

Sam Blaiss

Sam Blaiss, president of Congregation Beth El Emeth, was born in Odessa, Russia, November 2, 1872, the son of Jacob and Annie Blaiss.

Mr. Blaiss spent his early life in Russia where he received his education. At the age of nineteen, he came directly to Memphis, and began his career as a helper in a cotton mill. Later, he was employed by the Schlitz Brewing Company for two years, and then spent two years as a clerk. He entered business for himself and continued to engage in business until he retired in 1919.

In 1927, Mr. Blaiss was appointed chairman of the remodeling committee of Congregation Beth El Emeth, and in 1928, he was elected president. At that time, he conceived the idea of a free burial ground for all Jews, and it is to his credit that a large tract of land was purchased and a chapel built. Mr. Blaiss is a member of the Progressive Order of the West and the Masons.



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