

June 26, 1959

Mr. Michael Hecht
3080 Broadway
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Hecht:

We have been advised by Mr. Bernard Och, placement chairman at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, that you have been appointed to take care of the services for the coming High Holy Days for our congregation, Beth Israel.

We would appreciate hearing from you as to whether there is an information, in the meantime, that you may wish to have concerning the Services.

We appreciate very much the Seminary making the necessary arrangements with you and we are looking forward, with pleasure, to your visit to Latrobe.

Sincerely,

Beth Israel Congregation

E. L. Friedman
President

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Student Organization of the Rabbinical Department

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA

3080 Broadway

Riverside 9-8000

New York 27, N. Y.

BERNARD OCH

Placement Chairman

June 22, 1959

Mr. E. Friedman
821 Chestnut St.
Latrobe, Pa.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

This is to acknowledge your letter confirming the appointment of Mr. Michael Hecht as your student-rabbi for the coming High Holy Days. Since Mr. Hecht is as yet not married there will be no problem as to additional accommodations.

Mr. Hecht will Preach, chant and conduct the entire service. For these services the placement office agrees to accept an honorarium of \$500.00 Exclusive of food, housing, and travel expenses.

It would be advisable to contact Mr. Hecht as soon as possible. We are certain that the congregation will be pleased with the abilities of Mr. Hecht.

We wish to thank the congregation for affording us the opportunity to be of service. Our best wishes for a pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Och

Bernard Och
Placement Chairman

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BERNARD OCH

Placement Chairman

June 17, 1959

Mr. E. Friedman
821 Chestnut St.
Latrobe, Pa.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your patience in waiting for an answer from our office. Fortunately in this case your patience has been rewarded for we are able to recommend one of our outstanding students as your student-rabbi for the coming High Holy Days.

His name is Mr. Michael Hecht and he is a member of the senior class at the Rabbinical School. Mr. Hecht has degrees from Johns Hopkins University and the Baltimore Hebrew College. He has also spent a year studying at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mr. Hecht also has several years experience preaching and chanting the service with congregations for the High Holy Days. We ourselves know Mr. Hecht and can recommend him as a highly competent person.

His summer address is: 3080 Broadway, New York 27, N. Y.

For Mr. Hecht's services the congregation agrees to offer an honorarium of \$500.00 exclusive of food, housing, and travel expenses from New York. This is the minimum honorarium offered for these services. We do not wish to press the congregation on this matter. We would, however, appreciate it if the congregation would consider an increase over this amount should it turn out that the budget of the congregation can afford it.

We would appreciate confirmation of Mr. Hecht's appointment as soon as possible. Our best wishes for a pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Och

Bernard Och
Placement Chairman

Rec'd. 6/18/59

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BERNARD OCH

Placement Chairman

Dear Sir:

Your placement form arrived at this office, and I want to thank you for responding to my letter.

We shall certainly be able to serve your congregation and plan to place a student-rabbi to conduct Holy Day services with you. However, the large number of congregations responding makes it difficult to provide immediate response in detail. As soon as we are able, we shall notify you on precise details as to the student who will be your rabbi this year.

We hope that you will not mind this slight delay and will bear with us.

With all good wishes, we are

Yours sincerely,

STUDENT PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Bernard Och

Bernard Och, Chairman

Received June 7th E.F.

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June 19, 1959

June 19, 1959

Mr. Bernard Och,
Student Placement Chairman,
Jewish Theological Seminary of America,
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Och:

We greatly appreciate your letter of June 17th and will be happy to have Mr. Michael Hecht join us as our "Rabbi" for the coming High Holy Days.

Mr. Och, our Religious Committee wishes that it could voluntarily raise our payment for the rabbi's services to a higher figure but it finds that it is impossible to do so. Loss of members, with the accompanying reduction in revenue, together with emergency expenditures with which we are faced for this year would tax our financial ability to do so.

Upon receipt of your official acknowledgment of the arrangements as specified in your letter, I will personally write Mr. Hecht and brief him on our holiday plans and inform him about our Congregation.

May I call your attention to the information given in our application to the effect that we are unable to accommodate more than one for the holiday season. We do not know of Mr. Hecht's plans but please inform him as to this stipulation as we do not have any suitable accommodations for a wife or family.

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Friedman, President

821 Chestnut Street,
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

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BERNARD OCH

Placement Chairman

April 17th, 1959

Dear Sir:

Although Rosh Hashanah will not come until the 3rd and 4th of October this year, I am sending the enclosed High Holy Day placement form to you at this time, so that I shall be able to serve your congregation as early as possible. I should appreciate your returning the form as soon as you can, so that I may arrange placement of one of our rabbinical students in your congregation.

If there is any additional information or questions you may have about your needs for the Holy Day period, please write them on this form or in a separate letter.

May I also make two special requests: first, please indicate under section two the approximate number of families served by your congregation; second, please indicate on the placement form the name and address of the officer of the congregation with whom I am to communicate regarding placement.

With thanks for your cooperation and assistance, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Och

Bernard Och,
Placement Chairman

Received ^{Placement Form} (Application) - 4/28/59

Returned Placement Form - 4/30/59

For Information Noted On Our Form - See Attached Memo

4-30-59
Information Noted on Placement Form Returned to

Jewish Theological Seminary
3050 Broadway NY 27

FOR OUR Application For Services OF Student Rabbi For
HIGH Holy Days - 1959.

Student Rabbi To Perform All Duties For Both
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Will Pay Sum OF \$500⁰⁰ - Exclusive OF Traveling Expenses -
Food and Housing.

We Cannot Consider ANY OTHER Student Rabbi But One Who
Will Come By Himself - Accommodations Not Available For
Wives OR Families

October 13, 1959

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America
3080 Broadway
New York, New York

Attention: Mr. Bernard Ochs

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will please find our check for \$500.00
as per our agreement for the High Holyday Services.

Our congregation was very much pleased with the
manner in which Mr. Michael Hecht conducted the
services.

Yours very truly,

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

E. L. FRIEDMAN
President

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Encl/check

Michael Hecht
3080 Broadway
New York 27, N.Y.

September 11, 1959

Mr. L. Goldman
328 Main Street
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Goldman:

Mr. Friedman suggested that I write to you, since he intends to be out of town. I have gone over the information provided for the Seminary's placement chairman by Beth Israel. I have also spoken to Rabbi Joel Kraemer about your congregation. It seems that there is nothing that I need ask at this point. I am very glad to see that the members are able to help out in the service.

I note that you have scheduled services on Rosh Hashanah morning to run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. I would like to suggest the following additional scheduling:

Rosh Hashanah First Evening--	6:15 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Second Evening--	6:45 p.m.
Kol Nidrei Services--	6:15 p.m.
Maariv closing Yom Kippur Day-	7:05 p.m.

The best way for me to get to Latrobe seems to be by overnight train from New York. Accordingly I will inquire as to Pullman reservations on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Michael Hecht

Recd 9/13/59

Ans - letter 9/13 - copy attached

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September 13, 1959

Michael Hecht
Jewish Theological Seminary,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hecht:

Your letter of Sept. 11th is greatly appreciated. The holiday schedule is satisfactory but, if suitable, suggest a 6:30 P.M. starting time for the first evening of Rosh Hashana.

As to train service, you can schedule your arrival for Friday morning and we will meet you at the railroad station. Let us know the exact time of arrival.

It has been customary to publish in the holiday issue of our Synagogue Bulletin, a brief pre-holiday message to the Congregation from our visiting Rabbi. This year's issue will be ready on or about September 20th and we will be glad to include your greetings if you will forward them by return mail.

Our Congregation is looking forward with great anticipation to the High Holy Day season and to the pleasure of meeting its "Rabbi". Sincerely,
F. Goldner

Michael Hecht
3080 Broadway
New York 27, N.Y.

September 17, 1959

Mr. L. Goldman
328 Main Street
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Goldman:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 13. Since I was away in Baltimore for a few days, I could not answer it right away. A 6:30 p.m. starting time for the first evening of Rosh Hashana would be all right.

I have made reservations for trains going to Latrobe and back to New York. I plan to be arriving both on October 2 and October 11 on train #61, "The Pittsburger." This train is scheduled to arrive in Latrobe at 7:50 a.m., E.D.S.T. I am planning to leave Latrobe both on Oct 4 and on Oct 12 at 11:58 p.m. These trains seem to be about the only ones I can take.

I am including in this letter a short message for the Synagogue Bulletin. I hope I have sent it in time.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Hecht

Recd 9/20/59

3080 Broadway
New York 27, N.Y.

October 21, 1959

Mr. E.L. Friedman
President, Beth Israel Congregation
821 Chestnut St.
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Friedman,

I just want to tell you how very much I enjoyed spending the High Holydays with the members of Beth Israel. I had a most pleasant and worthwhile experience in Latrobe. I especially want to thank all the people who went so far out of their way to be nice to me.

You have a very fine congregation, a real giant for its size. If thirty-nine families can accomplish so much in so short a time, I know that there is a great future for Judaism in this country. I am referring not only to your beautiful building but also to the people who enter it and the activities they pursue there. May your good work prosper!

Sincerely yours,

Michael Hecht

July 28, 1959

Mr. Michael Hecht
3080 Broadway
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Hecht:

You will please pardon the delay in answering your letter of July 5.

The information you requested concerning as to how you will reach Latrobe, please be advised that we are on the main line of the Penna. Railroad.

If there is any further information you may wish to have, please let us know, and we will forward same to you.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Friedman, President
Beth Israel Congregation

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Michael Hecht
3080 Broadway
New York 27, N.Y.

July 5, 1959

Mr. E.L. Friedman, President
Beth Israel Congregation
414 Weldon Street
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 26. At the moment there is not much that I need in the way of information about the services. A fairly complete file of information should be available at the office of the Seminary student placement chairman. Once I have had a chance to study this, I may have some questions.

However, I wonder whether you could give me some information on how I can best travel to Latrobe. It is most probable that I will be coming from New York and returning there, since I will have a teaching position in New York at that time. There is also a possibility that I will be coming via Baltimore just for Yom Kippur.

I was very glad to hear from you. I, too, am anticipating my visit to Latrobe with pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Hecht