

## RAMAZ SCHOOL RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

### First Jewish-Sponsored School in New York to be so Recognized

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, through its Commission on Secondary Schools, granted official Accreditation to Ramaz School. The official notification to that effect was received by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Principal of Ramaz, on January 2nd.

Ramaz School is the only Jewish-sponsored school in the State of New York to have earned such accreditation. The recognition thus conferred upon it is regarded as the highest educational acknowledgment for a Secondary Institution.

#### Two Years of Self-Study

The faculty and administration of Ramaz, in accordance with the regulations of the Middle States Association, had to undertake a self-study project of every phase of the school's activity. This study lasted for two years. It is intended as a project in self-evaluation.

This self-study involved long and patient work and resulted in virtually two thick volumes of information which was presented to a special committee appointed by the Middle States Association.

#### Educators Visit Ramaz

In January of last year, a panel of leading educators visited Ramaz and spent almost an entire week studying every phase of school life. The panel included headmasters of outstanding private schools and teachers with long-standing experience. Among the group were specialists in particular fields of education.

#### The Report of the Educators' Panel

On the last day of their visit, the members of the Committee met with the administration of the entire high

school faculty of Ramaz. The Chairman of the Committee read a comprehensive report of all the findings. The report touched upon virtues and faults, advantages and shortcomings. In all, however, it was an extremely complimentary report.

Subsequently, Ramaz received this report in writing, together with a graphic description of the school, with ratings for every branch of its activity.

Finally, on January 2nd, came the official notification of Accreditation.

#### Excerpt of Letter of Notification

The letter from Dr. Albert I. Oliver Chairman of the Commission on Secondary Schools, was addressed to Dr. Lookstein. It read in part:

"It is a pleasure to inform you that favorable action by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has placed your School on its List of Accredited Secondary Schools for the period ending, December 31, 1965.

"Please accept sincere congratulations on this action. We, in the Commission Office, will be happy to be of service to you and to your school whenever an opportunity is presented."

#### A Brief Historical Sketch

Thus, Ramaz has reached another significant milestone. The educational odyssey of the Institution began when it was founded in 1937. In 1942, it received a Provisional Charter from the New York State Department of Education. In 1948, it received from the same source its Absolute Charter. In 1945, Ramaz organized its High

School and now, it received formal and official Accreditation.

Many glorious chapters of educational growth are yet to be written. The new school building will provide ideal facilities for the comprehensive educational program of the school. The curriculum of General Studies as well as Religious Studies, is in the process of study and revision. An excellent teaching staff and a splendid administrative staff are in charge. New personnel is constantly being added, always with an eye for betterment and improvement.

All of us have cause to congratulate ourselves. Kehilath Jeshurun, the sponsoring congregation, deserves a special vote of thanks. The Board of Trustees of Ramaz, the Parents' Council the Faculty, the Administration — deserve their commendation. The students themselves played an important role while the Commission's investigation was in progress. They too, deserve a "pat on the back".

And so, — the past of Ramaz was a challenge. Its continual accomplishments, climaxed by the most recent one, are a source of joy. Its future — may it hold many more educational victories.

#### NO CLASS FOR WOMEN THIS MONDAY

Due to the fact that this Monday, at 12:30 o'clock, the Sisterhood is having an Open Luncheon Meeting, the Class for Women in Bible at 11:00 a.m., will not be held. The next session of the Women's Bible Class will be held on Monday morning, February 3rd.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.

"LIFE CAN BE A MELODY"

On the Occasion of the Sabbath of Song



## THE WEEKLY PORTION

## BESHALACH

## "Dayeinu"

Perhaps the most popular song in the seder liturgy on the first and second nights of Passover is the song "Dayeinu". The word "Dayeinu" means "enough" and the song says in its various lines that if God had only done part of what He did for us during the Exodus from Egypt, this would have been "enough".

Like many popular songs in our liturgy, behind the light melody and the even lighter mood in which it is sung, there lies an important thought concerning the Jewish character and the teachings of our Torah. The capacity to say "Dayeinu" is an important one for man to develop. Moreover, it is not a natural capacity which is inborn in man.

Quite the contrary, it is quite probable that a baby is born with the concept of "more" on his or her mind but with little inclination to say "enough". The baby wants more warmth, more love, more fondling, more nourishment. The process of maturity is marked in at least one way by the learning of the ability to be satisfied with one's lot and to be content with one's possessions.

It seems that no matter how much man has he always wants more. Surely, the people of the Exodus were the most blessed in what they had been given by God. They had been given freedom from slavery; they had been given safe passage across the Red Sea; and they had been assured of safe conduct to a Promised Land. Nevertheless, three days beyond the Red Sea we find the people complaining over the lack of water. When water was supplied, they complained that it did not taste sweet enough. When it tasted sweet enough, they complained that they had no food. When they were given food, with the provision that they were not to go out into the fields to search for the food on the Sabbath, some of the people still went to glean the manna on the Sabbath. They simply did not have the capacity to say "Dayeinu" — "Enough".

According to our sages, the first law that God gave the Children of Israel after the Exodus, was the law of the Sabbath. One of the principle themes of the Sabbath is that man after six days of labor must live as if he had "enough". He must be able to be satisfied with the work of his hands throughout the Sabbath as if he had

## THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

cordially invites all members and friends  
to attend its

## Open Luncheon Meeting

This Monday, January 27th

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

will speak on

## "The High Cost of Leaving"

a review of Jessica Mitford's bestselling book  
"The American Way of Death"

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock

SISTERHOOD  
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th

Mrs. Hilda S. Berger  
Mrs. David Joseph  
Mrs. Alfred Kahn  
Mrs. Erwin Linden  
Mrs. Benjamin Perlman  
Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman  
Mrs. Abraham Silver  
Mrs. Israel Wachter

finished his work. This is what our sages understand from the passage in the Fourth Commandment which says, "six days shall you labor and you shall do all your work" — that is, you shall feel as if you have done all your work. In other words, we must be able to say "enough".

Besides the obvious emotional benefits of this capacity to be satisfied, there is also the ethical advantage which accrues from this studied contentment. Only when one feels he has "enough" is one able to be grateful for what he has. As long as one is still searching for more, one has neither the time nor the disposition to be grateful for that which he already possesses. The Sabbath, which is the force for the feeling of contentment is also the force for the ethical requirement of thanksgiving. This explains why the psalm for the Sabbath Day begins with the following verse, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord; to sing to Thy Name O'Most High."

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## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Births —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rosen upon the birth of a daughter. Our congratulations and wishes of much nachas to the grandparents, our esteemed Trustee, Samuel Rosen and Mrs. Rosen upon the birth of their granddaughter.

## Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Leo Breindel, Samson Eichler, Joseph N. Friedman, Morton Kamerman, Dr. Max Miller, Mrs. Abe Newborn, Mrs. Norman Orentreich, Stanley G. Reiss and Mrs. J. William Rosenbluth.

## Bar Mitzvah Greetings —

We extend warm Mazel Tov wishes to Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman upon the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silberman.

Mazel Tov and hearty congratulations to Mrs. Rose Etra on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, William Charles, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Etra.

## Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Scheidt and Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon.

## Get Well —

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Benjamin Siegel who is in the hospital recovering from surgery.

## Honors —

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samson Eichler on the honor gained by their son, Joel. From among five thousand students at City College, Joel was one of twenty-five who were placed on the Dean's List.



### YOUNG MARRIEDS GROUP HEARS PROGRAM FOR CHILD REARING

An overflow group of young married couples from the Kehilath Jeshurun Young Marrieds Group gathered at the home of the Chairman of the Group, Dr. Charles Cohen, last Saturday night to participate in a program dealing with the problems of rearing children in a Jewish home. Close to fifty people taxed the hostess' efforts of Mrs. Cohen to the full for this remarkable gathering.

Our special, invited guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schacter of West Hempstead, Long Island — Mrs. Schacter is the daughter of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. They discussed their own experiences in raising four children with an eye toward developing in them positive feelings about Judaism and its traditions. The general conclusion from their discussion was that the development of children with such positive feelings does not happen by accident. It must be the result of desire on the part of parents, careful thought concerning the problems involved and a readiness to enthusiastically pursue the program decided upon.

Mr. Schacter discussed the various rituals and routines which his family has established on Sabbaths and holidays. He showed how each one of the children has a specific task for every occasion. The tasks are, of course, designed in accordance with each child's particular capabilities and level of development. He discussed the informal learning program that is conducted every Sabbath, the routines which are designed to encourage singing Sabbath "Zemirot", and the feeling of joy and happiness which pervades the home and which makes the necessary denials of the Sabbath Day seem inconsequential when compared to the positive pleasures gained.

Our discussants were treated with a barrage of questions on various subjects surrounding the main theme by the members of the Young Married Group. From the dialogue that ensued, a clarification of many problems which may arise during the course of a child's early development was gained.

Our thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Cohen for accommodating such a large group so graciously and our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Schacter for sharing with us their experiences and their ideas in an area which is of such concern to every Jewish family.

### ADULT INSTITUTE SPRING SEASON TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 5th

On Wednesday evening, February 5th, the Spring Term of our Adult Institute will begin its sessions. The five classes which met on six Wednesday evenings during the Fall Term, will resume their sessions for the Spring Term that night.

Courses during the Spring Semester will meet on the following Wednesday nights; February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11, 18. On Wednesday night, March 18, following the 9:00 o'clock session, we will hold special closing exercises for all students of the Adult Institute. For the information of students and readers, we present the following outline of the courses which will be offered beginning on February 5th.

#### HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS

(Rapid Course)

This course is open to those who are members of the class and to those who have a very limited knowledge of Hebrew reading. During the six sessions, the student's proficiency will be increased so that he will be able to follow a service in the synagogue competently. The first session will be held on Monday evening, February 3rd, at 8:00 o'clock, instead of Wednesday evening, February 5th. Future classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, according to this schedule.

**Hours:** Wednesday — 8-9 P.M.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Charles Cohen

#### THE SABBATH PRAYER BOOK

This course is open to new students in addition to those who were registered for the Fall Term. The subject matter will concern the Musaf Service on the Sabbath, the Kiddush and the Grace After Meals. The prayers will be explained and students will have an opportunity to practice their recitation.

**Hours:** Wednesdays, 8-9 P.M.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

#### CANTILLATION — A CLASS FOR MEN

This course is open to new students in addition to those who were registered for the Fall Term. The students will study the reading of Haftorahs and the techniques of serving as cantor at Daily Services.

**Hours:** Wednesdays, 8-9 P.M.

**Instructor:** Israel D. Rosenberg

#### MAIMONIDES' CODE OF LAW

This course is also open to new students in addition to those who registered previously. During the Spring semester, the class will study Maimonides' Code of Ethics in which the great codifier sets down the basic principles of ethical conduct between man and man and prescribes what he considers to be the Jewish pattern for wholesome living. Portions of the work will be translated and distributed to the students.

**Hours:** Wednesdays, 8-9 P.M.

**Instructor:** Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

#### JEWISH HISTORY

##### The Second Jewish Commonwealth

Dr. Irving Agus will lecture on Jewish History from the Fourth Century B.C.E. through the First Century of the C.E. The course will deal with, among other things, the emergence of the Mishna, the struggle of the Chanukah Period and the destruction of the First Temple. This course is open to new registrants also.

**Hours:** Wednesdays, 9-10 P.M.

**Instructor:** Dr. Irving Agus

In addition to these Semester Courses, the regular Talmud Class and the Advanced Hebrew Class will continue to meet on Monday evenings at 8:00 o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested students new and old to enroll for one or more of these courses.

#### THE JEWRY BOX

##### WEEK OF JANUARY 12th

HARRY HEYMAN  
EDWARD LEBOWITZ  
ABRAHAM NEWBORN

##### WEEK OF JANUARY 26th

DEZSO GOLDNER  
SOLOMON E. GREEN  
LEON GRONOWITZ  
DR. NORMAN B. JAVITT

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles	4:45
Evening	4:50

**SATURDAY, SHABBAT SHIRAH**

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15

**Weekly Portion: Beshalach,****Exodus 13:17-17:16****Haftorah: Judges 4:4-5:31**

Evening	4:50
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**Torah Reader**

Elliot Kamerman

Conclusion of Sabbath	5:35
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**SUNDAY**

Morning	8:30
Father-and-Son Minyan	9:30

**DAILY SERVICES**

Morning	7:30
Evening	5:00

**HAPPY DAY FUND**

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Rose Etra, Mrs. Erwin Linden, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun and Mrs. Jules M. Sax.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman, 115 East 82nd Street, the Chairman of the Happy Day Fund.

**KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

The kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosen in honor of the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rosen.

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION****Saturday, January 25th****Cantors**

Simon Lerner  
Richard Rem  
Lewis Trencher

**Sermonette**

Samuel Blumenthal

**Torah Reader**

Larry Breindel

The newly elected officers for the month of Shevat are:

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25—EMANUEL WEINBAUM  
26—HANNAH B. ROKEACH  
26—JOSEPH CORAK  
26—NATHAN BERKOWITZ  
27—REBECCA FRIEDMAN  
27—LEONA ABRAMS  
28—SAMUEL GALLER  
28—BENJAMIN GOTTFRIED  
28—DORA MILLER  
29—ELIEZER GROSS  
29—HARRIS MANDELBAUM  
29—DAVID BUCHSBAUM  
30—MIRIAM KOMMEL  
31—KARL SCHEIDT  
31—FANNY DEBROVNER  
31—GUSSIE POUST  
31—MAX KESSLER

**K. J. CALENDAR****SATURDAY  
3:00 P.M.**

Junior Girls  
Auditorium  
Junior Boys  
Gymnasium

**MONDAY  
12:30 P.M.**

Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting

Speaker  
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

**8:00 P.M.**

Talmud Class  
Elementary Hebrew  
Advanced Hebrew

**TUESDAY  
8:30 P.M.**

Am HaSefer Group I  
at the home of  
The Feinberg Twins

**COMING EVENTS****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st**

Teenage Cultural Luncheon  
Synagogue House

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd**

Sisterhood Board Meeting

**CONDOLENCES**

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Pauline Einstein upon the untimely passing of her beloved son, in California.

We pray that the Almighty may spare the family further sorrow for many years to come.

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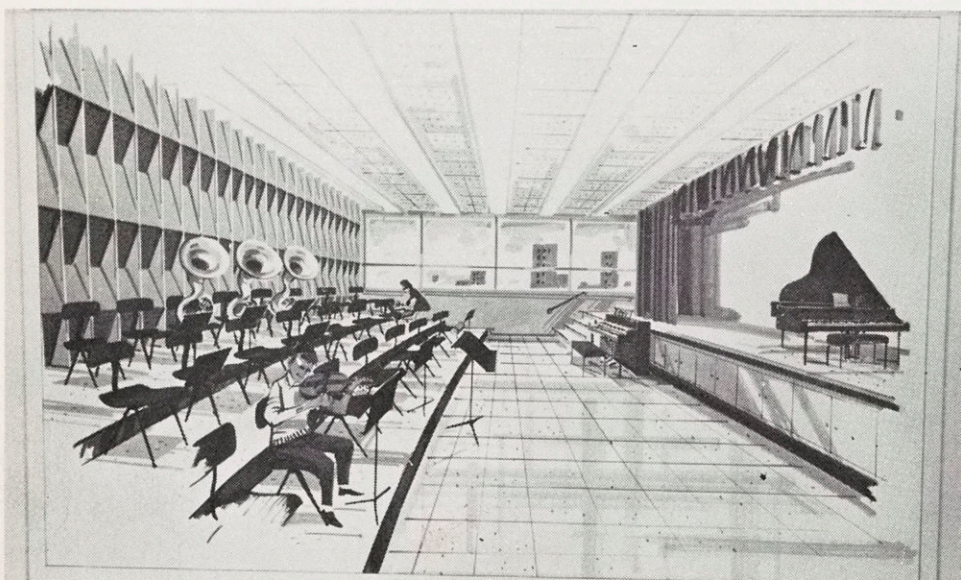
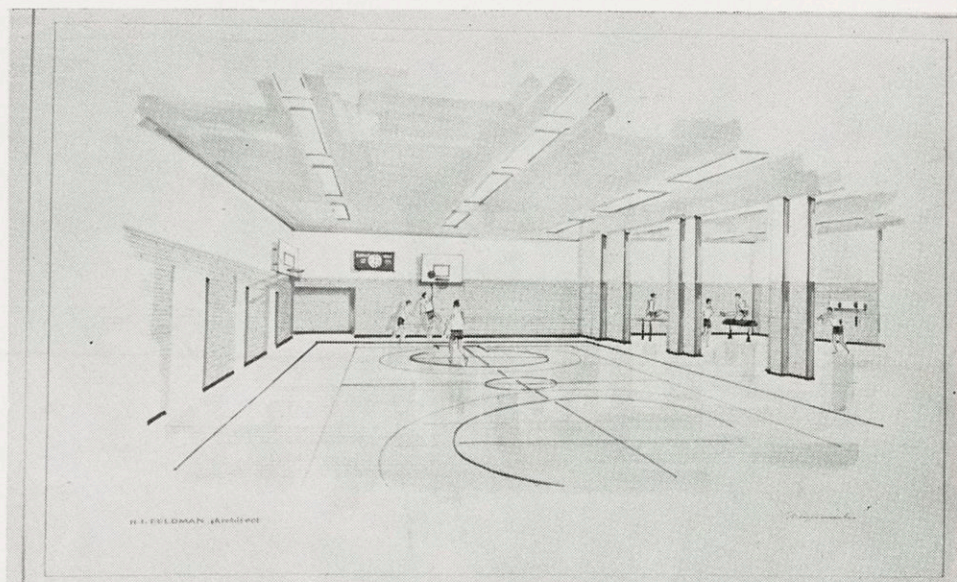


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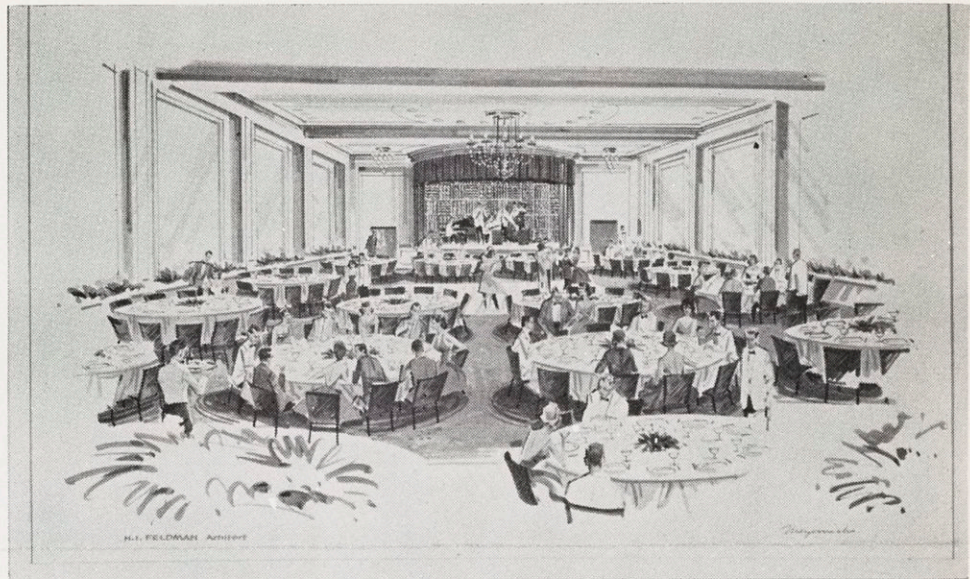
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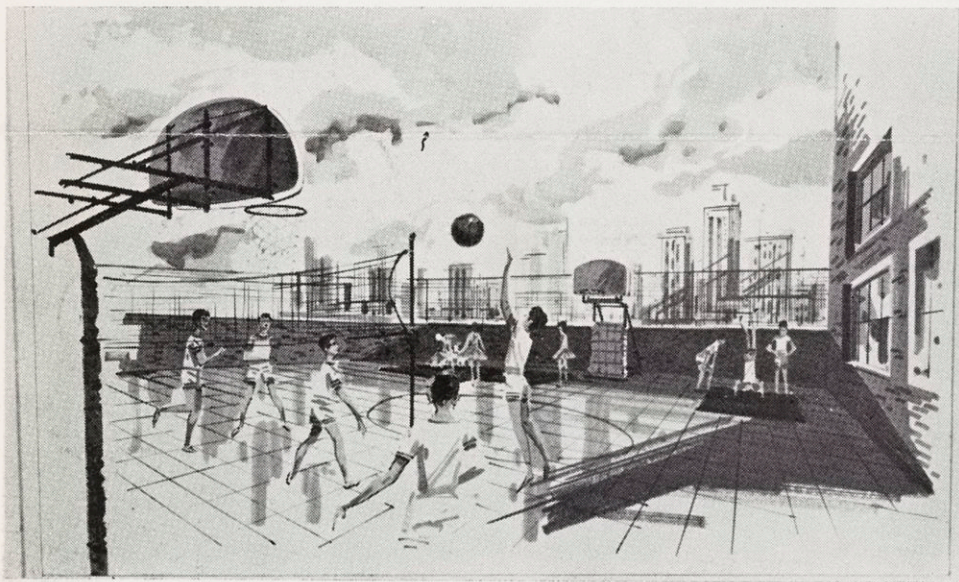
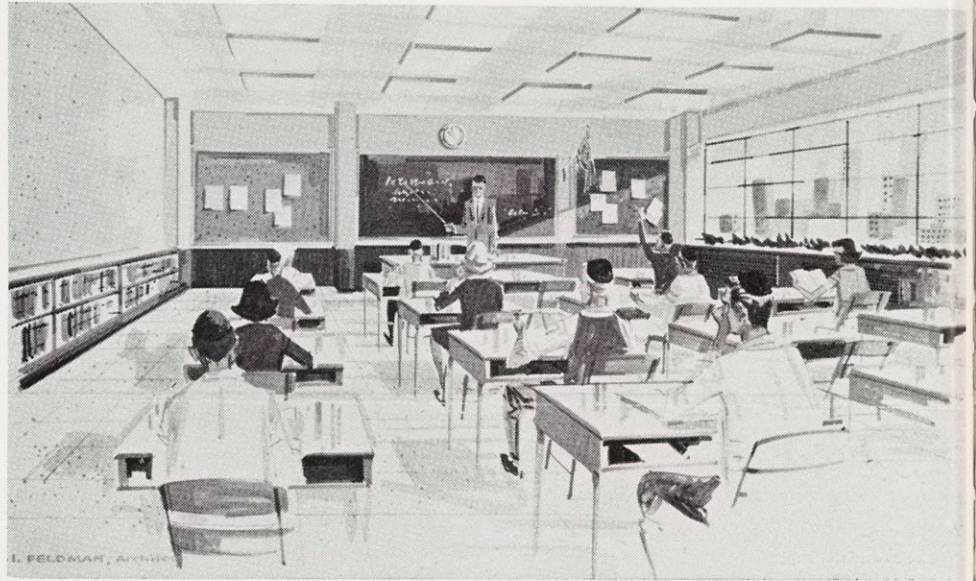
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