

Lionel Friedmann
President: 1930-1935

Friedmann was Chair of the RS building committee at the time of the dedication of the new building on September 14, 1928. He served on the board of directors of the Association of Talmud Torahs. He was a major real estate broker, developed the Lewis Tower at 15th and Locust Streets, plus numerous suburban strip malls. He was heavily involved as a philanthropist in many Jewish causes. He also organized the Philadelphia chapter of the American Council for Judaism, in which Rabbi Wolsey was a leader. The organization was notable for its historical opposition to Zionism.



He was involved with the Jewish Seaside Home for Invalids, Vice President of the Jewish Publication Society of America, and was a founding member of what is now called the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service. His real estate company, through a series of mergers and acquisitions, still lives on as the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust.

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