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Agudath Kehillath:—A meeting of the Committee of Nine was held at the Hebrew Institute on Thursday evening, February Eighth. Mr. Max Azen was chosen Chairman of the committee and Harry Beeson accepted Temporary Secretary in the absence of D. I. Sobel. Upon decision a committee of Three was appointed to visit the rabbis while they attended the meeting of the Vaad Akashrus and talk over matters pertaining to the Aguda. The committee appointed consists of Joseph Lasdusky, President of Beth Shalem Congregation, Squirrel Hill; Max Azen, Chairman of the Committee of Nine, and Vice President of B'nai Israel Congregation, East End, and B. Cohen, Vice President of Shaary Zedek Congregation. It was decided to call a conference of all presidents of Orthodox Congregations to be held Thursday night, February Fifteenth, at the Beth Jacob Congregation. Harry Beeson, Secretary of the Vaad Akashrus, and a member of the Committee of Nine, pleased the committee by informing them of the fact that the several Orthodox Rabbis of Greater Pittsburgh attend all meetings regularly and are in unity to guard Kashrus and all problems affecting traditional Judaism, also that they are very willing to help as much as they can to reorganize the Aguda, and that the Vaad Akashrus meetings are attended in large numbers by representative laymen.

On Thursday, February Fifteenth, a meeting under the Chairmanship of Max Azen was held by the Committee of Nine at the Beth Jacob Congregation, at which all the presidents of the Pittsburgh Orthodox Congregations or their representatives, were present.

A report was made by Dr. Fineberg that he had called on all the Rabbis and asked that they assist in organizing the Agudath Kehillath. A motion was made by Mr. Max Friedman that a committee be appointed to go to the Pittsburgh Orthodox Congregations and explain the necessity of organizing the Agudath Kehillath. The motion was duly passed, and the committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. Max Friedman, B. Horowitz, Samuel Hausman and Mr. Safere.

A motion was made that all the congregations present should make a fund that the committee of Nine should be able to carry on the Publicity Work and all the representatives of the Congregations present consented to do so.

A motion was also made that a Publicity Committee be appointed and the following were elected: Dr. Goldstein, Mr. L. Weinstein and Mr. M. Weiss.

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