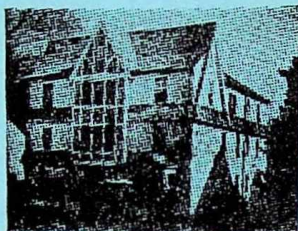


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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI ISRAEL STOCK

With the growth of our Yeshiva to its present proportions, I feel within my heart that I should at this time express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all who have played a vital and important role in the work thus far accomplished. As each new child is added to our roster and as each new piece of equipment is installed for the benefit of inculcating Judaism as well as Americanism in the minds and hearts of our youngsters, I experience not only a sense of pride, but a feeling of warmth and gratitude within me, for I know that Bridgeport Jewry will never allow the fundamentals and principals of Judaism to die—rather that from this Yeshiva will come finer, prouder and better educated Jewish men and women who will carry our banner in future years.

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A HISTORY

The Bridgeport Chapter of the Yeshiva had its inception with a mere handful of children meeting in a temporary building at 820 Madison Avenue during the summer of 1944. Although this was a humble beginning, the work rapidly expanded to include classes in religious instruction which met after public school daily sessions were over.

In September, 1945, the first Hebrew School of Bridgeport was established with a two-fold integrated curriculum—a Hebrew course of studies under the supervision of Rabbi Aaron Popock and a secular course under the supervision of Miss Anna Moonshine, and through the cooperation of the Ladies Machzika Talmud Torah had the use of the Hebrew Institute on Burroughs Street for a period of four months, with 18 pupils distributed between grades 1 to 8.

Finally, on January 4, this year, the new school located at 311 Fairview Avenue, opened its doors to the Jewish youth of Bridgeport with a program of studies to meet their complete educational needs.

The Present

Today approximately 100 children are studying both Hebrew and English courses in our school and enjoy modern up-to-date facilities in a clean well-lighted building. They are transported safely to and from the school each day by the staff and during the noon hour partake of a well-balanced noon-day lunch. A happy atmosphere prevails in which instructors stress the ultra-modern use of individualized attention to each pupil. Grades have been eliminated. In their stead is a program designed to give the pupil "his head" so that if he is capable of advancing faster than the average pupil, he is permitted to advance. The school carries a curriculum similar to that of the public school system, permitting an exchange of students.

The Future

As we look ahead there is no doubt in our minds that Yeshiva Achei Tmimim Lubavitz will play an important and vital role in Bridgeport's educational system. Further, that this is the start of inculcating intelligent understanding of Judaism within the ranks of our youngsters. Tomorrow, we look forward to a greater and better equipped Hebrew Parochial School in Bridgeport.

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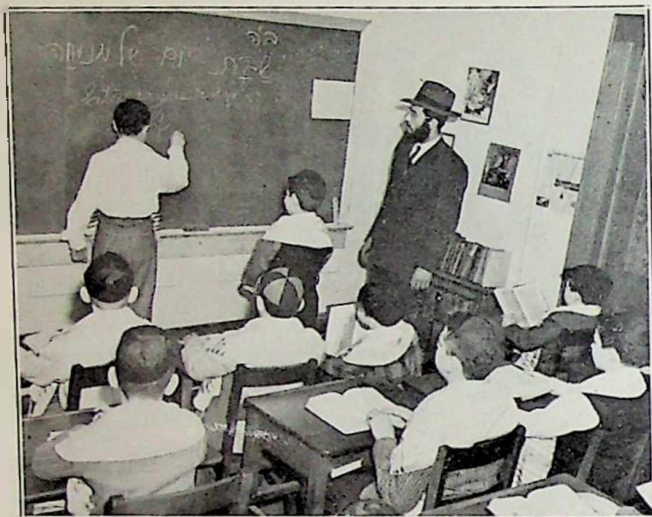
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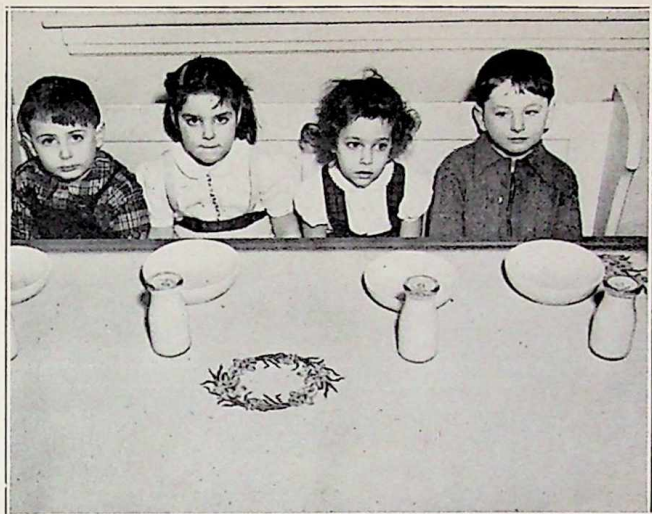
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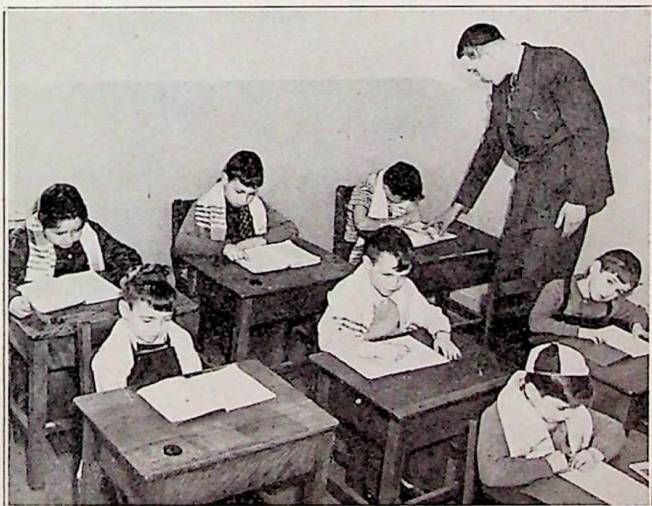
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People began, in later years, to call the movement Lubavitch, after the town.

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