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R. Israel also became actively involved in the public and political life of German Jewry as well. He was alert to everything that transpired and he conferred with the local rabbis in improving the situation wherever possible. He founded orderly orthodox kehillot, charity projects, etc. He published articles, either under his name or anonymously, in Jewish periodicals such as Der Israelit, etc., in which he advocated the removal of the various obstacles hindering a properly conducted communal life. Some even go so far as to assert that he approached government authorities on the subject of civil rights for German Jews, and that it was to facilitate his effectiveness that he took out German citizenship and labored to perfect his knowledge of the language. He wanted to be able to speak to the authorities without the aid of interpreters or intermediaries.

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