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"The central bureaus for Jewish Education filled a vital need. They provided a reservoir of resources for the individual schools. They began to build up a sense of community responsibility for the Jewish education of all Jewish children, for extending assistance to all ideological groups that were ready to maintain minimum standards for Jewish education of youth and adults, for the training of teachers and group workers, for integrating Jewish values with American values. The local central bureaus thus become perhaps the single most important factor in American Jewish education."

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"The year 1950 was proclaimed as "Jewish Education Year" by the American Association for Jewish Education. That year marks the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Bureau of Jewish Education in New York City under the direction of Dr. Samson Benderly, of blessed memory. It was his works and the program of that Bureau which laid the foundation for current communal programs in American Jewish education, the three main elements of which are communal responsibility, advancement of standards and modernization of method. The resolutions adopted by the Association call upon American Jewry to celebrate this anniversary by conducting a series of local educational and communal events during the forthcoming year. By means of these events and celebrations, each community can achieve two purposes, namely: to do honor publicly to its own veterans and leaders in local Jewish educational endeavor; and to focus attention on local programs in educational standards and in communal organization on behalf of Jewish education."

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