

# RABBI'S HONOR UNPRECEDENTED

**Election of Lefkovitz as Vice  
President of Ministerial Asso-  
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**NO OTHER CITY CAN  
CLAIM DISTINCTION**

**Duluth First to Put Jew as Offi-  
cer in Such an Organization.  
His Record.**

The recent election of Rabbi M. Lefkovitz to the office of vice president of the Ministerial association marks an event without precedence in the annals of church history. There is no other instance on record of a Jewish rabbi being chosen an officer of a ministerial association in any city. This distinction by its very uniqueness is a mark of the great honor and esteem the rabbi is accorded in Duluth.

Rev. Swaney A. Nelson, the association's president, says that Rabbi Lefkovitz has proven himself a man of such broad convictions and has taken such an interest in the ministerial work, that the office was unanimously conferred upon him.

Rabbi Lefkovitz was born in Hungary, Feb. 15, 1875, and completed his high school course in that country. He then matriculated at the University of Marburg, later transferring to the University of Berlin from which he was graduated. While attending the university he studied during his off hours at the Jewish Theological seminary of Berlin.

While still an undergraduate he was awarded first prize in a competition by the University of Berne, Switzerland, the title of his paper being, "The Theory of Government Based on Kant's Philosophy." In 1898 this university conferred upon the rabbi the degree of doctor of philosophy.

In May 1899, he came to America and in the following September matriculated at the Hebrew Union college, of Cincinnati, and the University of Cincinnati. In June, 1902, he was graduated as a rabbi and served in that capacity for the Congregation of Montefiore of Las Vegas, New Mexico, from September, 1902 till February, 1907. He was then chosen as rabbi of the Temple Emmanuel of this city where he has served since that time.

Rabbi Lefkovitz specialized while a student in Jewish theology, philosophy, history and political economy. He is the author of two books, one being an enlargement of the paper which was awarded the prize in Switzerland, and bears the same title; the other being "The Philosophy of the Book of Ecclesiastes." He is well known in the magazine world for the numerous articles and stories he has contributed to the scientific and popular periodicals.

As a minister he has always respected the views of his colleagues of other denominations and has identified himself with every civic and public movement for the general betterment of local and national conditions.