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Sir,

I have the honour to report the death last night of the Rabbi Samuel Salant, Grand Rabbi of the Ashkenazim (or Germano-Polish) Jewish Community. The deceased, who had attained a great age, had occupied his office for upwards of forty years, and was much beloved on account of his mild and conciliatory character. His obsequies were attended by a vast concourse of people.

His Excellency  
The Right Honourable  
Sir G. Lowther, K. C. M. G., C. B.  
Constantinople.

I have not yet learnt who is to be his successor. The post of Grand Rabbi of the Ashkenazim Jews is not an official one, as most of the members of the Community are foreign subjects. It is in official matters subject to the Grand Rabbinate of the Sephardim Jews, the titular of which must be an Ottoman subject, appointed by the Ottoman Government. That post has been for some time vacant and its duties are carried on at present by the Acting Grand Rabbi Petito.

I have the honour to be,

With the greatest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient  
humble servant.

E. Blech.