



WORKING FOR A COMMON CAUSE—Bureau staff in conference with administrators and teachers of the Religious Schools, planning the 1950 Interschool Music Festival.

**CONSULTANTSHIP IN MUSIC.** The Bureau, under the supervision of the school service and extension departments, employs a qualified music consultant who visits the schools regularly, observes the work of the music teachers and offers them valuable suggestions for the improvement of music instruction.

**FILE OF MATERIALS IN DRAMATICS.** The Bureau extension department maintains extensive files of materials in dramatics for various occasions, as well as for various age groups. It receives numerous inquiries from schools and teachers regarding the choice of plays for programs or regarding effective methods of their presentation.

**AUDIO-VISUAL AID SERVICE.** The Bureau's extension department has at its disposal complete and up-to-date listings of audio-visual aids, such as recordings, films, film-strips, etc. Any school desiring such aids for a given program or course of studies, receives, upon request, suggestions and evaluations of such materials, as well as the actual films or film-strips for use by the school in question.

Periodically, the extension department of the Bureau, in cooperation with interested organizations, arranges the showing of full-length films for pupils of all Jewish schools in the community, at the Forest Theatre. Thus, in 1949, "My Father's House" was presented on this basis at one special children's matinee, and "The Search" at another.

**OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH BOOK MONTH.** This year the extension department of the Bureau, in cooperation with the local Jewish Book Council, initiated the project of an interschool Book Review Contest which, if successful, will be repeated annually. The Book Review Contest is conducted in three divisions, corresponding to three age levels. Children in each division receive from the Bureau lists of books suited for the age level which it represents, and are stimulated and motivated to review one or more of such books. A committee of judges selects the winning entries, and appropriate prizes are awarded in each division.

**OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH MUSIC MONTH.** An annual interschool Jewish Music Festival is held under the sponsorship of the Bureau's school