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Dave Dermon, founder and president of the Dave Dermon Realty Company and prominent member of Memphis Jewry for the past twenty five years, was born on April 27, 1884 in Kiev, Russia, the son of Berel and Anne Dermon.

He received his education in Kiev. At the age of twenty one, he came to Memphis, and established himself as a tinner. In 1910, Mr. Dermon branched into the real estate business, and it was in this field that he visualized the possibilities as a builder, and ever since that time, he has been identified by the business world as a leader in this industry. His outstanding building achievement was the construction of the Dermon Building which is located on the corner of Third and Court Streets.

As his financial interests increased, Mr. Dermon assumed a greater interest in the social and philanthropic needs of his city. In 1913, he was placed in charge of the building committee for the construction of a synagogue building which was to be the present Baron Hirsch Synagogue. In 1928, the same organization considered a plan for the building of a community center, and again, Mr. Dermon was given the honor of heading the building committee, which was responsible for the construction of the Menorah Institute. The beauty of these buildings is due largely to the fact that Mr. Dermon personally supervised their construction.

Mr. Dermon served as president of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue for ten years. He is a member of the B'nai B'rith, Shrine, Order of Moose, Woodmen of the World, Scottish Rite, Rex-Ridgeway, Chamber of Commerce, the Zionist District of Memphis.

He married Miss Mollye Faine in 1904, and this union was blessed with three thildren, Harry, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a junior partner of the firm holding the office of vice-president, who married Miss Carolyn Van Cleef in 1932, Adeline married to D. Melvin Olswanger in June, 1926, the secretary and treasurer of the Dermon Realty Company, and Nathan, who attended the University of Michigan, and at the present time is enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Dermon is a member of every worthy Jewish Womens organization, and her husbands partner in all of his philanthropic endeavors.