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OF THE  
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Mr. I. Grossman  
524-Ninth Ave.  
Munhall, Penna.

My dear Mr. Grossman:

From an announcement in the "Jewish Morning Journal", I have learned that the Jewish community of your city desires a shochet, cantor, and a teacher.

I feel that I certainly possess the qualifications your congregation desires, and in order that you may judge for yourself I am setting them in order below:

I am forty-nine years old; a father and husband of a very respected family.

As a shochet, I have *שחיטה* diplomas of great and famous Rabbis. I have practiced slaughtering cattle and fowl for twenty years.

I am a very good cantor. Services were always conducted by me in a most impressive and inspiring way. I have the experience of teaching in this country for twenty years. During this time I was able to inspire children as well as adults about all that is considered holy and sacred in Jewish life.

Thousands of my listeners have praised my speaking ability both in Yidish and English. My language is clear and effective and carries force behind it.

Previous to my present position I was engaged at the Ohav Zedeck Congregation of East Pittsburgh, Pa., for eight years and at the Beechview Beth El Congregation, Pittsburgh, Pa., for five years. In these congregations I have obtained the confidence and respect of all the people young and old.

I respectfully take the liberty of applying for the position your congregation offers with the hope that I will receive the desired consideration. I shall thank you for any information you may care to write me concerning this position and your kindness will be considered as a special favor.

Respectfully yours,

*Rabbi Joshua S. Weiss*

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*Long distance  
telep. call.*