Where have all our children gone? TEN YEAR OLDS NEW YORK NIGHT CLUB

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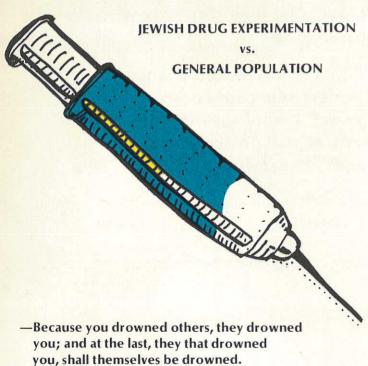
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This is a picture book—of us, our families, our communities and our society; of Jewish failure and Jewish hope. You might not like what you see, but refusing to look, like a fat man shunning a mirror, will not change the reality we have all made.

The Hebrew day school can change that reality; it can change Jewish failure into Jewish hope. If we budget our community resources wisely, perhaps we can help the day school turn the tide and forge a better reality—one that insures the preservation of Jewish ideals, Jewish communities and ultimately, the Jewish people.

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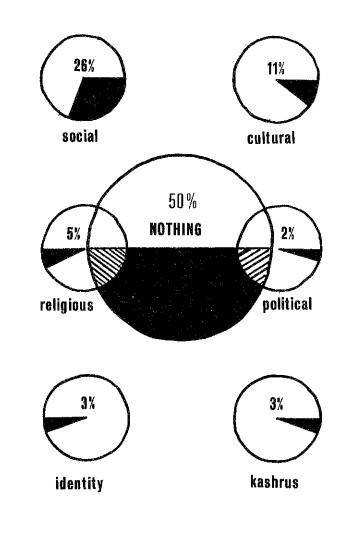


—Do not say: "When I have leisure, I will study; for perhaps you will have no leisure."

Jewish society--characterized by drug use, intermarriage, flag was not meant to be this way. Hillel's sage guidelines,



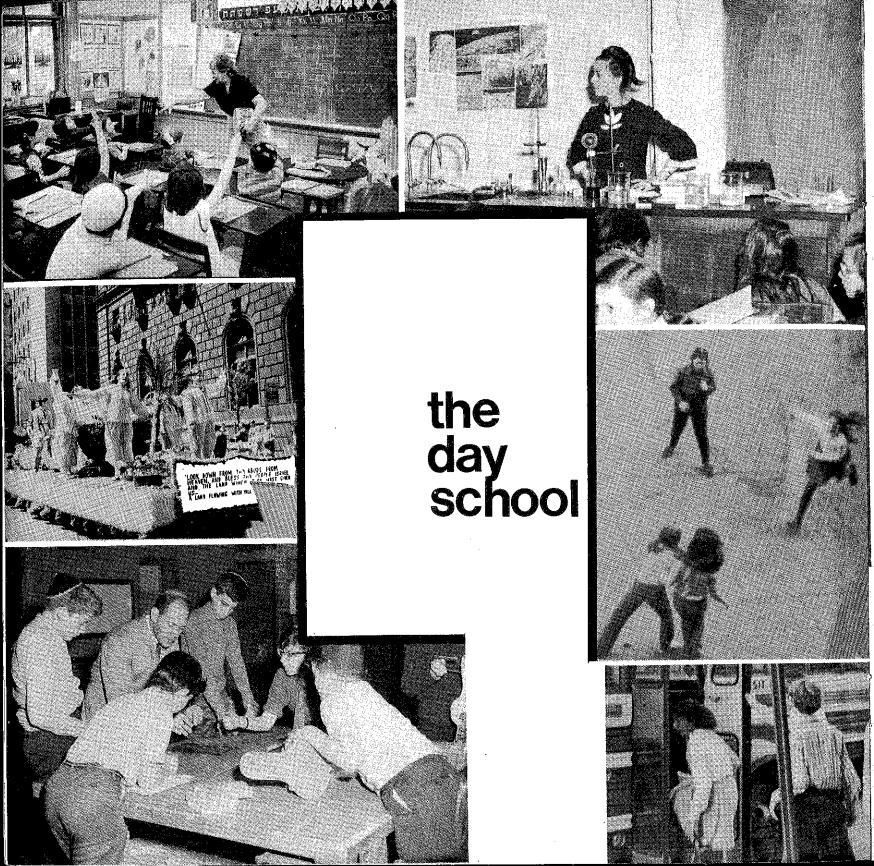
I need the Jewish community for . . .



Do not place yourself aloof from the community.

—In a place where there are no men, you must strive to be a man.

burnings, rebellion and rejection of the Jewish community-perpetuated in the *Ethics*, can still stop these trends.



Some Jewish children experiment with drugs—maybe they have nothing better to do. Jews marry out of their faith—maybe the uniqueness of our people has escaped them. There are Jewish youth who reject the ideals their parents hold sacred—maybe they never learned how to apply them. Some Jewish youth have no use for their own community—maybe they see no future in it . . . . .

Many Jews search for new commitment in life—maybe no one ever shared the timelessness of the Law of Moses with them. For the Law of Moses, taught in the conducive environment of a Jewish day school, enables the American Jewish youngster to cope with the world around him. It helps him find a stable niche in his society.

A day school child realizes that what is past is not necessarily irrelevant or wrong. Instead he values the past as a foundation for the future.

The Hebrew day school is an education in practical living — where history, moral teachings, science and literature meet sports, art and music to form a life pattern.

## This typical jewish day school graduate

- . . . was one fifteenth of his class.
- . . . improved more in his years in the day school than a comparable public school pupil of the same IQ.
- . . . is more psychologically stable than his Jewish public school counterpart.
- . . . supports Israel more intensely than the average Jew his age.
- . . . joins more Jewish organizations than his non-day school counterpart.
- . . . holds more leadership positions than his non-day school friend.
- . . . is more tolerant than his public school counterpart.
- . . . learns more per hour invested in Jewish studies than his Hebrew school counterpart.
- . . . receives more Ivy League college acceptances proportionately than his public school counterpart.

And last year he was only one of the 90,000 students in the 437 day schools in the United States and Canada.









"Torah education has been of inestimable importance to me in its definition of ultimate standards of ethical and intellectual excellence."

Dr. Samuel Danishefsky
Professor of Chemistry
University of Pittsburgh

"My day school education teaches me how to differentiate between what is good and bad in society, and gives me the strength to follow my conscience."

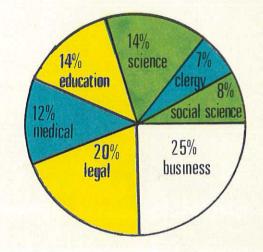
Shira Rackovsky Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh "The logical approach and feeling for people Yeshiva taught me, as exemplified in the Talmud, is a pillar of my thinking."

> Dr. Murray Sachs Chief of Medicine, Shadyside Hospital Pittsburgh, Pa.





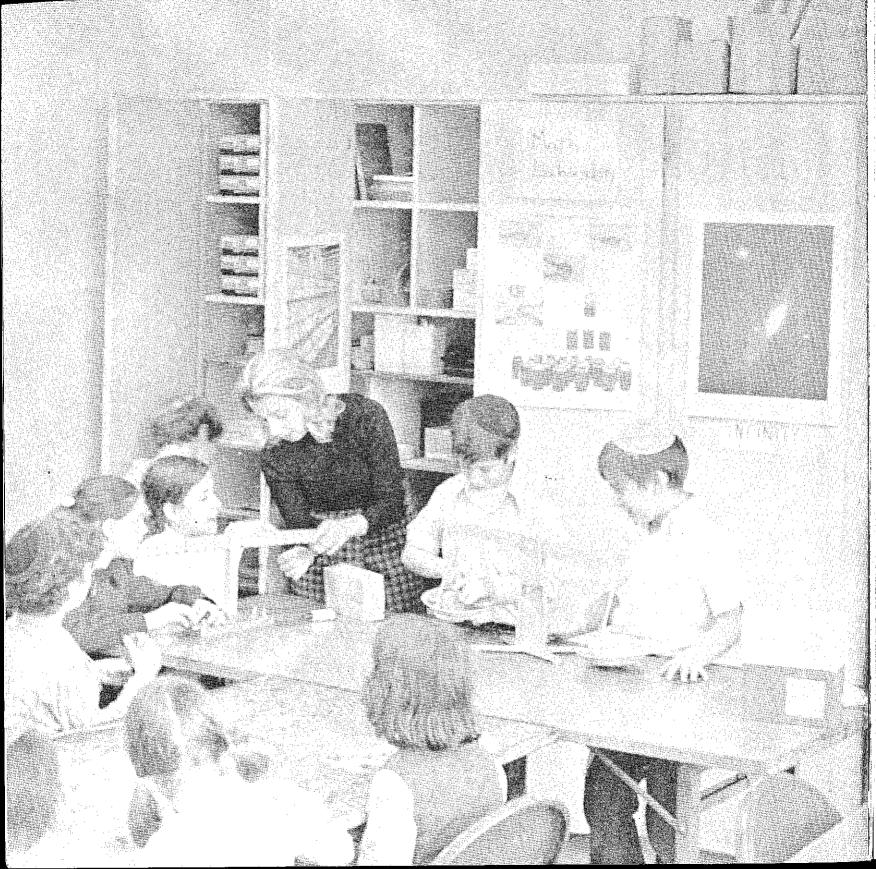
Graduates of a Day School Class By Profession



"The day school environment induces a desire for learning and a respect for education."

Shirah Neiman Assistant United States Attorney New York, New York "The study of Torah has provided me with standards of ethics and morals that have guided my career."

Bertram L. Podell United States Congressman Washington, D. C.



## This picture represents a \$200,000,000 investment in the future.

——Each dedicated teacher costs the day school system \$7,000.

The public schools pay a teacher with the same background \$8,000-\$9,000 for fewer hours.

At this rate how long can day schools attract qualified, inspired faculty?

——Small classes cost the day school about \$1,000 per student.

Public schools spend only \$800 per student.

At this rate, how much longer can tuition remain within the means of the Jewish parent?

——Maintaining old buildings cost more than ever before.

Public schools can build new educational centers.

How long will old classrooms last?

——Modern educational audio-visual and other aids cost the day school system about \$250,000 a year.

Public schools get funds for them from the federal and state governments.

How much longer can the high quality of day school education continue in the face of rising costs?

Of the average day school budget, student tuition pays one third.

The other \$134,000,000 is deficit.

## WHO WILL PAY?

The local governments don't
The state governments can't.
The federal government won't.
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY MUST PAY THE PRICE.

FINANCING "JEWISH" BUILDINGS
AND "JEWISH" SWIMMING POOLS
WILL NOT INSURE JEWISH SURVIVAL.
TOKEN JEWISH EDUCATION CANNOT.

THAT'S WHY FORWARD-LOOKING FEDERATIONS ASSIGN HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS TOP PRIORITY.

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If not now, WHEN?"

-Hillel

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