

Community-Wide Study of Jewish Education is Set

The first community-wide self-study of Jewish education in Pittsburgh is scheduled to get underway early in March and to be completed in about three months.

The detailed examination of local Jewish educational resources which is expected to point the road for extensive improvements of Pittsburgh programs comes as a result of recommendations of a special committee on Jewish education headed by Judge Benjamin Lencher appointed by the United Jewish Fund board. The Fund board endorsed the projected self-study and voted the necessary funds.

Dr. Uriah Engelman, research director of the American Association of Jewish education, will act as consultant to the local study which will also have the services of David Bonder, formerly of Pittsburgh whose services have been loaned by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Both national organizations which will aid the self-study committee are beneficiaries of the local United Jewish Fund campaign.

Primarily, the self-study which has been termed "a long delayed step needed to strengthen Jewish education in Pittsburgh" by local leaders is intended to explore—in detail—local curricula, finances, teacher training, facilities, methods of enlarging attendance, etc. The group will be concerned with uncovering the number of Jewish children who are receiving no Jewish education of any sort.

Nature Emphasized

Emphasis is laid on the fact that this project is to be a **self-study** by the committee, which will sponsor and participate in it, draw its own conclusion, and finally make its own report. The experts will guide the committee; the results will be the committee's. All groups concerned will be invited to participate regardless of method and ideology. It will be no part of the study's purpose to pass judgment on any particular method of Jewish education.

Judge Lencher's special committee includes: Walter Burke, Maurice Davis, Herman Fineberg, Louis Little, I. R. Raphael, Mrs. L. J. Reizenstein, Adolph Schoenbrun, Jacob Wolk, Jacob Davis, Simon Myers, Emanuel Spector.

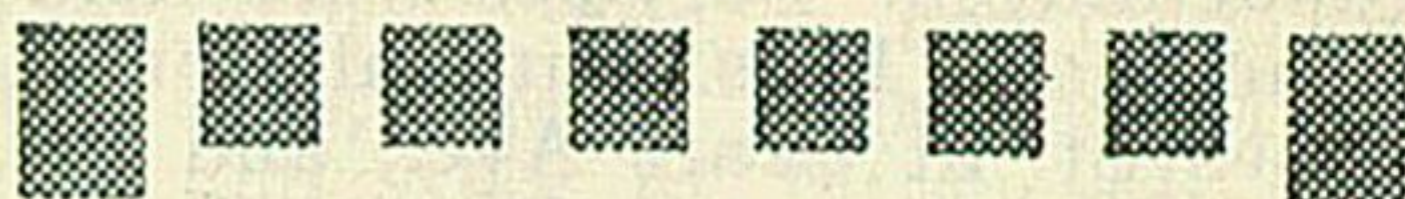
Earlier this week, his committee met with and received the endorsement of a number of representatives from synagogues and organizations conducting schools. These included the Beth El Congregation, Beth Shalom Congregation, B'nai Emunoh Congregation, Poale Zedeck Congregation, Rodef Shalom Temple, Shaare Torah Congregation, Temple Sinai, Tree of Life Congregation, Southwestern District Sunday Schools, Hebrew Institute, and B'nai Israel Congregation. Many other local groups are expected to participate in the study program including those concerned with adult Jewish education.

Mizrachi Plans Ceremony To Be Held at Synagogue

A Melava Malkah under the sponsorship of the Pittsburgh District Mizrachi Organization will be held Saturday evening, February 18, at the Social Hall of the Homestead Hebrew Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 331 Tenth Avenue.

Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko of the Pittsburgh Shaare Torah Congregation and president of the Tri-State Mizrachi, will be the guest speaker.

Rabbi Joshua S. Weiss is the spiritual leader of the Homestead Congregation, and Jerome Schwartz, Esq., is the president. The Jewish community is most cordially invited to participate in the Melava Malkah.



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