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I am grateful for this privilege of extending through the medium of your new magazine my greetings to the men and women of your Association. You are undoubtedly meeting a great need in our community. Your increasingly large membership is evidence of it. Your varied activities, social and educational, and your commendable spirit of initiative and enterprise, indicate clearly that you are endeavoring to function fully as a Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association.

It now remains for you to broaden your scope so as to become truly representative of the entire community. You will then completely merit the united support of our people in the future task of erecting a structure to house the manifold activities of your Association.

I trust that you will at all times remain true to the fine things ~~which you have set~~ ^{which you have set} out to achieve, and that you will, through ~~co-operative~~ ^{co-operative} effort, be enabled to contribute largely to the development of high ideals of manhood and womanhood among the thousands of our coreligionists in our city.

What our young people need above all else is a sense of noblesse oblige, a sense of refinement and culture, without which all intellectual gifts are robbed of their charm and attractiveness, ~~and~~ ^{all} ambition becomes ~~ferocious~~ ^{ferocious} aggressiveness, and all achievement of scant value.

Your Association may help young men and women to succeed, not alone in their chosen fields of endeavor, in business or professions, but also and more so in their primary calling - as men and women!