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WHY I SHOULD SEND MY CHILD TO HEBREW SCHOOL

In previous generations the question posed above would never occur to the average Jewish parent. Providing a Jewish education for Jewish children was a responsibility equal to that of providing food and clothing. Jewish education was a legal obligation of the parent.

Early in Jewish history a school system was set up by every Jewish community to provide for the education of the young. This goal was striven after and approached even when Jews lived among illiterate people where education was the privilege of few. Among the many things of which a Jew can justly be proud is this ancient system of education which could well serve as an example to many countries and faiths.

Jewish education, however, prepares the ethical man. It fashions character and molds the individual into an integrated personality who will strive for the welfare of all humankind. Jewish teachings includes the ideals towards which man must strive if they wish to eliminate war and its ruthless toll of life. Woven into the fabric of Jewish thought is the concept of human freedom and the sanctity of the individual. Jewish education inculcates piety and a readiness for personal sacrifice for truth and humanity.

This is the type of Jew, an exemplar of righteousness, which the study of the Torah makes possible.

The School Board wishes Rabbi and Mrs. Rachoff, all Members of the Congregation, and all Israel a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year.

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