

Morris David Alter Blockman

Morris David Alter Blockman, president of Congregation Mischne, was born in Russia in 1893, the son of Hanan Chaim and Rachel Blockman. Mr. Blockman was educated in the public and high schools of Memphis, Tennessee. He also attended business college.

Mr. Blockman became associated with his father in the iron and steel business in 1913. The business prospered and expanded and at the present time is one of the largest of its kind in the Mid-South territory. The firm bears the name of H. Blockman and Company and is located on Overton and Front Streets.

Mr. Blockman is the president of Congregation Mischne which has a membership of approximately two hundred. He is one of the most ardent workers and contributors, and it was largely thru his personal efforts that the congregation was able to build a new synagogue and Mikveh. The Mikveh is one of the most important duties of the congregation for from the Mikveh comes the source of spiritual inspiration for the congregation. Mr. Blockman has met with great success in his work of giving a deeper sense of respectability to the Mikveh and Congregation Mischne which accounts for the increased membership of the Congregation.

Mr. Blockman takes an active interest in the religious and civic life of the community, and is a member of many Jewish organizations, and a liberal contributor to worthy causes.

Sarah Sharesfsky became his wife in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Blockman have four children who are being raised in the true Orthodox spirit. Asher Blockman, thirteen years of age, and Joseph, aged ten, attend the public schools. Nathan and Pesie Riva are the younger children, aged seven and three years respectively.

Mrs. Blockman is a supporter of numerous Jewish charities, and aids her husband in his religious work.