

Alex Kaminsky

Alex Kaminsky was born April 24, 1886, in Kaliet, Souolk, Poland. His parents were Joshua Mordecai and Lily Kaminsky. Until he was 15, he attended Cheder, and studied Talmud at Grodno, then went to work as a leather tanner.

When he was 21, he came to New York, remaining there for three weeks before going to Lebanon, New Hampshire, where he spent a year and a half, coming to Memphis in 1907. He married Miss Mamie J. Cohen, and they have one son, Morris Jacob, a graduate of Southwestern University, who recently married Miss Frieda Wainman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wainman.

Upon his arrival in Memphis, Mr. Kaminsky peddled dry goods, finally opening a tiny store at Mississippi and Wellington. After continuing this business, with much success, for 18 years, he organized a druggists' sundries business, with headquarters on Madison. Several years ago, he moved to Second street, going from there to 216 S. Front, where he is still located. His son, too, works with him in the National Druggist Sundry Co.

Mr. Kaminsky is serving his second term as treasurer of Baron Hirsch congregation, of which he has been a trustee for several years. He is deeply interested in Jewish education, and is treasurer of the Memphis Talmud Torah. He is also a member of Sam Schloss Lodge No. 35, B'nai B'rith, Masons, Shrine, and a supporter of the Zionist Organization of America.

Mrs. Kaminsky is a member of Baron Hirsch Ladies' Auxiliary, and of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Talmud Torah.