

What Is Wrong With the Jewish Youth of Pittsburgh?

“What is wrong with the Jewish youth of Pittsburgh and why does he not readily avail himself of the opportunities afforded him for higher Jewish education?” This question has been asked time and again by Pittsburgh communal leaders. Rabbi J. J. Hurwitz answers the question in this manner, “The apparent lack of interest in Jewish subjects, shown by our youth, is due, not to unwillingness to learn, but to an insufficiently interesting background of Hebrew education. In all probability the only Jewish education he was ever given was presented in an unenlightening manner. He was thus being weaned from things Jewish to something which appears more attractive, not realizing that at the same time he is ignoring a culture which has endured and will endure for thousands of years. He does not realize that the writings of our Rabbis and sages have stood the test of time more staunchly than any other.” Rabbi Hurwitz has organized the Yeshivah Rabbi Jacob Joseph with the intent to win back the interest which our youth obviously has lost and to continue to attract them to and expound the holy words of our Torah.
