

Rabbi Bernard I. Kalchman

He was born on June 11, 1898 in Austria. He came from a long line of Rabbis. In 1921 he received Semicha from Rabbinical Seminary in Berlin, Germany.

In 1922 he married Esther Merel (1902-1987). They had 5 children, 4 girls and 1 boy. In 1924 they came to America. At that time his parents moved to Jerusalem, Israel. Between 1924 and 1933 he served congregations in California and Pennsylvania.

In 1933 he became Rabbi of Beth Israel in Hamilton, Ohio, then an Orthodox synagogue. He left there in 1946 when they decided to eliminate the mechitza in the shul.

From 1947 till his passing in 1966, he served as Rabbi of Yad Charutzim-Tiferes Israel congregation (North Avondale synagogue) in Cincinnati.

He was a great Talmud scholar. He studied torah night and day. He had an extensive library in his home. Other Rabbis would call him for advice and counsel. In his shul he served as the baal korei. On the high holidays he was the Musaf cantor and blew shofar. Three of his grandsons would become Rabbis.

He passed away on November 19, 1966, and is buried in the Tiferes Israel Cemetery in Cincinnati.