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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR YEAR 1942

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 again with the usual Annual Meeting, I feel that the members would be interested in a report of The Society's activities during its fifty-fifth year. It is my sincere hope that next year conditions will be such that we will be able to convene our regular Annual Meeting before a large and interested group of The Society's membership.

I am happy to report a successful year, one in keeping with The Society's steady growth and progress. We are becoming more and more convinced each year that our new publication program is in part the answer to our search for many years for a real solution of The Society's problems. We now fully realize that a publishing program of three books per year does not fill the demands of The Society's constituency, composed of both the laymen and the scholars. We find that there is a certain percentage of our members who will buy all of the current books The Society prints and we may find it desirable in the future to create several new types of membership.

THE "OFFICIAL FAMILY": During the past year, there have been no changes in our "official family," no new members having been added to the Board of Trustees or to the Publication Committee. All officers, members of the Board of Trustees and members of the Publication Committee have agreed to remain in office until their successors are elected at the next Annual Meeting, with the exception of Mr. Harry Scherman, a member of the Board of Trustees since 1936, who found it impossible to attend Board meetings and who presented his resignation as a Trustee, with the understanding that he would continue to co-operate with The Society. Mr. Scherman, the President of the Book-of-the-Month Club, has been most helpful and I desire to record here my thanks as well as the thanks of the Board for his help and assurance of further co-operation.

I take pleasure in extending my thanks to the members of the "official family" for their unselfish and devoted attention to the work of The Society during this past trying year. We have a
distinguished Board and Publication Committee, representative of every viewpoint in Jewish life. I am sure that all of the members of our Society would enjoy the thrill which I do when I meet with these groups of important members of our various Jewish communities who are giving of their time and knowledge to furthering the aims of our literary organization. The Publication Committee members have read more manuscripts during this past year than ever before, and every member has been co-operative to the nth degree. Their sacrificing attitude has made it possible for The Society to sift the manuscripts which come to it yearly and present only the very best in printed form.

**Necrology:** During the past year, The Society lost an important member of its "official family," Louis E. Kirstein, an Honorary Vice-President of The Society since 1915, who died on December 10, 1942. Memorial resolutions, passed by the Board of Trustees, are printed in Volume 45 of *The American Jewish Year Book*, of which this report becomes a part.

The Society has also lost three of its authors during the past year. Simon Dubnow, who died in a concentration camp about Dec. 1, 1941, was the author of our three volumes on the History of the Jews in Russia and Poland and of our Jewish History—An Essay in the Philosophy of History. Dr. Hermann Vogelstein, the author of our History of the Jews in Rome and a brother of a former member of our Board of Trustees, the late Ludwig Vogelstein, died on September 8, 1942. Dr. Ismar Elbogen, the author of A Century of Jewish Life, the supplementary volume to Graetz’s History of the Jews, died on August 1st. Memorial resolutions are printed in the current issue of The Year Book.

**Publications:** In rereading my ninth presidential report, published in last year’s Year Book, I note that I made several predictions and I am sure that it will interest the members of The Society to know how these predictions have worked out. In connection with The Fire Eater, our first book for 1941, I indicated that our first edition of this book would be exhausted early in 1942 and a reprint necessary. The first edition was exhausted, and I am pleased to report to you that a second printing of this book is already on press.

In the same report, I made note of the fact that the first edition of 5,000 books of *Let Laughter Ring* was quickly exhausted and a
second edition necessary. It may interest you to know that the second edition of 2,100 copies will be shortly exhausted and a third printing of this book will be necessary early in 1944.

Two of the 1941 titles had not been completed when I reported to you last year, *What the Moon Brought* and the two volumes of *The Jews in Spain*. The first edition of 2,500 copies of *What the Moon Brought* was exhausted in less than three months and a second edition of 4,200 copies was immediately put on press. This book has proved to be our best juvenile and is selling faster than any children's book we have ever published. *What the Moon Brought* and *The Breakfast of the Birds* are excellent companion books for our youngest readers. Dr. Neuman's two volumes on *The Jews in Spain*, originally planned as part of our 1941 program, were distributed in the autumn of 1942. Of the first edition of 2,500 sets, 1,425 sets were sent to members and 159 sets were sold to January 1, 1943. Sufficient copies are on hand only for the balance of 1943 and the second printing of this scholarly work will take place early in 1944.

1942 Publication Program: The Publication Committee should again be credited for having made an excellent selection of books for 1942. I can say excellent because the membership reaction to each of these books has been beyond our expectations. The first book of the year was Ludwig Lewisohn's *Renegade*. This book was published jointly by The Dial Press of New York and The Society. Our edition was 4,400 copies, of which 3,769 were distributed to our members and 37 sold to members. Our arrangements with The Dial Press gave them exclusive right to distribute the book to the trade and we limited our own distribution to members.

Volume 44 of *The American Jewish Year Book*, again under the editorship of Mr. Harry Schneiderman, was a *Year Book* reduced in size, without impairing its usefulness. By an agreement with the American Jewish Committee, which prepares the copy for the book, *The Year Book* was set at 600 pages. The Society co-operated in the reduction of the size of the book by eliminating the membership list. (The Board of Trustees, after very careful consideration, had voted to eliminate the membership list because of the complaint from many members that organizations had been using this list to solicit funds.) 4,100 copies of *The Year Book* were published in
the early fall and up to January 1, 1943, 2,754 copies were sent to members and 213 copies sold.

In December, Dr. Salo W. Baron's three volumes on *The Jewish Community*, in an edition of 2,500 sets, were ready for distribution. In the few remaining days of December, 1,125 sets were sent to members and 50 sets were sold. During 1943, this continues as a very popular set and the chances are that the volumes will be reprinted within another year. These three volumes, as well as the two volumes of *The Jews in Spain*, were printed under the Loeb Series, which now consists of four titles in eight volumes.

Lee M. Friedman's *Jewish Pioneers and Patriots*, the sixth book for the year and the third regular membership book, came off press at the very end of the year. 7,200 copies were printed as the first edition, of which 1,900 copies were sold to The Macmillan Company, who will handle sales to the book trade, The Society restricting itself to membership distribution and sales to members. I am more than pleased to tell you that when this report goes to press the second edition of 2,000 copies of *Jewish Pioneers and Patriots* will be on press. Less than nine months after the original printing, a revised edition of this excellent book is back on the presses. I again extend my thanks to Mr. Friedman for his generosity in having donated the manuscript to The Society and in having waived any honorarium or royalties.

The seventh and final book for 1942, Joseph L. Baron's *Stars and Sand*, was not printed and distributed until May, 1943. Of the original printing of 3,000 copies, 1,200 were sent to members and 542 sold. A second edition of this book will most likely be necessary in 1944.

Early in 1942, by a special arrangement with the American Jewish Committee, The Society printed 1,500 copies of *Cyrus Adler — A Biographical Sketch*, by Abraham A. Neuman. The cost to The Society was very small, since the American Jewish Committee had paid for the composition for their own edition of this book. This gave The Society an opportunity for an extra title without too much additional cost and this volume makes a fine companion book for Dr. Adler's autobiography, *I Have Considered the Days*.

The best proof that The Society's books are popular is the fact that each year we have to increase the number of titles to be reprinted. One reason for the popularity of the older books is the
fact that they have been reduced in price and many of them are now available as half-books. Besides the new books referred to above, The Society reprinted the following books during 1942:

- *Saadia Gaon — His Life and Works* 2,250 copies
- *A History of Mediaeval Jewish Philosophy* 1,100 "
- *Theodore Herzl — A Biography* 2,000 "
- *Outlines of Jewish History* 1,400 "
- *The Legends of the Jews, Volume I* 1,000 "
- *The Legends of the Jews, Volume III* 1,000 "
- *The Legends of the Jews, Volume IV* 1,000 "
- *The Legends of the Jews, Volume V* 1,000 "
- *Selected Poems of Jehudah Halevi* 1,100 "
- *The Holy Scriptures* 15,000 "

Our total distribution of our own books during 1942 was 55,736, of which 28,193 were sent on membership quotas and 24,531 were sold. Our Bible sales are increasing each year, necessitating the printing of a larger edition.

During the current year, we plan to reprint many more books, as the stock of many titles is completely exhausted and there is a continued demand for many of the old books. With our new titles so well received and the "old stand-bys" still selling, our sale of books should increase each year.

**Publication Plans for 1943:** The Board of Trustees, in order to conserve The Society's finances, voted to publish only six books in 1943. This decision was a wise one, in view of the fact that manufacturing costs were rapidly increasing and the Board had voted not to increase the membership dues nor to cut down the number of books given to members as their quota. The six books chosen for 1943 are:

- *Memoirs of My People, Through a Thousand Years*, selected and edited by Leo W. Schwarz. This is a joint publication of The Society and Farrar & Rinehart, The Society limiting its distribution to its own members and Farrar & Rinehart retaining all of the trade rights. This is an excellent book and one of the best values given to our members on membership. In the first six months of 1943, 3,422 copies were distributed to members and 58 additional copies sold to members. Our first edition of 5,000 will be exhausted before the end of 1943 and a second printing necessary.
In the Steps of Moses, by Louis Golding, has also proved very successful as a membership book. The first printing of 5,000 copies will last through 1943.

The third regular membership book will be Volume 45 of The American Jewish Year Book, which will be approximately the same size as that of last year. Incidentally, this volume will be the twenty-fifth volume edited by Mr. Harry Schneiderman, and I call the attention of our membership to the resolutions printed in The Year Book commemorating this event.

The three other books for the year are: History of the Jews in Vilna, by Israel Cohen, in the Jewish Communities Series; Sabbath, The Day of Rest, by Abraham E. Millgram, the second book in this series; and A Century of Jewish Life, by Professor Ismar Elbogen, the supplementary volume for our Graetz's History of the Jews.

At this writing, the 1943 program is well under way. Unless unforeseen circumstances interfere with our program, all of the books scheduled for 1943 will be published before the end of the year and distributed.

Membership: The income from membership, as you will note from the Treasurer's report, amounted to $39,823.44, against $37,039.40 for the previous year. For the first time in several years, we have pushed ahead. 1,660 new members were enrolled during the year. Our total membership amounted to 6,335, of which 4,922 were $5.00 members, 1,264 were $10.00 members and the balance in the higher classifications. It is interesting to note that we have added over 200 new members in the Library classification, proving rather definitely that the new appeal of six books for the Library Members has been effective.

The Press: The Press of The Society continues its forward stride and I am gratified to report to you that last year the Press again set a new record for itself, billing $87,203.43 worth of business against $69,087.00 for the previous year. The Press division of The Society did more business than the membership and the book sales sections combined.

As usual, the Press set the type for all of The Society's books, which is now the smallest part of the work which the Press does. Fortunately, we are able to work The Society's books into our program so that whenever there is a lull in our commercial work we can
keep our men occupied with The Society's books. Some of the publications of the Press during 1942 were: four issues of *The Jewish Quarterly Review*; four issues and an index volume of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*; two issues of *The Westminster Theological Journal*; Volume LII of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Yearbook; Volume XII of the *Proceedings* of the American Academy for Jewish Research; a reprint of Volume I of the *Harrishon* Series for the Joint Commission on Education of the United Synagogue of America and the Rabbinical Assembly of America; a songster for the Beth Sholom Congregation of Philadelphia; *Light from the Talmud*, by Bishop Charles L. Russell; *Greek in Jewish Palestine*, by Professor Saul Lieberman, for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; *Cyrus Adler — A Biographical Sketch*, by Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, for the American Jewish Committee; a reprint of Book One of *Elements of Hebrew*, for the Bureau of Jewish Education of New York; a reprint of a songster for the Jewish Education Committee of New York; *Fundamentals of Hebrew* and *Tal Yalduth*, for Dr. David Reiss of St. Louis; a series of pamphlets for the teaching of Hebrew, by Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, for the Baltimore Board of Jewish Education.

The National Jewish Welfare Board was the biggest customer of the Press during 1942. During the year, we delivered to them 250,000 copies of a new Abridged Prayer Book; 27,110 copies of Readings from the Holy Scriptures, which has now been superseded by a new abridgment of our Bible which the War Department printed and which gives us full credit for our copyright; and 37,790 copies of an Abridged Prayer Book for the High Holy Days. We are grateful to the Jewish Welfare Board for their co-operation and feel complimented that The Society has been chosen to be the publisher of their Prayer Books. On our 1943 program for the National Jewish Welfare Board, we have on order 150,000 copies of the Prayer Book which we published for them in 1942; 600,000 copies of a new enlarged Prayer Book; and 175,000 copies of a new and enlarged Abridged Prayer Book for the High Holy Days.

The Press has on hand the largest number of orders in its history and has more than justified its existence.

**Publicity:** Each year it has been my privilege to extend thanks to the press for their excellent co-operation. The Society, in 1942, received more publicity than ever before in its history. I am very
happy to extend to the publishers and editors of the Anglo-Jewish press, the Yiddish press and the Hebrew press in America and abroad, our sincere thanks for the wholehearted co-operation which has been given to us. Our Society has no funds for promotional work and has had to depend on the co-operation of its friends connected with magazines and papers.

Federation Subventions: We are gradually making an appeal to the Federations and Welfare Funds throughout the country to support The Society as a community project. We have done this on a quid pro quo basis, offering The Society's books to be placed in Jewish or non-Jewish libraries. We have entered this field rather late and it will be several years before we can expect considerable funds from this source. To those communities which have included The Society in their budgets, we offer our sincere thanks and the hope that the arrangement will be mutually satisfactory.

Bequests: During 1942, The Society received a bequest of $2,500.00 in the will of Charles Eisenman of Cleveland. This fund has been invested in Government Bonds and the trustees of the estate have been informed that the principal will be kept intact until such time as the combined principal and interest will be sufficient to print a book from this fund. In the past, The Society has had several bequests which have made possible many of its publications. The funds established by the late Louis Marshall, the late Abraham Erlanger, the fund in memory of Henry and Diana L. Gitterman, the funds established by Jacob H. Schiff and Morris Loeb have been very helpful in making some of our publications possible. We ask the members of The Society to remember The Jewish Publication Society of America in their wills. Books are permanent memorials — they never die. A memorial left in the name of a loved one lives forever when permanently inscribed on the dedication page of an excellent book.

Jewish Book Week and Religious Book Week: Our Society has again co-operated in the greater activity of the National Committee for Jewish Book Week, now reorganized on a larger scale as the Jewish Book Council of America. Our Executive Director served as Chairman of the Administrative Committee and our Editor served as Editor-in-Chief of the trilingual Annual published by this organization. I am sure it will interest our members to know that the National Conference of Christians and Jews spon-
sored a Religious Book Week and selected and publicized, among other lists, a list of fifty representative Jewish books. Among the books selected are the following publications of The Society:

*Sefer Ha-'Ikkarim: Book of Principles, 5 volumes*
*Hebrew Ethical Wills, 2 volumes*
*The Holy Scriptures*
*Mesillat Yesharim: The Path of the Upright*
*Selected Poems of Jehudah Halevi*
*Margolis-Marx, History of the Jewish People*
*Graetz, History of the Jews, 6 volumes*
*Cyrus Adler's I Have Considered the Days*
*Lee M. Friedman's Jewish Pioneers and Patriots*
*Marvin Lowenthal's The Jews of Germany*
*Abraham A. Neuman's The Jews in Spain, 2 volumes*
*Louis Ginzberg's The Legends of the Jews, 7 volumes*
*Norman Bentwich's Solomon Schechter — A Biography*
*Memoirs of My People, selected and edited by Leo W. Schwarz*
*Louis Finkelstein's The Pharisees, 2 volumes*
*Solomon Schechter's Studies in Judaism, Series 1 and 2*
*Theodore Herzl — A Biography, by Alex Bein*
*Zangwill Omnibus Book*
*David the Giant Killer and Other Tales of Grandma Lopez, by Emily Solis-Cohen, Jr.*
*What the Moon Brought, by Sadie R. Weilerstein*
*Candles in the Night, edited by Joseph L. Baron*

**Ten-Year Summary:** On March 26, 1933, at the forty-fifth Annual Meeting of The Society, Mr. Simon Miller, who had guided the destinies of The Society for twenty years, turned over his gavel to me as his successor. These ten years have gone by very fast. The Society has seen many changes in that time, having gone through a depression and having undergone a complete internal reorganization of its administrative staff. It is interesting to compare The Society of 1932 with The Society of 1942. In 1932, our total income from all sources was $58,340.84, while in 1942 our total income was $159,598.20. As I look at the budget which has been prepared for 1943, amounting to $251,390.00, I can see very quickly what has happened to The Society. It has emerged from a small organization to a large organization, taking its rightful place in American Jewish cultural work. The Treasurer's report speaks for itself as to the changes made in the financial structure.
The Society is stronger than it has ever been in its fifty-five-year history. The most interesting change is what has happened in its publication program, and I hope you will permit me to give you just a few of the facts. In 1933, the first year of my presidency, we printed five books, three of them in the Schiff Library of Jewish Classics which were not meant for general membership distribution. In 1934, we printed three books; in 1935, three books; in 1936, four books; in 1937, six books; in 1938, eight books; in 1939, six books; in 1940, six books; in 1941, seven books; and in 1942, eight books; a total of fifty-six new books during the ten-year period. Our revenue from dues has increased from $23,445.40 to $39,823.44. Our sales of The Society’s books has grown from $12,264.08 to $29,149.14. Our Press sales have grown from $21,316.35 to $87,203.43. In this ten-year period, we have distributed to our members and sold close to half a million books and our sales are growing each year. We have reprinted about seventy-five of our older books which had been out of print and which are again available to the reading public.

We have completely rebuilt our Press so that we today have, if not the best, one of the best Semitic presses in the world. From a small plant of two keyboards and two casters, we now have eight keyboards and five casters. From a staff of five, the Press has grown to the point that, prior to the depletion of our staff by the War, we employed nineteen men. The prestige of the Press is higher than it has ever been in its history and in the past ten years the Press has more than justified the faith of its founders who pioneered twenty-two years ago in establishing this valuable branch of The Society’s work. The executive offices of The Society were moved from a nondescript loft building inconveniently located to a central-city office building where its headquarters are in keeping with the dignity and the national standing of our organization. Our office staff has grown in proportion as the business has grown. Our Board of Trustees has been strengthened during this period by the addition of a number of new members. Our Publication Committee has been doubled in size until it is now perhaps the strongest Publication Committee in our history. Many of our old, tried and true friends have been called to the Publication Society on High, all strong men who had contributed so much to our organization. May I mention in passing: Adolph S. Ochs, who had served as First Vice-President of The Society; Dr. Isaac Husik, who had served so efficiently as Editor and author; Dr. Cyrus Adler, whose
work for The Society can never be measured; Hart Blumenthal, a member of the Board for many years; Samuel C. Lamport; Judge William M. Lewis; Ludwig Vogelstein; A. Leo Weil; Dr. Frank I. Schechter; Dr. Joseph Stolz; Judge Simon W. Rosendale; Louis E. Kirstein; Samuel W. Jacobs; Dr. David S. Blondheim; Dr. H. G. Enelow; Dr. Israel Davidson; Dr. Jacob Z. Lauterbach. Their memory will forever be enshrined by the books of our Society which they helped make possible.

I am deeply grateful to the officers and members of the Board as well as the members of the Publication Committee who have made my ten-year term a successful one. I am particularly grateful to Justice Horace Stern, who has served The Society as Vice-President for over thirty-five years; to Mr. Howard A. Wolf, our Treasurer who has worked shoulder to shoulder with me during my entire term of office; to Judge Louis E. Levinthal, who has carried on the traditions of the Chairmanship of the Publication Committee and has truly fallen heir to the mantle of his predecessors, Judge Mayer Sulzberger and Dr. Cyrus Adler; to Dr. Grayzel, as Editor, who has carried on the excellent work of his predecessors, Henrietta Szold, Benzion Halper and Isaac Husik.

No record of the past decade of The Society's activities would be complete without an acknowledgment of the excellent results obtained through the energy, enthusiasm, loyalty and ability of our Executive Director, Maurice Jacobs.

Regardless of how ambitious a program may be outlined by the Board of Trustees, how many splendid books may be selected by the Publication Committee, how many potential jobs may be available for the Press, bringing into successful reality such plans rests with the administrative head.

I had met Mr. Jacobs prior to his association with The Society and had been impressed with his genuine interest in Jewish literature and his enthusiasm for the future of the Publication Society. When, in the winter of 1935, Dr. Julius Grodinsky tendered his resignation as Secretary, preferring to continue his teaching at the University of Pennsylvania to a full time position with us, I was authorized by the Board to "extend a call" to Maurice Jacobs. Our interview was typical of the man: The Society's work was extremely important for both writers and readers, its activities were not generally enough known, the format of our books could be improved, our membership could be substantially increased, and we had merchandise that could be sold; but his business experience was in
other lines, he knew nothing about running a press and he was extremely modest about his capabilities.

Finally he agreed to accept the position, and the results detailed in this report, all developed under his administration, attest to the fact that, using a popular expression, his choice as the administrative head of the Society was "a natural," and I know Mr. Jacobs has been happy in his association with us and the recognition given the Society both nationally and internationally has been as gratifying to him as to us.

APPRECIATION: The progress of The Society would not be possible were it not for the loyal staff of employees. 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 ten years ago of "A Jewish Book in Every Jewish Home."

My ten years as President represent only a fraction of the fifty-five years of The Society's excellent record. What we have accomplished in the past is merely an indication of what we can do in the future. The path has not always been smooth. The Society has seen a great change in the American Jewish community, starting when the community was small and still continuing to function when it has become the largest Jewish community the world has ever seen. We came safely through the Spanish-American War and World War I; and, God willing, we will emerge from this second World War stronger than ever.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Solis-Cohen, Jr.

President
HARRY SCHNEIDERMAN—EDITOR

Harry Schneiderman, editor of The American Jewish Year Book for the past twenty-five years, has won for himself a unique place in the annals of contemporary Jewish life. During this critical quarter of a century in Jewish history, he has watched the panorama of events, sifted them, and recorded them. He has been a faithful chronicler in Israel.

Harry Schneiderman, for ten years before 1919, served his apprenticeship anonymously on The American Jewish Year Book. When, in 1919, the American Jewish Committee entrusted the arduous task of editing The Year Book to him, he was already trained for his responsibility and skilled in his work. To have collected and collated efficiently the innumerable data of Jewish life during those years, to have maintained the high standard of accuracy and impartiality required of its editor, set an enviable and shining record of achievement not only with The American Jewish Year Book, but with any single publishing enterprise. The Year Book is his best work, and will be the most enduring.

Harry Schneiderman is an editor by inner compulsion. It is his special talent. To his editorship he brings rich gifts of character as a man. He is modest, fair-minded and gracious. He possesses a keen insight into men and events. He is wise in his humility before the struggles, sorrows and accomplishments of his generation. He is sensitively aware of the meaning of the passing scene for the destiny of the Jewish people. He works not with scissors and paste-pot but with understanding, and with the fluent pen of the creative author. Hard work and tireless foresight are his constant companions. His friends are legion.

Because of its happy association with Harry Schneiderman during these twenty-five years, because of its conviction that the American Jewish community has been most faithfully and devotedly served by him, and because of its honor and privilege and good fortune to know him as editor and friend, it has been

RESOLVED by The Jewish Publication Society of America to cause this statement of appreciation of his labors and achievements to be inscribed upon the pages of Volume 45 of The American Jewish Year Book, whose title-page is graced with the legend:

"Harry Schneiderman, Editor."

The Jewish Publication Society of America
TREASURER'S REPORT

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CASH BUDGET FOR 1943

**Estimated Receipts**

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**Estimated expenses and publication costs**

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**Excess of Estimated Disbursements over Estimated Receipts**

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**STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

Principal and accumulated income of Funds ........................................... $19,979.59

Invested as follows:

Cash .......................................................... $532.86
Investments, book value .................. 20,478.75
Inventory of Loeb Fund Publications .................. 7,412.25
Loans to the Society .................. 606.43

$29,030.29

Less Loans from the Society ............... 9,050.70

$19,979.59

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. WOLF

Treasurer
In Memoriam

WHEREAS, since the last Annual Report of The Jewish Publication Society of America, there has been called from our midst Louis E. Kirstein, of Boston, an Honorary Vice-President of The Society since 1915; and

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

WHEREAS, his loss to The Society and to its Board of Trustees is irreplaceable by reason of his 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 do hereby formally record their inestimable loss in the death of Louis E. Kirstein, whose able, unselfish and valued services are permanently enshrined in the works of this Society published during his term in office and under his leadership.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That copies of this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of The Society and be printed in Volume 45 of The American Jewish Year Book.
In Memoriam

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

Simon Dubnow, the author of our three volumes on the History of the Jews in Russia and Poland and of our Jewish History — An Essay in the Philosophy of History;

Hermann Vogelstein, the author of our History of the Jews in Rome; and

Ismar Elbogen, the author of our A Century of Jewish Life;

The Jewish Publication Society of America has lost three 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 its 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 45 of The American Jewish Year Book.
CHARTER

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

ARTICLE V

Vacancies

Section 1.—The Board of Directors shall have power to fill all vacancies for unexpired terms.

ARTICLE VI

Benefits

Section 1.—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 1.—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 1.—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 publi-
cations 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 1.—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.