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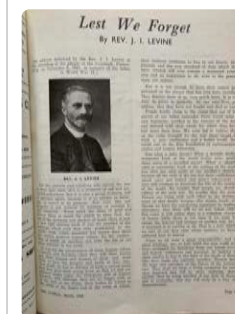
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Item ID	37672
Full Name	Jacob Isaac, Levine
Gender	male
Country of Birth	Latvia
Date of Birth	29/11/1884
Military Service	South Africa
Army Role	Chaplain
Death Details	Passed away
Date of Death	11/08/1963
Place of Death	Pietersburg (Polokwane), South Africa
Category	Armies/Fighters
Enlist Reason	Recruiting
Participation	תומכי לחימה



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Biography

Reverend Jacob Isaac Levine (29 November 1884 Latvia- 11 August 1963 Pietersburg (Polokwane), South Africa) part time chaplain Union Defence Force. His family went to the United Kingdom from Eastern Europe. He served as a minister in Dundee, Scotland. He married Lena Mathews (1886-1920) in Great Yarmouth, England. They immigrated to South Africa as his in-laws Moses and Sophia Mathews was living in Paarl, Cape Province. Rev Levine became the minister of the Robertson Hebrew Congregation from 1911 to 1922. His wife died in 1920 leaving him with two young daughters. Rev Levine was a keen Zionist and helped form the first Zionist Youth Society in Robertson and he published the first Zionist Youth periodical in the Cape Province. From 1922 to 1931 he served as the spiritual leader to the Pietermaritzburg Hebrew Congregation in Natal. He pioneered the Zionist movement in Pietermaritzburg and organized the first Young Israel conference the early 1920s. Rev Levine married Miss Jeanette Levitan but they did not stay together for long. Rev Levine was appointed as minister in Pietersburg in February 1931 and served the Jewish community until 1963.

During World War Two, he was a part time chaplain, serving the Jewish soldiers who were based at the Air Force Flying School in Pietersburg and also the Jewish soldiers based in Louis Trichardt.

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