

Harry Isakiel Schaffer

When Harry Isakiel Schaffer arrived in Memphis in 1896, he was tremendously wealthy—his pockets containing the magnificent sum of 25c. But he managed to obtain a stock of goods, which he peddled, later leaving the dry goods line for leather findings. In 1910, he established the H. I. Schaffer Produce Co., which has continued successfully since.

He was born in Makavo, Poland in 1876, the son of Jacob and Frieda Schaffer. Until he was 18, he attended the Yeshivah at Lomzhe. He was married to Haddassah Baruchman in 1900, and they have six children: Frieda, the wife of Louis Levy, an auditor; Libbye, a past president of Junior Haddassah; Henrietta, the wife of Leon Kaplan, who is engaged in the grocery and meat business; Beatrice, 17, a high school graduate; Israel, 22, connected with the firm; Ben Zion, 18, a student at the University of Tennessee.

The place of business is 176 South Front, and the family lives at 636 Poplar.

Mr. Schaffer is president of Congregation Anshei Sphard, an office which he has held at intervals for many years. He is one of the founders of Baron Hirsch congregation, a member of Congregation Mischne, and of Sam Schloss Lodge No. 35, B'nai B'rith.

Mrs. Schaffer is a past president of Senior Hadassah and a member of the Jewish Ladies' Aid Society. She is well-known for her Jewish activities.