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The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
New York.

Gentlemen,

Having just returned from a two months' tour of inspection in Poland, I beg to give you a short report on the position of Bais Jakob movement.

The Movement is spreading throughout the whole country. From all classes of the Jewish population the girls are sent to our Bais Jakob Schools without regard to the political opinions of their parents. Children of prominent parents of all parties are studying with us.

The education of the Bais Jakob Lady Teachers is done according to programme by first-class home and foreign instructors. There are 75 candidates studying at present in the Cracow Training College and in the course which has been arranged in connection with the Girls' High School (eight classes) Chawazeles in Warsaw.

124 girls took part in the training course for teachers which was held this summer at Rabka, a health resort in the Tatra mountains, half of them having already been qualified as teachers. We have taken the liberty of sending you a few pictures of these courses. You will see from them that we attach a great importance to the physical training of the girls by game and sport.

Last year we have erected our own school-houses in Warsaw and Mlawa.

In addition we have opened Technical Schools in Warsaw, Lemberg, Cracow and Bendzin which, unfortunately, suffer from lack of machines.

The state of the teachers' health is not quite so satisfactory. Some of them had to be relieved from their duties and sent for several months to the mountains for convalescence,

whilst others could not be sent for want of money. Also the provision of kitchens for feeding those children who are not sufficiently fed is an urgent necessity.

The erection of our Central Institute in Cracow (Training College, Administration, Inspectorate) is progressing rapidly, since we commenced to build in May. The state of the building at the end of August is shown by the enclosed photos taken in the presence of the undersigned. The total cost of the building is estimated to be # 60.000,- of which sum, unfortunately, we have raised only a half.

In a few cases only does the budget of the schools balance and contributions are received only from very few parishes and municipalities. For this reason most of the schools show a deficit.

When you first contributed three years ago to our organisation, you made up the following estimate:
 7000 scholars at 5 c. per head per month, i.e. # 3.500.- per year;
 our last report which was rendered you in the form of a booklet showed 87 schools with 10905 sch.
 Increase in these schools 2360 "

Since then the following schools have been founded:

Skierniewice	with	120	scholars	
Dabrowa Gor.	"	140	"	
Zyrardow	"	120	"	
Zwiercie	"	120	"	
Dobromil	"	100	"	
Jaroslaw	"	155	"	
Konsk	"	150	"	
Plonsk	"	120	"	
Nowy-Sacz	"	135	"	
Lowicz	"	150	"	
Plock	"	150	"	
Szczekwem	"	105	"	
Prcepie	"	130	"	
Gostinin	"	120	"	
Ostrow Maz	"	120	"	
				15 schools with 1935 sch.
The present total thus being				102 schools with 15200 sch.

Of these, 13 schools with 3020 children are primary schools with the usual programme of the State; consequently, these children get their complete education in our schools.

We are very grateful indeed for the ample support you

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have offered and take the opportunity to repeat that without your generous assistance our Work would never have attained its present development, and we beg you to base your contribution on the actual position of our movement as shown by the above figures.

According to your formula you make an allowance of 5 cents per head per month for pupils attending school for religious instruction and evening classes, and 10 cents for those attending day schools and technical schools. If you could see your way to base your contribution for the coming year on the increased number of pupils, we should be able to carry on our great work.

The Bajs Jakob Movement has gathered a momentum which has surpassed by far previous years' limits, and has gained an unbounded sympathy and practical friends in all parties and circles of Jewish people. The Polish Government has repeatedly declared - and similarly the Polish Ambassador to Washington has written to the Reverend Rabbi Dr. Jung - "that the Bajs Jakob Movement is one of the most important factors in the educational work of the State and that the Government accordingly follows the development of the schools with the greatest of interest."

We therefore trust, Gentlemen, that in the coming year you will be able to accord us a correspondingly increased contribution to carry on the good work, and in this expectation we are, Gentlemen,

Yours very faithfully,