

# SIGNIFICANT SHIFTING IN JEWISH POPULATION OF PITTSBURGH REVEALED

The 1928 public school census, conducted by the Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh, with the co-operation of the Board of Public Education, again presents interesting changes in the various Jewish communities in Pittsburgh. The statistics were made public last week, by Prof. Israel A. Abrams, principal of the Institute, who takes the children's census bi-annually, using the information as a basis for planning the Jewish educational program in this city and surrounding district.

Although it is generally known that Jewish families are leaving the Hill district for more attractive neighborhoods, particularly Squirrel Hill, it may not be known to many that they are abandoning the Hill section at the rate of about 350 individuals annually. This conclusion is based on these facts:

Jewish boys and girls in the elementary schools in the Hill district:

1928 census.....	2,796
1926 census.....	3,584
1924 census.....	4,119

It is Professor Abram's prediction that in approximately 10 years the Jewish population in the Hill territory will be negligible.

"There appears to be an annual decrease of 350 or more per year—almost 800 every two years. From all indications this rate of reduction of Jewish

The neighborhood is unquestionably changing its complexion. Restricted immigration has halted the influx. The natural tendency of Jewish families, particularly when children reach a mature age, is to seek more modern homes in better residential sections. There can be but one answer—the Hill district, so far as Jews are concerned, is doomed.

So Professor Abrams comments on his interesting census. He continued:

"I believe that the Hebrew Institute still has work in the Hill district for 8 to 10 years. After all, there are yet a huge number of Jewish children there in need of intensive Jewish training. Together with the boys and girls attending High Schools in the Hill district, they total more than 3,400. The need for the continued services of the Hebrew Institute in that territory is substantiated by the fact that at present we have the largest enrollment in our history."

It is interesting to note, according to Professor Abrams, that 1,800 of the 2,796 elementary school children live within a radius of eight blocks of the Institute, and that 1,300 of them receive intensive Jewish training in a daily Hebrew school. Of this number 800 attend the Institute, 300 are taught privately, 150 study at the Talmud Torah, 100 at Rabbi Kochin's school, and 70 attend classes in the National Radical Schools. The conclusion is that really commendable Jew-

ish educational work is being carried out in the Hill district—far better, in fact, than in any other section of the city, with the exception probably of the East End, where 425 out of 1,029 elementary school children obtain such advantages.

Squirrel Hill and Oakland have not been so successful in this respect. Only 50 of the 643 boys and girls in Oakland undergo such training, and only 300 out of 1,431 boys and girls in Squirrel Hill receive intensive instruction in Jewish daily schools.

The census of elementary and junior High School children in other sections of the city tell their own story. They follow:

Squirrel Hill—1928, 1,431; 1926, 1,200; 1924, 1,065.	East End—1928, 1,029; 1926, 740; 1924, 459.
Oakland—1928, 643; 1926, 580; 1924, 511.	Lawrenceville—1928, 66; 1926, 85; 1924, 113.
North Side—1928, 217; 1926, 192; 1924, 238.	Homewood-Brushston—1928, 131; 1926, 151; 1924, 177.
Hazelwood—1928, 40; 1926, 51; 1924, 46.	Southside—1928, 52; 1926, 54; 1924, 77.
South Hills—1928, 206; 1926, 174; 1924, 130.	Miscellaneous—1928, 25.

Total Elementary and Junior High student enrollment (Jewish), 6,636.

The High Schools report the following Jewish registration: Fifth Avenue—1928, 651; 1926, 759; 1924, 898. Schenley—1928, 678; 1926, 767; 1924, 750. Taylor Allderdice—1928, 441 (school opened within last census period). Business High—1928, 173; 1926, 130; 1924, 114. Westinghouse—1928, 76; 1926, 68; 1924, 48. South Hills—1928, 36; 1926, 45;

1924, 44.	Oliver High—1928, 46; 1926, 57.
South—1928, 36; 1926, 42; 1924, 53.	Langley—1928, 26; 1926, 19; 1924, 19.
Carrick—1.	Ralstone Industrial—22.
Perry—1928, 17; 1924, 45.	Allegheny—1928, 17; 1926, 19; 1924, 65;
Peabody—1928, 441; 1926, 333; 1924, 313.	

Total High School enrollment—2,575. Total Senior and Junior High and Elementary registration—9,211.

Mrs. Frank Rubinstein donated \$500 to the Hebrew Institute in memory of her husband.

## Banquet Tendered to Fire Captain

Preparations have been completed for the testimonial banquet to be held on Saturday evening, December 8th, at 6:30.

