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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR YEAR 1941

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY OF AMERICA:

Although the Board of Trustees, because of the war emergency, voted to dispense with the usual Annual Meeting, I feel it is incumbent upon me to present a report of The Society's activities during its fifty-fourth year in the form of my ninth annual report as President. The report will be a realistic one, dealing with interesting statistics reflecting the results of new policies of management.

With our new publication program of at least six books annually, we have been able to diversify our books so that both the layman and the scholar could have their choice. Under the old plan, The Society published three books per year, one of them the American Jewish Year Book, which did not give much selection to our members. I am pleased to report that, in spite of the fact that we have lost most of our foreign memberships and that we have received many cancellations due to the war, our volume of business still increases. Moreover, the publication of six books per year has resulted in increasing the number of our Library Members sixfold.

ADDITIONS TO THE "OFFICIAL FAMILY": During the past year, we added several members to the "official family." To the Board of Trustees we have added Mr. Al Paul Leighton, of Philadelphia, an outstanding public relations specialist who is giving of his time, talent and energy to the work of The Society. To our Publication Committee we have again added a number of distinguished Jewish scholars. The new members of the Publication Committee are Dr. Salo W. Baron, of the faculty of Columbia University; Dr. Samuel Belkin, Dean of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary; Dr. Joshua Bloch, Chief of the Semitic Department of the New York Public Library; and Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, Dean of the Baltimore Hebrew College. The Publication Committee now consists of forty members, the largest Publication Committee in our history. With the increasing number of manuscripts now received by The Society, we find it necessary to have a larger group, so that all manuscripts submitted can be carefully and promptly reviewed.
**Necrology:** During the past year, The Society lost two members of its "official family": Mr. Samuel C. Lamport, a Trustee, who died on September 14, 1941, and Dr. Jacob Z. Lauterbach, a member of the Publication Committee and the author of our *Mekilla de Rabbi Ishmael*, who died on March 21, 1942. The Board of Trustees, at its last meeting, passed appropriate resolutions which will be published in Volume 44 of the *American Jewish Year Book*.

The Society has also lost two of its authors during the past year: Rabbi Abraham B. Rhine, author of *Leon Gordon*; and David Yellin, co-author of *Maimonides*. Appropriate resolutions have been adopted by the Board of Trustees and will be printed in the current issue of the *American Jewish Year Book*.

**Emergency Arrangements:** Because of the decision of the Board of Trustees to cancel the Annual Meeting, it becomes necessary for all of the officers and members of the Board of Trustees to carry on until their successors are elected at the next Annual Meeting. In spite of the fact that it will entail heavy sacrifices, they are all consenting until the emergency is over to carry on their share of The Society's work.

**Publications:** The Publication Committee chose well and recommended six titles (seven volumes) for publication during 1941. The first book of the year was *The Fire Eater*, a book for adolescents, by the Rev. Dr. Henry J. Berkowitz. Its selection was more than justified by the excellent reviews received. The London *Jewish Chronicle*, always very conservative in its reviews, wrote a notice with this opening phrase: "The book we have been waiting for." The reception of *The Fire Eater* has proved very definitely to us that there is a need for good books for adolescents and, if possible, your Society will attempt to include in its yearly program books in the junior field. In spite of the fact that this book was not a general membership book distributed to all members, 1,750 copies were distributed during 1941, and the balance of the first printing of 2,500 copies will probably be exhausted during 1942 and a reprint necessary.

The second book of the year was the autobiography of the late Dr. Cyrus Adler, entitled *I Have Considered the Days*. This was a general membership book and was very well received by members and critics. The book will continue as a regular seller for many
years to come. Of the first printing of 5,000, 3,930 books were
distributed in 1941 and many more since.

The third book of the year, Volume 43 of the *American Jewish
Year Book*, is considered the best *Year Book* distributed by The
Society, according to the reviews which have reached us. Several
innovations appeared in the *Year Book* which are the forerunner of
additional changes to be made in format and content. Our *Year
Book* is now practically the only Jewish Year Book to appear
regularly. The *English Jewish Year Book* and the *South African
Jewish Year Book* have been discontinued because of the War and
the *Canadian Jewish Year Book*, which has appeared for three con-
secutive years, does not quite follow the plan of so-called *Year
Books*. Four thousand eight hundred copies of the *Year Book* were
printed and 3,600 copies distributed between September, 1941, and
January 1, 1942.

Several members of our Publication Committee had recom-
mended that The Society issue "escapist literature." When the
manuscript of *Let Laughter Ring* was received, it was accepted as
representative of that type of literature and was planned as a
general membership book. It is quite interesting to note that more
members asked for this book than for any other book of the 1941
program. Within sixty days after the book was published, 4,350
copies of the first edition of 5,000 copies were distributed. Since
that time the entire first edition has been exhausted and a second
edition printed. Two of the Jewish commercial publishing firms
also issued books on Jewish humor in 1941, but *Let Laughter Ring*
led the field.

The balance of the 1941 program was not completed during
1941, due to conditions beyond our control. However, the delay
in the publication of these books has been more than justified by
the books themselves. *What the Moon Brought*, by Mrs. Sadie R.
Weilerstein, a book for children of six, seven and eight, has received
the highest of praise from our members, our booksellers and re-
viewers. The book is definitely one of the most beautiful our
Society has printed and has many illustrations. Its 160 pages
contain more than 100 illustrations and The Society was very
fortunate in its choice of artist, Miss Mathilda Keller. The first
edition of 2,500 copies will be exhausted before the end of 1942 and
a second edition necessary in 1943.

The final title for 1941, *The Jews in Spain*, in two volumes, by
Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, the President of Dropsie College, has
just been distributed and these two scholarly volumes make a worthy addition to our Loeb Series. The first edition of 2,500 copies will not last The Society more than one year, as indicated by the advance orders.

Reprints: The reprint program of The Society is becoming almost as important as our printing of new books, as we are finding that the new policy of lower-priced books is increasing our distribution, with the consequent necessity of continually reprinting more titles. Besides the seven new books issued as the 1941 program, we reprinted the following titles during the year: History of the Marranos, by Cecil Roth, 2,100 copies; Margolis-Marx, History of the Jewish People, 3,300; Breakfast of the Birds, by Judah Steinberg, translated by Emily Solis-Cohen, Jr., 1,400 copies; History of Mediaeval Jewish Philosophy, by Isaac Husik, 1,100 copies; Graetz's History of the Jews (six volumes), 3,800 sets; and 14,900 copies of The Holy Scriptures.

Our total distribution of books during 1941 reached 58,358, of which 27,564 were on membership and 30,794 on sale. The sale of Bibles was particularly good, with an increase of 2,500 copies. This figure of 58,358 is very interesting when compared with the figure of 52,844 during 1940, showing a steadily increasing volume. Of the books distributed during the year, 534 were books priced at 50¢, 1,064 at 65¢, 2,753 at $1.00 and 1,282 sets of Graetz's History of the Jews.

Many of our old titles, now out of print, should be made available to scholar and layman for about $1.00 per copy. If we are fortunate enough to have any extra funds at the end of 1942, we plan to add some of the out-of-print titles to the active list so as to make these gems of Jewish literature again available to our members and customers.

Membership: The income from membership during 1941 was $37,039.00, practically the same as the figure for 1940. In spite of the fact that we enrolled many new members during the year, 1,716, the total number of members remained the same due to cancellations. We have still not solved our problem of overcoming cancellations of first-year members. Seventy-five per cent of our cancellations each year are newly-enrolled members, who, from the
correspondence sent to us, are satisfied with The Society, with its books, with the value of its offerings, but have no interest in Jewish books and fail to read the books which we have sent them. This regrettable condition is not a monopoly of ours, as this constant complaint comes from Jewish book publishers, Jewish booksellers and publishers of Jewish magazines and newspapers. The tragedy of our people is that our so-called “People of the Book” have forgotten to discover what is inside the covers of a book. The problem of teaching our people to read Jewish books is not exclusively the problem of The Society, but the problem and responsibility of our Rabbis and our educators.

Our total membership for the year numbered 6,228, of which 5,020 were Annual Members at $5.00 and 1,065 Library Members at $10.00. The number of Annual Members declined, but the number of Library Members increased, indicating that more of our members are becoming cognizant of the value of the higher priced membership, with six, instead of three, books a year.

Publication Plans for 1942: The Board of Trustees was torn between two schools of thought when determining the program for the year 1942: the point of view of economy because of the emergency conditions, and the necessity to plan a still greater program since there are so few places left in the world where Jewish books are being printed. The latter view prevailed and a full publishing program of seven books for the current year was adopted. The seven books planned for the year are Ludwig Lewisohn’s volume, *Renegade*, published by the Dial Press, from whom we purchased an edition for our members; *The Jewish Community*, in three volumes, by Dr. Salo W. Baron; *American Jewish Year Book*, Volume 44; *Jewish Pioneers and Patriots*, by Lee M. Friedman; and *Stars and Sand*, by Dr. Joseph L. Baron, whose *Candles in the Night* has already proved a worthy addition to our list of books. I desire to officially thank, on behalf of our membership, Mr. Friedman, who generously donated his manuscript to The Society and waived any honorarium. He has also agreed that if The Society can arrange for a trade edition of the book, he will ask for no royalties so that additional sums may be spent on advertising in order to make this book available for distribution throughout the country.

At this writing, the 1942 program is well under way. *Renegade*
was distributed in February. The Jewish Community will be ready for distribution in September and will be followed soon after by both the Year Book and Jewish Pioneers and Patriots. Stars and Sand will be issued in December.

The Publication Committee has worked harder than ever and already has sufficient manuscripts on hand for the 1943 program. For the first time in many years, we have more good manuscripts than we can publish in any one year and will be forced to delay some of these books until 1944.

The Press: The Press continues to go forward and it is gratifying to report that last year the sales of the Press exceeded the combined income of The Society from dues and book sales. The Press is now a full partner in our Society's work, and has completely justified the time and energy spent to develop its production. Last year the Press produced $69,087.00 worth of business, more business than the Press and The Society did jointly in 1935, immediately prior to our change in policy toward the Press. The Press, as usual, set the type for all of The Society's books, but this represented a minor part of its work. Some of the publications of the Press during 1941 were: four issues of The Jewish Quarterly Review; four issues of the Journal of Biblical Literature; two issues of The Westminster Theological Journal; the Central Conference of American Rabbis Yearbook; the Hebrew Union College Annual; the Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research; the Rashi Anniversary Volume for the American Academy for Jewish Research; the balance of the typesetting on the first three volumes of Dr. Louis Ginzberg's Commentary on the Talmud Yerushalmi; several songsters for the Jewish Education Committee of New York; Essays on Maimonides for Columbia University Press; the Year Book of the Rabbinical Assembly of America; a Hebrew textbook by Mr. O. Divinsky; Bibliography of Jewish Social Studies for the Conference on Jewish Relations; A Social and Economic Study of the New Orleans Jewish Community, by Dr. Julian Feibelman; Amos Studies, by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, for the Hebrew Union College; the first volume in the Junior Hebrew Library for the Philadelphia Associated Talmud Torahs; a Simhat Torah Service, by Rabbi Morris Silverman; the Revised Daily and Sabbath Prayer Book, edited by Dr. David de Sola Pool for the Union of Sephardic Congregations; a Hebrew Grammar, by the Rev. Simon Yungfleisch; Mourners' Devotions, by Dr. Israel Goldstein; Themes for Daily Studies, by Rabbi Jacob
Pearlmutter. In addition to these books, The Society has set type in Hebrew, Syriac, Arabic and Greek for other publishers.

The largest customer of the Press during 1941 was the National Jewish Welfare Board and, for the sake of the record, I desire at this time to record in this report the contributions of The Society towards the religious life of the men in the armed services during the last War and this War. In the late Dr. Cyrus Adler's autobiography, *I Have Considered the Days*, published by The Society, he writes: "After our actual entry into the War (World War I), it was obvious that some method of providing religious services and comfort for the Jewish men was required." The most difficult matter was the production of a Prayer Book. This was speedily accomplished after The Jewish Publication Society offered to publish an Abridged Prayer Book for men in the service if an agreement as to the text could be reached. A committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Adler representing the United Synagogue, Dr. William Rosenau representing the Central Conference of American Rabbis and Dr. Bernard Drachman representing the Union of Orthodox Congregations. The extracts from the Bible were made to conform to the new translation of The Society's Bible which had been published early in 1917. The first print order of this Prayer Book was 20,000 and 200,000 copies were distributed during World War I, The Society acting as publisher, and the Jewish Welfare Board shouldering the financial obligation and making the physical distribution. From time to time since the last War, additional reprints were made of this little Prayer Book and when the new emergency arose the Jewish Welfare Board asked The Society to republish this Prayer Book, of which 48,000 additional copies were printed and distributed prior to September 1, 1941.

In the fall of 1941, the Jewish Welfare Board's Committee on Religious Activities prepared a revised edition of the Prayer Book, edited by Dr. Solomon B. Freehof representing the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbi Eugene Kohn representing the United Synagogue of America and Dr. David de Sola Pool representing the Union of Orthodox Congregations. The Society was again selected as the publisher. The finished manuscript was completed just a few weeks prior to the High Holy Days and the Jewish Welfare Board asked The Society whether it was possible to prepare an abbreviated Service for Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur. The type was set, the plates made, the printing and binding completed and in less than a month 15,000 copies of this special little Prayer
Book were distributed throughout the country to the Jewish men in camps and in our armed forces. The balance of the typesetting of the full book was completed so that distribution of 50,000 books was completed in January, 1942. Since then The Society has printed an additional 100,000 copies and as this report is being written (July) we have received another order for an additional 100,000 copies.

Dr. Adler mentions in his autobiography that “A concise Bible also had to be prepared, and the selections for this were made by my wife and myself.” Dr. Abraham A. Neuman writes in Cyrus Adler, A Biographical Sketch: “An abridged Bible was deemed a necessity, the complete Bible being too large to carry in a knapsack. There was no time to be lost in lengthy deliberations, so Dr. Adler sat up all night and in the morning, behold! there was an abridged Bible which in a very few days was off the press and ready for distribution. The principle that guided him in the selection of Bible passages was apparently very simple: ‘It was necessary to select passages of the Bible that would inspire the men and not deject them.’”

The selections were taken from our new translation and the booklet was entitled Readings from the Holy Scriptures for Jewish Soldiers and Sailors. Twenty thousand copies were printed on the first run and 172,000 during World War I. An additional 78,000 were printed from the old plates for use in the present conflict.

The Religious Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, feeling that a new selection from the Bible should be used, again made use of The Society’s translation and a new Abridged Bible has been prepared, The Society granting the free use of its translation to the Federal Government since these Bibles are now being distributed by the War Department. In order to secure accuracy, we were asked to read the proofs and The Society has received a letter from General William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains, which reads: “We wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Hebrew Scriptures copy which your office proofread for us. Your willingness to undertake the arduous task and make available your best proofreaders was most appreciated. Your contribution will go for providing for the soldiers a book which the President, in his foreword, calls, ‘a fountain of strength’.”

In times of peace, just as in times of war, The Jewish Publication
Society co-operates with all agencies dealing with the educational and religious life of our people.

Publicity: I again want to extend my sincere thanks to the Anglo-Jewish press for the many courtesies extended to us during 1941. Our clipping books at the executive offices are crowded with a large amount of free publicity given to us by the Anglo-Jewish press. When one considers the fact that The Society unfortunately has no funds for advertising and that we must depend upon the co-operation of the Anglo-Jewish press, it is gratifying to see how well publicized we have been. All we can offer to our editors is review copies of our books, and now, my sincere gratitude to them as a group.

Appreciation: The progress of The Society would not be possible were it not for the loyal staff of employees headed by our Executive Director, Maurice Jacobs. His ability, enthusiasm and sincerity are recognized by our officers, trustees, Publication Committee, authors and customers. Much of the progress made by The Society has resulted from his recommendations. Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Chairman of the Publication Committee, has assisted in revitalizing this important group, so that today it truly represents a real cross-section of American Jewry. Its meetings are extremely well attended and its discussions scintillating and instructive, particularly to the lay members. Judge Levinthal’s tact and executive ability have had full sway and, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I desire to record our thanks and appreciation to him and all of the members of the Publication Committee.

Dr. Solomon Grayzel, our Editor, is doing his work intelligently and capably and the encouragement and assistance he is giving authors who submit manuscripts, even to those whose books are declined, is an outstanding part of his editorial duties which will in time redound tenfold to the benefit of The Society. We appreciate Dr. Grayzel’s work for The Society both as Editor, author and member of the Publication Committee.

David Skaraton, Superintendent of the Press, assumes complete charge of the mechanical work and is doing a job that merits particular praise. He has assisted in training a technical staff, constantly depleted by war work and defense industry.

To our field staff headed by Rabbi Louis Haas, Mrs. Pearl Foster
Roseman and Sidney Marcus, the thanks of the Trustees are extended for the results they obtain in securing new members, which will eventually make into a reality the slogan adopted by this administration nine years ago of "A Jewish Book in Every Jewish Home."

SUMMARY: It is quite gratifying at the end of nine years to see what has happened to your Society. From an organization, whose future seemed very insecure, we have become an aggressive, forceful, definite part of our American Jewish life. Our Board of Trustees and Publication Committee have been augmented with younger leaders and scholars and The Society can feel proud of its leadership in the field of Jewish publishing. With the loyal support of our members, we feel that those of us who are fortunate enough to live in free America can assume the leadership necessary to carry the torch of Jewish learning. We cannot shrink from our duty, but each year must assume a large part of the responsibility until this Society can truly be said to be the largest publisher of Jewish books in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Solis-Cohen, Jr.

President
TREASURER'S REPORT

CONDENSED COMPARATIVE COMBINED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENTS

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CASH BUDGET FOR 1942

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**Estimated Disbursements**

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## COMPARATIVE COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

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Respectfully submitted,

Howard A. Wolf

Treasurer
In Memoriam

WHEREAS, since the last Annual Meeting of The Jewish Publication Society of America, there have been called from our midst Mr. Samuel C. Lamport of New York City, a member of our Board of Trustees since 1915; and Professor Jacob Z. Lauterbach, a member of the Jewish Classics Committee since 1916 and a member of the Publication Committee since 1940, and the editor of our edition of the Mekilta de Rabbi Ishmael published by the Society in 1933 and 1935; and

WHEREAS, during the many years of their services on behalf of The Society, they have rendered invaluable service both through the active work which they have performed and through their advice and counsel on general matters pertaining to the affairs of The Society; and

WHEREAS, their loss to The Society and to its Board of Trustees and Publication Committee is irreplaceable by reason of their special training and experience in the affairs of The Society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Publication Society of America, assembled at their meeting on June 8th, 1942, do hereby formally record their inestimable loss in the deaths of Mr. Samuel C. Lamport and Professor Jacob Z. Lauterbach, whose able, unselfish and valued services are permanently enshrined in the works of this Society published during their terms in office and under their leadership.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That copies of this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of The Society and be printed in Volume 44 of the American Jewish Year Book.
In Memoriam

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from our midst

Rabbi Abraham B. Rhine, the author of our Leon Gordon; and

Mr. David Yellin, the co-author of our Maimonides;

The Jewish Publication Society of America has lost two worthy authors; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish Publication Society of America deeply mourns the loss of these authors, be it

RESOLVED that The Jewish Publication Society of America extend to the families of these departed authors our heartfelt sympathy; and

RESOLVED that these resolutions be spread on the Minutes of The Jewish Publication Society of America and that they be published in Volume 44 of the American Jewish Year Book.
The terms of the charter are as follows:

The name of the corporation is The Jewish Publication Society of America.

The said Corporation is formed for the support of a benevolent educational undertaking, namely, for the publication and dissemination of literary, scientific, and religious works, giving instruction in the principles of the Jewish religion and in Jewish history and literature.

The business of said corporation is to be transacted in the city and county of Philadelphia.

The corporation is to exist perpetually.

There is no capital stock, and there are no shares of stock.

The corporation is to be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of fifteen members, and by the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as may from time to time be necessary.
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership

Section 1.—The Society shall be composed of Annual Members, Library Members, Patrons, Friends, Sustaining Members, and Life Members. Any person of the Jewish faith may become a Member by paying annually the sum of five dollars ($5), or a Library Member by the annual payment of ten dollars ($10), or a patron by the annual payment of twenty dollars ($20), or a Friend by the annual payment of fifty dollars ($50), or a Sustaining Member by the annual payment of one hundred dollars ($100), or a Life Member by one payment of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250).

Sec. II.—Any Jewish Society may become a Member by the annual payment of ten dollars ($10).

Sec. III.—Any person may become a Subscriber by the annual payment of five dollars ($5), which entitles him or her to all the publications of The Society to which members are entitled.

ARTICLE II

Meetings

Section 1.—The annual meeting of The Society shall be held in the month of March, the day of such meeting to be fixed by the Directors at their meeting in the previous January.

Sec. II.—Special meetings may be held at any time at the call of the President, or by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, or at the written request of fifty members of The Society.

ARTICLE III

Officers and Their Duties

Section 1.—There shall be twenty-one Directors, to be elected by The Society by ballot.

At the annual meeting to be held in May, 1908, there shall be elected eleven directors, seven to serve for one year,
two to serve for two years, and two to serve for three years; and at every subsequent annual meeting, seven directors shall be elected for three years.

Sec. II.—Out of the said twenty-one, The Society shall annually elect a President, Vice-President, and Second Vice-President, who shall hold their offices for one year.

Sec. III.—The Society shall also elect fifteen Honorary Vice-Presidents, in the same manner and for the same terms of office as the Directors are chosen.

Sec. IV.—The Board of Directors shall elect a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they may from time to time find necessary or expedient for the transaction of The Society's business.

Sec. V.—The Board of Directors shall appoint its own committees, including a Publication Committee, which Committee may consist in whole or in part of members of the Board.

The Publication Committee shall serve for one year.

ARTICLE IV
Quorum

Section I.—Forty members of The Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V
Vacancies

Section I.—The Board of Directors shall have power to fill all vacancies for unexpired terms.

ARTICLE VI
Benefits

Section I.—Every member of The Society shall receive a copy of each of its publications approved by the Board of Directors for distribution among the members.

ARTICLE VII
Free Distribution

Section I.—The Board of Directors is authorized to distribute copies of The Society's publications among such
institutions as may be deemed proper, and wherever such distribution may be deemed productive of good for the cause of Israel.

ARTICLE VIII

Auxiliaries

Section I.—Other associations for a similar object may be made auxiliary to this Society, by such names and in such manner as may be directed by the Board of Directors, and shall have the privilege of representation at meetings. Agencies for the sale and distribution of The Society's publications shall be established by the Board of Directors in different sections of the country. The Society shall have the right to establish branches.

ARTICLE IX

Finances

Section I.—Moneys received for life memberships, and donations and bequests for such purpose, together with such other moneys as the Board of Directors may deem proper, shall constitute a permanent fund, but the interest of such fund may be used for the purposes of The Society.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of those entitled to vote at any meeting of The Society; provided that thirty days' notice be given by the Board of Directors, by publication, to the members of The Society.