

Max Peiser

Max Peiser, the only living charter member of Baron Hirsch Synagogue, was born in Pyzdri, Poland in 1868, the son of Gershon and Liba Fradel Peiser. He attended Hebrew School there until he reached the age of twelve, and studied the German, Russian, and Polish languages at the same time.

At the age of seventeen, Mr. Peiser came to America, and landed at Boston, Mass., and remained there for one year. He then traveled to Portland, Oregon where he was engaged for two years. From Portland, he moved to Chattanooga where he remained for a year, from there to Montgomery, Ala., and then to Nashville, Tenn. However, when he arrived in Memphis in 1893, he finally settled down, and made Memphis his home.

In 1896, he married Miss Flora Joseph, by whom he has two children, Irvin, aged thirty-five, a graduate of Northwestern University, and now a junior member of the firm of Peiser The Tailor, and Harriet, a graduate of Emerson College at Boston.

Mr. Peiser was one of the founders of Baron Hirsch Synagogue, and was the secretary of the congregation for several years. He is an Elk, Mason, Kiwanian, member of Sam Schloss Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and a liberal contributor to worthy causes.

He resides at 1273 Agnes Place.