

RABBI RABINOWITZ APPOINTED DAYAN

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CAPE TOWN: Last week the Cape Beth Din appointed Rabbi E. S. Rabinowitz, the Minister of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation, as one of its Dayanim.

The induction ceremony was held in the Great Synagogue Board Room. Members of the Beth Din, representatives of the United Council of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations of the Cape and South West Africa and delegates of the various Peninsula Synagogues were present. The chair was taken by the Chief Rabbi, Professor Israel Abrahams.

The Chief Rabbi welcomed Rabbi Rabinowitz and the United Council and Synagogue representatives. He described the occasion as a "covenant day". The Beth Din endeavoured to discharge its sacred duties towards the community with a high sense of responsibility. The new Dayan, his congregation, and the community as a whole must, in their turn, give complete allegiance to the Beth Din. Loyalty was the keynote of the covenant.

Mr. Hermann Cohen, chairman of the United Council, voiced pleasure at the appointment of the new Dayan and referred to the important work done by the United Council for the promotion of Orthodox Judaism. Mr. Max Berzack, chairman of the Green and Sea Point Synagogue, congratulated Rabbi Rabinowitz on his appointment and assured the Chief Rabbi and the Beth Din of the high respect in which they were held by his congregation.

JUSTICE AND DIGNITY

Rabbi Dr. Weinberg, the senior Dayan, welcomed the new Dayan on behalf of the Cape Beth Din. He stressed that the members of the Cape Beth Din consistently sought to make their Court of Justice a "Beth Din Yafeh", characterised by the highest dig-

nity and motivated by the true principles of the Torah. He hoped that Rabbi Rabinowitz, as the son of a learned father, would strive to maintain the high level of the Beth Din's work.

In his response, Rabbi Rabinowitz expressed his gratification at becoming a member of the Beth Din. He referred to the seven qualities that the Hoshen Mishpat required a Dayan to possess and promised to do his utmost to live up to these high standards. He solemnly assured the Chief Rabbi and the Beth Din of his devoted loyalty to them.

Chief Rabbi Abrahams gave a brief outline of the varied character of the Beth Din's work and the sacrifices that it involved to the Dayanim. He appealed to those present, as lay leaders of the community, to serve the cause of Judaism by helping at all times to maintain the prestige of the Beth Din. The Chief Rabbi then declared Rabbi E. S. Rabinowitz duly installed as a Dayan of the Cape Beth Din.