



For the past three years I have had the honor and privilege of being the President of the Cincinnati Branch of Young Israel, but in the past year an added pleasure was entrusted in my hands, and that of being host to the Tenth Annual Conference in our city.

Young Israel representing the highest form of Traditional Judaism in America, has taken the lead in concentrating its effort for the AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH. The war in Europe has created unparalleled difficulties for the Orthodox Jewish youth not only in Europe, but throughout the world. American Jewry, especially Young Israel has the possibility of remedying the evils here in the United States by preserving the religious and cultural heritage of Israel. Young men and women of today are in a turmoil. They find the economic problems overwhelming; they are unable to cope with them. How many forget their religion entirely in the strain of modern living?

This is the function of our National Movement. We have dedicated ourselves to a complete faith in the Torah in order that we might have a definite driving force to insure success. To this end we have met in convention assemble to discuss and toil for the future of AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH.

I trust this convention will serve as a greater means of inspiration to a greater accomplishment and a greater Young Israel.

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