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A Time To Act

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The Report of the
Commission on Jewish Education
in North America

THE COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION IN NORTH AMERICA

1988 - 1990

Two Years -- Six Plenary Meetings -- Ongoing Consultations

A Blueprint for the Future

Steps to Implementation

THE COMMISSION REPORT

**The Crisis Facing the Jewish Community in
North America**

**The Crucial Importance of Jewish Education
in Contemporary Jewish Life**

A Vast Field - Beset by Several Problems

A Program to Revitalize Jewish Education

THE CRISIS

Large numbers of Jews have lost interest in Jewish values, ideals and behavior, and there are many who no longer believe that Judaism has a role to play in their search for personal fulfillment and communality.

THE VARIED FIELD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Day Schools

Supplementary Schools

Jewish Community Centers

College-Age Programs

Educational Visits to Israel

Early Childhood Programs

Training Institutions for Educators

Adult and Family Education

Camping

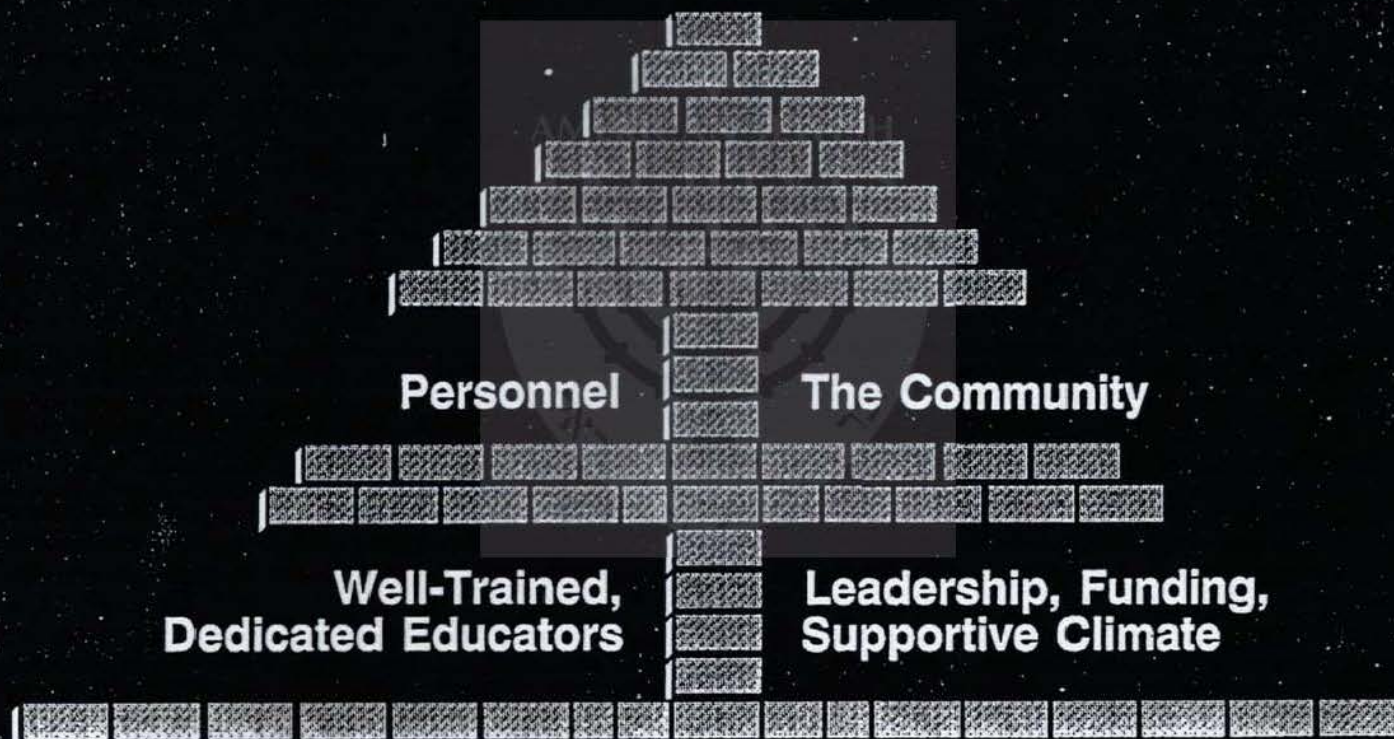
**Jewish Education Today Fails to Engage a
Critical Segment of the Jewish Population**



PROBLEMS

- Sporadic Participation**
- Deficiencies in Educational Content**
- Inadequate Community Support**
- An Underdeveloped Profession of Jewish Education**
- The Lack of Reliable Data**

THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF JEWISH EDUCATION



BUILDING THE PROFESSION OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Status:

Improve Salaries and Benefits

Empowerment Policy

Marketing and Recruitment:

Identify Potential Educators

Develop Recruitment Programs

BUILDING THE PROFESSION OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Training:

Fast - Track Programs

Career - Changers Programs

Fellows of Jewish Education

Jewish Education Corps

Educational Leadership Programs

In - Service Training for All

More Scholars and Professors of Jewish Education

MOBILIZE THE COMMUNITY FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

Funding:

Private and Family Foundations

Gradual Increase of Federation Allocations

**Tuition Income; Congregational Budgets;
Special Fundraising**

MOBILIZE THE COMMUNITY FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

Leadership:

Individual Recruitment of Community Leaders

Seminars and Conferences Throughout the Continent

Ongoing Flow of Information

Publicize the Report

Annual Meeting of the Commission

-- To Report on Progress

A BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

- I. Building a Profession of Jewish Education**
- II. Mobilizing Community Support**
- III. Establishing Lead Communities**
- IV. Developing a Research Capability**
- V. Creating The Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education**

LEAD COMMUNITIES

Establish 3 - 5 Lead Communities to Engage in the Process of Redesigning and Improving the Delivery of Jewish Education:

Define Criteria and Select Communities

Form Local Planning Committees

Adopt Best Practices -- Programs That Work

Recruit Qualified Educators

Encourage and Test Innovative Ideas and Programs

Diffuse Innovation Throughout North America

Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education

Acting Executive Director Steven H. Hoffman

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- Lester Pollack
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- Neil Greenbaum
President, Jewish Educational
Services of North America

- Mathew Maryles

MISSION: Act as a catalyst and energizer to see that
commission recommendations are implemented.