

## *Congregation Mischne*

Congregation Mischne maintains its synagogue at 112 Jackson Ave. It was organized in 1900 for the express purposes of maintaining Orthodox Judaism in Memphis upon the same fundamental principles as in Europe.

Judah Friedman, who was born in Poland in 1870, and who established it, immigrated to America and established himself in Memphis, and became the first president. He was known as a student of the Talmud and a pious Orthodox Jew. He remained president until 1927 when Morris Blockman assumed the leadership of the Congregation.

The members of the congregation felt the need of a new building, and thru the contributions of M. D. A. Blockman, William Blockman, H. Blockman and M. Loskove, who were among the largest contributors, the new building was erected. The deficit was guaranteed to the bank by H. Blockman, and is now being paid.

One of the cardinal principles of Congregation Mischne is the observance of the Sabbath. The observers of the Sabbath at Congregation Mischne are Judah Friedman, M. D. A. Blockman, Moses Loskove and his four sons, Mr. Ike Kaplan, I. Levin, I. Shefsky, Joe Friedman, Jr., N. Jacobson, M. Lubchansky and I. Appleson.

Congregation Mischne firmly believes that Orthodox Judaism has for its foundation the Mikveh. The greatness of the Mikveh in any city depends upon the use which is made of it, and the dignity of the persons in charge of it.

The importance of a Mikveh is in the results accomplished for the upbuilding of Judaism. Women who are married use the Mikveh and thus are influenced to raise their children to the highest form of Orthodox Judaism.

Congregation Mischne maintains the only Mikveh in the city of Memphis for the Jewish public of Memphis both men and women.

Congregation Mischne has as its goal Orthodox Judaism based on three principles:

**TORAH—RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES—CHARITY.**