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## PRESS RELEASE

Rabbi Lewis E. Bogage, Regional Director of the Pennsylvania Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has announced the formation of the Greater Pittsburgh Federation of Reform Congregations which includes the four major Reform congregations in the Pittsburgh area and in addition invites congregations from all surrounding towns to participate in their program for the assistance of bringing in thinkers and leaders in the Liberal Jewish Movement to be available for the Pittsburgh community.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President-Elect of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, an organization embracing over 700 Reform congregations in the United States and Canada, will be the speaker at the first meeting of the Greater Pittsburgh Federation of Reform Congregations. The meeting will take place on Thursday evening, April 27, 1972 at Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Avenue, in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh, and will commence with a special leadership dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a public address by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler at 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the congregation. All members of the community are invited to come to Temple Sinai at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27th to participate in this first public appearance of Rabbi Schindler in his capacity as President-Elect of the UAHC. (When Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the UAHC retires in January, 1973, Rabbi Schindler has been designated by the Board of Trustees to be his successor.)

Rabbi Schindler was born in Germany and attended school in the United States and received his ordination at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati campus in 1953.

Rabbi Schindler has served both congregations large and small and has been on the staff of the UAHC for many years as a leading educator and a brilliant thinker and spokesman of the new dimension of Reform Jewish interpretation. He was the UAHC's National Director of Education, holding primary responsibility for the development of Reform Judaism's program of religious instruction. He also served as the

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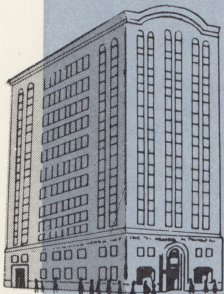
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Director of the Joint Commission on Jewish Education of the UAHC and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

From 1959 to 1963 he served as Regional Director for the Federation of Reform Temples in the six-state New England area.

He is the author of, "From Discrimination to Extermination," a study of the German government's anti-Jewish policies from 1933-1945.

The Pennsylvania Council will have its Biennial Convention for all Pennsylvania Council congregations, numbering more than 62, at the Host Farm, Lancaster, Pa., November 3, 4, and 5, 1972. Rabbi Schindler's speech entitled, "Judaism for Tomorrow," will present the basis upon which the Convention in 1973 will be created.

All members of the Jewish community of Pittsburgh are cordially welcome to the public address which Rabbi Schindler will present at the Temple Sinai Sanctuary on Forbes Avenue.