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With all R. Israel's anxiety for the improvement and welfare of the community, he had all the time paid little attention to his personal interests. Upon his arrival in Kovno he had provided for the needs of his family by accepting an office in the administration of the community given him by the Kovno Kehilah. It was one of his life's principles never to accept benefits from others, and never to take gifts. He therefore made it his practice to earn his living by his own efforts. It was then, or soon afterwards, that he accepted the appointment of Kovno City Maggid and all public addresses delivered there were supervised by him.

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