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In addition, R. Israel also held it necessary to present the beauty of the Talmud to the world at large. He felt that the Talmud should be translated into a European language, and he endeavored to persuade government and academic circles to introduce Talmud as a subject in the curriculum of gymnasium schools and universities. **That such a scheme would evoke the opposition among rabbis, that they would adduce proof from the Talmud itself that it was forbidden to turn the Talmud, "the inheritance of the House of Jacob", into the common property of the nations, was certainly known full well by R. Israel. Nevertheless, he said, he had his answer ready.** He was also interested in compiling a prospectus which would portray the educational and content value of the Talmud as a classical subject for Christians as well, and the desirability of incorporating its study in their school curricula. It was, after all, no less important and beneficial than the study of ancient languages, such as Greek, Latin, etc.

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