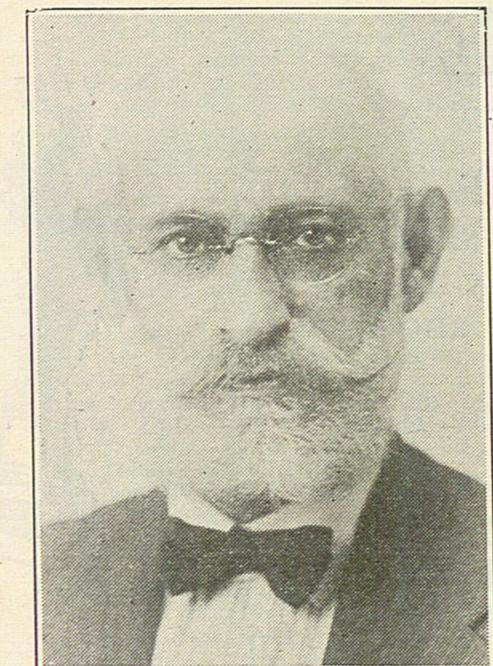
The following twenty-seven congregations have already joined the organization: Adath Israel, Adath Jeshurun, Agudath Achim, Ohev Zedeck, Anshe



Rabbi Sol B. Friedman

Lebowitz, Beth El, Beth Hamedrash Hagadol, Beth Israel (North Side), Beth Jacob, B'nai Israel, Beth Tepilah, Chofetz Chaim, Keser Torah, Khal Chassidim, Knesseth Israel, Machsika Hadas, Mogen David, Ohr Chodosh, Poale Zedeck, Shaare Tephilah, Shaare Torah, Shaare Zedeck, Shaare Zion, Tiphereth Israel, Thoras Chaim, Z'erae Hashass, Z'erae Hashass (East End).

The purpose of the Kehillah is to unite all congregations and to promote, strengthen and solidify all the forces of traditional Judaism in the city of Pittsburgh and vicinity; and its program is to be carried out through the following



Max Friedman

eleven standing committees: Kashruth, Vaad Harabbonim, (Rabbinical Assembly), Educational, Sabbath and Holiday Bureau, Jewish Observance and Practice, Palestine, Charities, Arbitration, Beth Din, (Rabbinical Judiciary), Anti-Mission and Anti-Defamation and Finance.

The following officers were elected: President, Max Friedman; first vice-

president, Prof. Asher Isaacs; second vice-president, Max Enelow; English secretary, David Sobel; Jewish secretary, Abraham Friedman; Hebrew secretary, A. Finkelman; financial secretary, Max Grablovsky; and treasurer, Jacob Gold.

The said officers were appointed as a nominating committee to consult eleven prominent and influential men to serve on the executive board of the organization, and to submit their names for election to the board to be held at the next meeting of the Kehillah.

All presidents of congregations and rabbis are members of the advisory board of the organization.

The Kashruth Committee was then appointed, with Mr. Max Friedman, chairman; B. Werner, vice-chairman; Harry



Prof. Asher Isaacs

Beeson, recording secretary; and the following members: G. Bonder, M. Freedal, Jacob Gold, A. Kalb, B. Linder, M. Meister, I. S. Nathan, Kalman Schechter, M. Schwartz and Sol Silverman, and the additional three ex-officio, Reuben Robinson, president of the Gassa Schochtim (cattle slaughterers); L. J. Levitt, president of the Offus Schochtim (fowl slaughterers); and Sam Rabinovitz, president of the Butchers' Association.

The first meeting of the Vaad Hakashruth, under the auspices of the Agudath Hakehilloth, was held at the Hebrew Institute, Monday, July 9th, with Rabbis S. B. Friedman, J. J. Hurvitz, E. W. Kochin, M. A. Levin and M. S. Sivitz present. Very important business was transacted and disposed of.

Southwestern District of Pennsylvania

JEWISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Miss Miriam Schonfield, field supervisor, attended the Religious School picnic of the Homestead district, which was held Sunday afternoon, July 1st, at Locust Grove. The children received a cake and ice cream treat, donated by the Ladies' Aid Society.

The office of the Southwestern District will be closed July 15th and will reopen after September 1st.

OIL PIPE LINE TO HAIFA

Jerusalem, July 10th (J. T. A.)—The Mosul oil pipe line will be laid to Haifa, declares "Al Carmel", Arab paper, which adds that this step has been definitely decided upon.

Great Britain has assured the American and French concessionaires that it will guard the pipe line and pay the difference in the building expense to Haifa over what it would have been if laid to Alexandretta, Syria, the paper states.

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