

*Beth Sholom Congregation*

*newly created by the jointure of*

*Beth Zion Temple and Rodef Sholom Synagogue*

*welcomes you to celebrate the*

*Installation of its first Spiritual Leader*

*Rabbi Rav A. Soloff, Ph.D., D. D.*

*Erev Shabbat Vayera, 5737*

*Friday, November 12, 1976 at 8:00 P.M.*

*in the Sanctuary of Beth Zion Temple*

*in the Borough of Westmont*

*Johnstown, Pennsylvania*

RABBI MORDECAI I. SOLOFF, D.D.

A most distinguished Rabbi and educator, Mordecai I. Soloff is the author of textbooks that have been used in Jewish schools throughout the English speaking world: a history series, *WHEN THE JEWISH PEOPLE WAS YOUNG, HOW THE JEWISH PEOPLE GREW UP* and *HOW THE JEWISH PEOPLE LIVES TODAY*; a Hebrew series, *JEWISH LIFE* and *OUR PRAYERBOOK*, a holiday series for teachers at each grade level and teacher guides for history, Bible study, confirmation classes, and others; as well as a new history series, *COVENANT PEOPLE*, of which the first two volumes have been published.

Rabbi Mordecai I. Soloff is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Jeremiah, Los Angeles. For many years he also taught at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, California Branch.

Rabbi and Mrs. Mordecai I. Soloff live in Los Angeles. They have two children, Rabbi Rav A. Soloff and Mrs. Martin (Tamar) Bower, and seven grandchildren.

PARTICIPATION in the SERVICE



THE GREETING .....	MR. LEONARD BLACK
BLESSING THE SABBATH CANDLES .....	MRS. RAV SOLOFF MRS. LEE ZLOTOFF
OPENING HYMN .....	CANTOR EMANUEL MENKES AND THE CONGREGATION
SABBATH LITURGY .....	RABBI RAV SOLOFF AND THE CONGREGATION
TORAH ALIYOT .....	MR. BERNARD KLEINSTUB MR. HAROLD NEAFACH MR. LEE ZLOTOFF
INTRODUCTIONS .....	MR. LEON MENDELSON
"RABBI AND CONGREGATION" .....	RABBI MORDECAI SOLOFF
RESPONSE .....	RABBI RAV SOLOFF DR. MEYER BLOOM
OBSERVATIONS .....	MR. HERBERT SINBERG

THE ONEG SHABBAT FOLLOWING THESE SERVICES  
WILL BE HELD IN THE SOCIAL HALL.



Rabbi Rav A. Soloff came to Johnstown less than a dozen weeks ago to serve Beth Sholom Congregation. In this brief period our Congregation celebrated Sabbaths, High Holy Days and Festivals; conducted Religious School and Hebrew School classes; rejoiced at occasions of family *SIMCHA* and wept in hours of grief. This Installation Service is to provide an opportunity for both Rabbi and Congregation to restate their mutual religious devotion and commitment.

Before coming to Beth Sholom Congregation, Rabbi Rav A. Soloff served Fairmount Temple of Cleveland for six years. In the 25 years since his ordination he also served congregations in New York City; Newark, New Jersey; Lafayette, Indiana; and as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army.

After graduating from the University of Cincinnati in 1947 and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1951, the rabbi earned his Ph.D. degree at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, in 1967. This summer he received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from his rabbinic *ALMA MATER* in Cincinnati.