

Rabbi Aaron B. Shurin

Born in Lithuania to a famous Rabbinical family (37th consecutive generation of Rabbis). In the Sefer - Tnuat Hamussar it says that many of the Rabanim in Lithuania prided themselves in being related to this family.

Studied in the Yeshiva of Rittava where his father was the Rosh Yeshiva. דברי חיים

Continued his studies in Telz and Ponivez in Lithuania.

In 1936 he emigrated to Eretz Yisroel and continued studies in Yeshivas of Chevron and Petach Tikva.

Was ordained with Semicha by:

- דברי חיים / דברי חיים / דברי חיים
- 1 - Rabbi Isser Zalman Meltzer
 - 2 - Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog
 - 3 - Chief Rabbi of Petach Tikva Reuvan Katz
 - 4 - Rabbi Meyer Stolewitz, Chaslavitcher Rav in Yerushalaim

In 1940 arrived in United States - attended Yeshiva College, and simultaneously taught Hebrew Literature and Tanach in Yeshiva College.

Since 1966 is on the faculty of Stern College, in the Jewish Studies Department.

In 1944 Married Ella Rivkin, daughter of Rabbi Moshe Duber Rivkin, Rosh yeshiva and Masmich of the Mesifita Torah Vodaath. Their three sons, Rabbi Jacob, Joseph, and David Shurin are also members of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Visited Israel many times since the founding of the State. Was received for private audiences by the then President Yitzchak Ben-Zvi, Prime minister David Ben-Gurion, and prime minister Golda Meir, and other Israeli dignitaries.

Books published:

In Hebrew, "Keshet Giborim" (311 pages) - Biographical studies of major Jewish personalities of the 20th century - 1964 - Mossad Harav Kook, Jerusalem, Israel.

In Hebrew, Bain Yehudai Arzot Habrith, - 1981 - Vignettes on the sociology of the American Jewish Community - Images of Jewish life in America - Mossad Harav Kook, Jerusalem, with an introduction by Dr. Yitzhak Raphael, former Minister of Religion, and head of the Mossad Harav Kook.

CO-Editor of "Eidenu" - Memorial volume for Dr. Revel (1941)

Articles:

"Rabbi Isaac Elchanan's Attitude Towards the New Settlement in Palestine" (about the Shemithah controversy of 1889) - Talpioth - a quarterly on Jewish Law and Ethics - Yeshiva University - 1947.

"Zeev Yavetz - The Orthodox Historian" - Talpioth 1964
Monthly contributor, 1940-1944, Hamsilah (Publication of the Rabbinical Board of Greater New York.

Regular contributor 1961-1963, Or Hamizrach, quarterly published by the Religious Zionists of America.

"Rabbi Samuel Fundiler" - Aileh Ezkera Vol. II

Numerous articles on Rabbinic, Talmudic, and Jewish communal publications.

Bi-weekly bylined column in the Jewish Daily Forward from 1944 to the present time.

The major works on the Shemithah controversy and on the Mussar movement in Lithuania (Rabbi Samuel Fundiler) were widely quoted by many authorities, including;

- 1 - Soncino Talmud, in the introduction to Zeraim by Dr. Isidore Epstein
- 2 - Guardians of Heritage - Leo Jung, Editor
- 3 - Yahadut Lita (Mossad Harav Kook) by N. Ben Menachem
- 4 - T'Nuat Hamussar - Rabbi D. Katz

Rabbi Shurin has also contributed articles in Yiddish and Hebrew to newspapers and periodicals the world over, including;

- Encyclopedia Judaica
- Neue Judische Zeitung (Munchen, Germany)
- Unser Wort (Paris, France)
- Unser Weg (Paris, France)
- El Diario Israelita (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- The Israelite Press (Winnipeg, Canada)
- The African Jewish Newspaper (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- The Jewish Voice (London, England)
- Information Bulletin for newspapers in Latin America
Syndicate - Buenos Aires
- Jewish Daily Eagle (Montreal, Canada)
- Vida Habanera (Havana, Cuba)
- Jewish Post (Melbourne, Australia)
- Folksblatt (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Daily Hebrew Journal (Toronto, Canada)
- O Novo Momento (Sao Paulo, Brazil)
- Kol Israel 1933-1943 (Israel-Daily)
- Hatzofeh " "
- Shearim " "
- Hamodia " "
- Panim El Panim " Weekly
- Mizrachi Weg
- Yiddische Shtimme
- Orthodox Tribune (Co-editor)

Professional Membership in:

- Union of Orthodox Rabbis - Vice chairman of Executive committee - Member of Vaad Ha-hanhala
- Rabbinical Council of America - Member of Executive committee
- Rabbinical Board of Greater New York
- Association of Yiddish Writers - Vice President
- Ezreas Torah Special Committee

Honored by:

- State of Israel Bonds, DEC. 27, 1975
- Mizrachi - New York Council (Rabbi Kook Award) MAY 9, 1980
- Lomze Yeshiva, MAY 4, 1975
- Rabbinical Council of America (at their 50th anniversary
MAY 1, 1985 - אגודת רבנים - convention)
- PONEVEZ YESHIVA, NOV. 3, 1985 - אגודת ישיבות