

one of the most effective ways by which Judaism can be taught and propagated as a living faith of the nineteenth century on these American shores.

The gift of a synagogue by Mr. J. H. Wolf to his brethren of Portland, **Maine**, is a benefaction extremely rare. It matters little whether it is to be a \$10,000 or a \$100,000 edifice, Mr. Wolf could not have chosen a more fitting method to show his gratitude to God for having prospered his ways. We heartily wish a similar spirit would actuate some New York Israelite. A synagogue endowed from the start and free to all would be certainly a novelty in our city. Hampered by debt as are nearly all of our congregations, and with the minister's freedom of action often curtailed, the rise of a free and independent synagogue would mark a new era in our history. It is perhaps