Rabbi Groner awarded life tenure

A Southfield rabbi who feels the rab binate chose him has been elected to life tenure at Congregation Shaarey

Zedek.
Rabbi Irwin Groner, senior rabbi of
the Oakland county congregation for
12 years, received his life tenure
status in the 117th year of Shaarey

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Prior to becoming senior rabbi, he served the 1,800 member congregation for seven years as associate rabbi.
Rabbi Groner was born in Chicago and grew up there. He attended the University of Chicago and then did graduate work in clinical psychology. He was ordained at the Hebrew Theological College there.
His first pulpti was in Little Rock, Ark. in the the 1850s.
"Before I went there no one knew where that was," he said. "But by time I left everyone knew. It was in the midst of the civil right strife." Rabbi Groner's wife is Leypsa and his children are Debbie, 23. David, 28, and Joel. 18.

Rabbi Groner said he came from a Jewish family which was marked by a love of Jewish learning. "They were devoted to Jewish learning." They were devoted to Jewish practices and observation and developed a great appreciation of the Jewish way of life." The said of the Jewish way of life. "The said what is visible is not always as important as what is not visible. What can be summarized in reports, is not always as relevant as what cannot be neally labeled." The rabbi said he knows he didn't select his vocation.
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"A rabbi knows that in a deeper sense, that vocation, that sacred work chose him. Indeed, the rabbinate chose me." he said.
"The synagogue as an institution is a clearly visible place on the landscape of a community but the rabbi deals with that which is intangible. He seeks to elevate the spiritual level of the people in the congregation he serves." He explained that a rabbi must be satisfied with realization that his success is not measured in formal programs or statistical summaries "but

in mending a heart, or adding to joy in times of celebration, in strenthening a soul or arousing a slumbering conscience."

"THERE ARE times of frustration in this difficult, sensitive work but also moments of indescribable joy and spir-itual delight." Rabbi Groner said he thinks contem-

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powary people are searching for a sense of community and sharing since we live in an impersonal and hence lonely society.

The of the new directions of this synagogoue is to provide for ways in which our people can experience a personal growth and sharing and mutual support as they seek to define for themselves true and enduring values to build their lives," he said: "We ve developed small groups of eight or 10 families called chavurah which meet, break bread and help each other in many ways, and occa-sionally study together.

"They assume a sense of responsi-bility one for the other like an extended family."

He said the synagogue also takes upon itslef a role in the general community by providing for visits and tours with explanations of Judaism.

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"This synagogue is also a center for coordinating efforts on behalf of Israel and for programs of solidarity with Jews who live behind the Iron Curtain and are theatened by the Soviet government." The said. ernment," he said.

In yet another role, the synagogue

sponsors lectures and communal events for the public.

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RABBI GRONER is only the second rabbi in the long history of Shanrey Zedek to receive life tenure. The first was Rabbi Morris Adler who preceded him in the pulpit.

Some days Rabbi Groner is on call every hour of the day and he can never count on a 40-hour week, but this is something he understood when he made the commitment to be a rabbi. "To serve as a rabbi means to know that one is serving both God and man, however inadequately," he said. "Therefore a rabbi has a great sense of privilege.



RABBI IRWIN GRONER

Puppet twins

Twin sisters Janet (left) and Linda Herman of Southfield will furnish entertainment for the mother and daughter ten at Calvary Lutheran Church, 28901 Evergreen, Southfield, on Saturday, May 13. The girls make their own puppets and have taught classes in the art of puppetry for the Southfield Super-Saturday program. Chris Kay of Birmingham is heading arrangements for the ten, to be sponsored by the Lutheran Church Way of the Lutheran Church Women.

Catholic women plan convention

Two area women will be among the speakers at a convention May 7-8 to

speakers at a convention May 7-8 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Council of Catholic Women, Arch-diocese of Detroit. Jane Wolford Hughes of Farmington will speak on "Woman as Partner" at 10:39 a.m. May 8 in Radisson Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, She will be joined by Maureen T. O'Hallaren of Troy, whose

topic will be "Woman as Individual."
On the same program will be Dr.
Alba Zizannia, director of the office
for world justice and peace of the
Archdiocese of New York. His topic is
"Woman as Caring Person."

Set to address the Sunday evening banquet is Mary Reed Newland of Albany, N.Y., author of 10 books on

religious subjects.
Director of the Institute for Continuing Education of the Archdioses of Detroit, Mrs. Hughes has been hon-orde for her service to Catholic education by the National Catholic Educational Association.
Mrs. O'Hallaren' is a certified mariage therapist, an alcoholism therapist, certified pastoral educator and

licensed social worker. At present she is a health counselor with Ford Motor Co. and is involved in the alcohol-drug abuse problem.

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Pre-registration is necessary for gilvoting delegates and guests. Banquet
and lunch reservations are on a firstcome-first-served basis. Deadling is
April 28. For further information gall,
the council office at 237-5896.

Rabbi Hertz marks $\, 25 \,$ years at $\, Beth \, El \,$

Temple Beth El will observe the 25th anniversary of Richard C. Heriz as senior rabbi of the temple at a testimonial dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, in the temple's Handleman-He came to Beth El in 1953 attes serving Chicaeo Sinai Congregation as associate rabbi and North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, Ill., as assistant rabbi. Born in St. Paul in 1916, Rabbi Hertz graduated from the University of Cintrasti and was ordained with honors at the Hebrew Union College in 1912. He carried his Ph.D. in religious education from Northwestern University of 1916, 1918, and in 1987, Bebre Winion College conferred upon him an honorary

degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In Detroit, Rabbi Hertz has served on the boards of directors of many civic and commanel organizations, among them the American Jewish Committed, Devish Committy Council, Detroit Institute of Technology, Deconomic Club of Detroit, United Foundation, Interfaith Action Council, and Boys' Clubs of Detroit.

He also was a member of former Governor Rommey's advisory committee on ethics and morals.

Since 1970, the rabbi has been adjunct professor of Jewish through the University of Detroit (a Jussiti university) and he is the author of the books. A number of small books of his sermons have been published as well.

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He is a former chairman of the com-mittee on Soviet Jewry of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and presently serves on its chaplaincy committee.

He served on the national rabbinical advisory committee of the United Jew-ish Appeal, and has been a member of

the national boards of the American Jewish committee, joint distribution committee, and Religious Education

Association.

In 1959, he went to the USSR on a special mission for the White House to investigate the status of Jews and Judaism behind the Iron Curtain. His

Judaism behind the Iron Curtain, His report to the president and the State Department was printed in the "Con-gressional Record." In 1963, he was the first American rabbi to be received in private audience at the Papal Palace by Pope Paul VI.



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