



*Reverend E. I. Segal*

## *Rev. Elijah Isaac Segal*

Rev. Elijah Isaac Segal, the son of Rubin Zevi Halevi Segalowitz, was born in Lodotshin, near Plotzk, Province of Warsaw Poland, December 10, 1887. He received his education in three languages, Hebrew, Russian and Polish, and completed three years in the Gymnasium.

Prior to his arrival in Memphis, he was Shochet near Warsaw for four years, then at Lipna, near Plotzk for eleven years. He lost all of his possessions at the time of the World War, and decided to come to the United States.

Upon the request of members of the Anshei Sphard Congregation, he came to Memphis, to assume the duties of rabbi. He remained the leader of this congregation for a short term, but due to the fact that he did not wish to depend upon the rabbinate for a livelihood, he purchased a Kosher delicatessen business, and started the firm of Segal's Kosher Delicatessen in which business he still continues successfully, having enlarged the place, also conducting a Kosher restaurant.

In 1930, he became the Rabbi of Beth El Emeth Congregation, and in 1931 he was unanimously re-elected.

In 1906, he married Miss Gittel Zucker. Rev. and Mrs. Segal have five children. Boruch, aged twenty-four, who arrived in America at the age of fourteen, was at that time a well known Talmudic scholar. His father realized that his opportunity of education in Memphis was limited so he sent Boruch to Chicago, where he studied with Beth Hamidrosh Lerabonim, spending half of his earnings for Boruch's education. He also attended Crane College. Afterwards, Boruch went to New York and entered Columbia University and the Schechter's Rabbinical Seminary. Thelma who married Carl Louis Halpern, is the mother of one son, Herbert aged three. Robert Segal, aged twenty-two, a student of the public and high schools of Memphis, and well known radio singer and former arranger of the weekly radio presentations of the Hebrew Watchman, now living in New York. Blanche, aged nineteen and a graduate of Laurence Foundation School and Maurice, aged ten, a public school student. Rabbi Segal is a prominent member of the Progressive Order of the West, No. 286, Order Sons of Israel and a liberal supporter of every national and local institution.

Mrs. Segal is assisting her husband in his various philanthropic and commercial endeavors.