

**1819**

Rebecca Gratz founded the **Female Hebrew Benevolent Society and Philadelphia Orphan Asylum** to support children in access to basic education.

**1838**

**The Hebrew Reader:** Designed as an easy guide to the Hebrew tongue, for Jewish children and self-instruction, is published.

**1841**

Issac Lesser writes **The Claims of Jews to an Equality of Rights.** The publication critiques the biased and pointed stereotypes used to describe the Jewish population and offers a solution based on community focused education and empowerment.

**1876**

Aspiring rabbi, Dr. Felix Adler, son of Rabbi Samuel Adler, gave the speech, "**The Judaism of the Future**" which spoke to the advancement of social justice on behalf of justice itself; He discussed unifying varying religions to focus solely on implementation and teaching morality.

**1973**

**The Jewish Catalog** is first published, revolutionizing "do-it-at-home" education around Jewish ritual and practice.

**2015**

National Center for Education Statistics study finds that **334,400 students are enrolled in private Jewish day-schools across the country.** This population accounts for 6% of all private school students.

**1830**

Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia introduces the **English version of weekly sermons** for the first time in Jewish religious spaces.

**1839**

Female Hebrew Benevolent Society opens the **first Hebrew Sunday School** which offered **women the opportunity to study** Jewish texts.

**1856**

Rabbi Samuel Adler and Temple Emanu-El established a **new Sunday School curriculum** for the religious instruction of children and a training seminary for Reform rabbis. The new religious studies curriculum, in turn, offered a more concise analysis of the Jewish texts, beyond simple translation.

**1921**

**Hebrew Teachers College**, in Newton, Massachusetts was established. This was the first instance of organized Trans-denominational Judaism.

**1979**

**TalAM** a standardized Hebrew language and heritage curriculum is developed and released for use in classrooms. The program is adopted by more than 400 schools and reaches 70,000+ students over the next 25 years.

