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Newcastle Rabbi to Become a "Terrier"

A YOUNG man who this week becomes a private soldier in an anti-aircraft unit of the Territorial Army has been inducted Rabbi of the Leazes Park Road Synagogue, Newcastle, and at the same time becomes leader of the Jewish community in this part of the country.

He is Rabbi E. S. Rabinowitz, the 34th successive direct generation of his family to become a Rabbi. The picturesque induction ceremony was conducted by his brother, Rabbi Dr. L. Rabinowitz, of London, who chose as his address, "Moses Inducting his brother Aaron." Representatives of the Jewish community throughout the North-East and the Synagogue attended. The President (Mr. M. Rosenthal) and the vice-president (Mr. N. Bergman), honorary officers and officiating priests entered in state.



RABBI RABINOWITZ

RETIRED AFTER 18 YEARS

Rabbi Rabinowitz succeeds Rabbi Kyanski, who has retired after 18 years' service at the Leazes Park Road Synagogue. Cantor I. Roeg, of Amsterdam, has been inducted Cantor in succession to the late Cantor Gottlieb.

At the end of the ceremony, the president held a reception for members of the council and executives of neighbouring synagogues. A presentation was made to Rabbi Kyanski.

Rabbi Rabinowitz is only 25 years of age and he has been accepted for enlistment into an anti-aircraft unit for the defence of Tyneside—the first Rabbi in this country to serve in such a capacity.

When he applied for enlistment he was told he was eligible for a commission as a chaplain but he declined to accept it and told the commanding officer that he wanted to serve as an ordinary "Tommy."

AS A PRIVATE

"I am anxious to play my part in the defence of this country," Rabbi Rabinowitz told an "Evening Chronicle" representative to-day. "I have no wish to serve as an officer and have arranged to enlist this week as a private soldier in a Newcastle anti-aircraft unit.

All clergymen are legally exempt from joining any of the fighting services even under conscription. There were cases during the Great War when clergymen, rather than be commissioned as padres, took ordinary commissions or joined the ranks, but as far as is known there is no case on record of a Rabbi becoming a fighting soldier.

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Rabbi E. S. Rabinowitz, the newly-elected Minister of the Leazes Park Road Synagogue, is enlisting for service in a local Territorial Army unit. He has been told that he would be eligible for a commission as a chaplain, but he prefers to be an ordinary Territorial.

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Rabbi E. S. Rabinowitz, who has recently been appointed to Newcastle-on-Tyne, has, since his induction, displayed a keen interest in Habonim work, and, as a result of his efforts, a new Gedud of Bonim has been started in Newcastle. The presence of an active Chaver now makes it possible to organise the North-Eastern towns into a Peleg—the tenth in England.

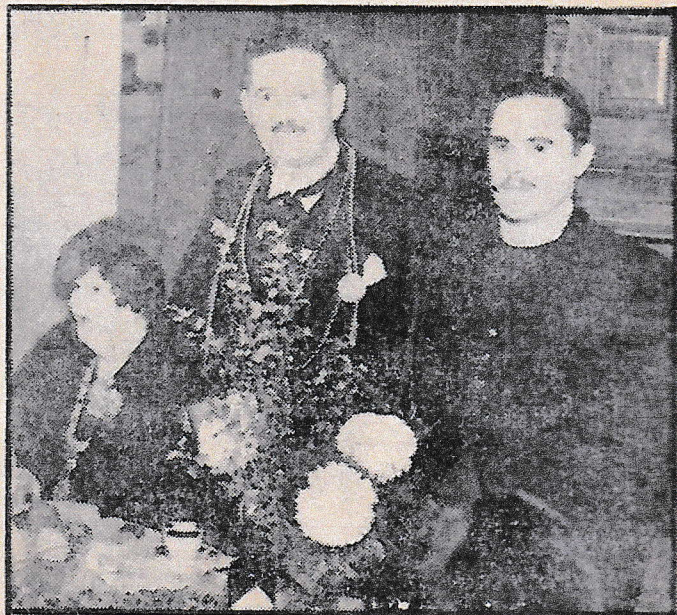
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There was a large gathering at the Royal Station Hotel recently when the Marchioness of Reading made an appeal on behalf of Austrian Jewry. She concluded by telling of her recent experiences in Palestine. Mr. S. Phillips, who presided, proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Reading. A local Committee was formed, with Mr. S. Phillips as President and Mr. A. B. Caller as Treasurer.

A supper, organised by the Women's Appeal Committee, was held at the Royal Station Hotel, in aid of Polish Jewry. The Lady Mayoress presided. The principal speaker was Lady Marley, who gave a moving account of the suffering in Poland. She also explained the many advantages of the Ort, which was doing great constructive work. The Rev. E. Drukker thanked Lady Marley, and Mrs. Z. Jackson thanked the Lady Mayoress. Dr. Freedman is Treasurer of the local Committee.

Mr. M. Wilkie presided at a meeting of the Committee of the Rye Hill Public Hebrew School. Rabbi Rabinowitz, the Headmaster, reported on the progress made since the reorganisation. Several new pupils have been enrolled. Mr. Martin Caller, an ex-pupil of the School, has been appointed a pupil-teacher. An advanced class has been started with success. Rabbi J. Kyanski was elected an Hon. Life Member of the Committee. Parents of children are urgently requested to communicate with Rabbi Rabinowitz, 20, Beechgrove Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.



The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Councillor A. D. Russell and Mrs. Russell, seen with Rabbi Rabinowitz at the opening of a Jewish Youth Centre and Servicemen's Rest Room at Maccabi Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle, yesterday.

("Journal and Mail" Photograph.)