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RABBI'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of Cong. Adath Yeshurun, in Meeting Assembled:

Gentlemen: As the term of ministry for which I have been elected by you is to expire in about three months, it is proper that I present to you a report of my activities till now. Of course, we must always keep in mind the distinction between the old-style *Rav* and the modern minister. The former kept himself aloof from all secular things, and devoted himself entirely to *Torah*; the modern minister, on the other hand, enters into almost every relation in life with his charge, he is their friend, their companion and adviser; he takes interest in all things that concern them, and in every way takes part in life, enjoyment and recreations.

Those of Adath Yeshurun who first urged my election as your rabbi, knew me altogether as a modern minister, though they had confidence in me that I might join to this office also some part of the olden *Rav*. How these expectations were realized is not for me to say. In that line I have striven to some extent, and have accordingly done the following:

1st. The regulation of the meat question: It is through my instrumentality and influence that the business of the butcher has been removed from the office of the Shochet.

2nd. The introduction of a *Mincha* service on Sabbath, the early Friday evening service, the decisions of questions of ritualistic form, and the maintenance of the authority vested in the office.

However, it is as the *Modern Minister* that I have devoted time, thought and energy to my work, and that I have been successful in this line I may without fear of seeming self-congratulation assert. This influence is shown:

I. In work with our children.
II. In work with our youth; and
III. In elevating the character and standing of our community.

I. As to Our Children: First—We have a good Sunday School. One hundred and seventy children are taught by twelve teachers, and both discipline and study are good. Those

who attended the oral examination at the close of the last session can testify to the fact that our children are well taught, and becoming well versed in our history, and in the various forms and ceremonies of our religions.

Second—I am trying to instil in our children the habit of prayer and of attendance at synagogue. We teach them the calendar, daily prayers, and hold special services for them, so that they get into the habit of coming to school on Sabbaths.

Third—We inculcate in the hearts of the children love for Judaism, and pride in its achievements; we teach them the same religion and the same practices which our fathers taught us, and the fact that these children love their Sunday School and attend with pleasure the Sabbath services, gives us hope that they will continue in the right path.

II. As to Our Youth: The work is manifold. Primarily in the synagogue. The institution of late Friday evening services has brought to our synagogue some who seldom or never attended. This year, by their special choice, I am delivering a course of lectures on the dogmas of Judaism, which seem to interest as well as instruct the hearers. They listen, and after service often ply me with questions as to the various forms of our beliefs. In this way they come to know not only that they are *Yehudim*, but also they know Judaism.

Then there is the work in the Literary Society. Here I devote one evening each week in teaching Hebrew, the Bible, and Jewish History. This work has never been so thoroughly attempted in our congregation, and it tends to bring our young men and young women into a clearer understanding of matters Jewish. And finally my personal contact

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