The 1964 edition of the American Jewish Year Book provides detailed analyses of the two most urgent and controversial issues in the United States today: desegregation and prayer in the public schools.

The section on civil rights features a special account prepared for the Year Book by the educational consultant of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the status of school desegregation in the north. In addition, the momentous events capped by the 1963 March on Washington are detailed. Charts showing the progress of desegregation in 17 southern and border states, state laws on discrimination, and other information on the civil-rights struggle are also included in this comprehensive section.

The article on church-state relations deals mainly with the Supreme Court's decision to ban prayer and Bible reading in the public schools and the varied reactions to that decision.

A survey of Jewish college students in the United States presents the latest data about Jewish enrolment and discusses Jewish activities on campus.

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WITH COLLEGE enrolment at its peak today, readers will be especially interested in "Jewish College Students in the United States," by Alfred Jospe, director of program and resources of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. This article deals both with trends in Jewish enrolment and with the history and philosophy of national Jewish organizations serving Jewish college students. Other articles on this subject in recent volumes were Abraham L. Sachar's "The Hillel Foundations on American Campuses," Vol. 47 (1945-46) and Robert Shosteck's "Jewish Students in American Universities," Vol. 50 (1948-49).

In our Review of the Year we have sought to give especially full coverage to civil rights and the status of the Negro drive for equality, including the March on Washington and the progress of school desegregation not only in the South but also in the North. The survey on the latter was prepared for the YEAR BOOK by June Shagaloff of NAACP and was incorporated in "Civil Rights."

We take this opportunity of expressing our deep sense of loss at the untimely death of our close friend and colleague, Theodore Leskes, director of the legal division of the American Jewish Committee and a leading authority on civil-rights law, who for a decade had contributed regularly to the YEAR BOOK. We are indebted to another colleague, Harry Fleischman, also of the American Jewish Committee, for preparing his survey on short notice after the death of Mr. Leskes.

The Review of the Year in this volume covers an 18-month period, July 1, 1962, to December 31, 1963. In future volumes the surveys will cover the calendar year.

On December 5, 1963, the United States and its Jewish community mourned the death of Herbert H. Lehman. Regretfully, a sketch of his life, planned for this volume, was not received in time for publication. It is to appear in volume 66.

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