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The Eightieth annual meeting of The Jewish Publication Society of America was convened at three o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, April 28, 1968, in the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, with approximately 150 members and guests in attendance. The invocation was delivered by Dr. Chaim Potok, Editor of the Society.

Mr. Joseph M. First, President of the Society, extended greetings on behalf of the officers and trustees, then proceeded with the business of the Annual Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. William S. Fishman, Treasurer, reported as follows:

If consistency is a virtue then your treasurer is indeed a virtuous man, because my report covering the year 1967 is quite consistent with the year 1966. As is almost inevitable in our work, we incurred a modest deficit last year, but the amount was substantially lower than the year before.

The details are as follows:

In 1967, we had total income of $575,871 compared with $539,614 in 1966. Of the 1967 total, $309,817 came from the sale of books and Bibles, $200,718 from membership contributions, and the balance of $65,336 from donations, welfare fund allocations, royalties and other sources.

Expenditures in 1967 amounted to a total of $583,441 compared with $552,210 in 1966. Of the amount expended in 1967, $312,054 covered costs of book production while the balance of $271,387 was spent for distribution and overhead. In summary, the deficit incurred in 1967 was $7,570, compared with $12,596 in 1966.

I need not tell you that rising costs are presenting a problem in all areas of our activities. It costs more each year to manufacture and distribute our books, to buy shipping and office supplies, and to pay our staff. However, close control on all expenditures held costs to a minimum last year and I am hopeful that needed funds will continue to be available for our activities in the future.

**Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Lesser Zussman, Executive Director, devoted his informal report to a discussion of the change in the membership contribution schedule which went into effect on January 1, 1967. Previously, members who contributed $6.00 annually had the privilege of selecting two books; $12.50, 5 books; $25.00, 10 books; $30.00, all new books published during the year. Under the new schedule, a $7.50 contribution entitled the member to select 2 books; $10.00, 3 books; $15.00, 5 books; $30.00, 10 books; $35.00, all new books.

The mail response from our members after announcement of the change was overwhelmingly favorable. Many felt that the increase was long overdue and others expressed the belief that minimum contributions should be set at $10.00. All of the significant suggestions were discussed by the Board of Trustees and it was decided that no further changes were indicated.

In terms of response, we enrolled 13,846 members in 1967 as compared with
14,197 in 1966—a decrease of 351 members or 2.5%. Income from membership contributions was $200,718 in 1967 compared with $171,772 in 1966—an increase of $28,946 or 16%. Thus, we attained our objective of increased income, but regret the loss of so many members, especially in view of the fact that each of the past five years brought a substantial increase in membership enrollment. It is of interest to note that our last decrease in enrollment coincided with our last schedule revision. In 1961, we lost 416 members because of an upward revision in the schedule. It is essential to the upward momentum of the Society that each member assume personal responsibility for the enrollment of new members so that the shrinkage may be restored and that the Society resume its upward trend in membership enrollment and retention.

Report of the Publication Committee

Mr. Edwin Wolf, 2nd, Chairman, reported as follows:

Times have certainly changed. Quite recently, a prominent leader in the Jewish cultural field sniffed at a mention of the Jewish Publication Society, and remarked, “It’s part of the Establishment now; the JPS only publishes bestsellers.” Time and the occasion did not permit a rebuttal. I think, however, the rabbi had us confused with our editor. While it is, in a way, flattering to be told that we are successful, the comment was made in a pejorative tone. The only explanation I can give for it is that it is either too respectable to operate in the black (or very nearly so) or something quite reprehensible.

As is our custom, the statistics of our 1967 publication program will be given in the printed report of the President, and so I will not bore, discourage or gladden you with figures of numbers printed and numbers distributed, except to tell you that, as indications of a program which found readers, our projections and their accomplishment in terms of copies sold were good.

This was unquestionably the year of life in Eastern Europe. Our most popular book was President Shazar’s nostalgic story of his early life, Morning Stars, a kind of Hassidic parallel to Grant’s memoirs and Eisenhower’s recollections. While we did print 9,625 copies and sell 5,140, I would hardly place our top entry in a class with those books which make the bestsellers’ list in the New York Times or Publishers Weekly. Of a similar nature was Maurice Samuel’s Forward From Exile based on the life of the eminent Zionist Shmarya Levin.

The evocation of the small, well-knit, orthodox community of the past seems to have a continuing appeal for American Jews to whom the ways that were for most Jews have the sweetness of emotion recollected in tranquility. The Well by Chaim Grade is an excellent example of the genre given even greater currency by Isaac Bashevis Singer. Bringing that up to date and transporting it to Jerusalem, Chaim Brandwein gave us a picture of that enclave of medievalism in modern Israel, the Meah Shearim. My wife has been fascinated by the accounts of the bustle and care of a housewife in a shtetl, so much so that the matzoh balls for our Seder soup became a major project. When they were hailed by the assembled family as the best ever made in Wolf history, my son-in-law quipped, “Just the sign of the fanaticism of a convert.”

In a sadder and more serious vein were two books of current interest. Reminiscent, not of the joy of life in Russia and Poland, but of trial and persecution, were Ben Ami’s Between Hammer and Sickle and Elie Wiesel’s Jews of Silence, the latter co-published with Holt, Rinehart and Winston. In a world, alas, filled with many manifestations of hate, it is sad but not surprising to learn that Czarist anti-Semitism was a hydra and that its newest head is Soviet anti-Semitism. World
affairs played havoc with our plans to promote Ben Ami's passionate work; the Six Days War, understandably, made news of Jews elsewhere a matter which could be relegated to a hold file. But news of Jews everywhere appeared in one of the major books of reference which we issue annually with the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Year Book. I wonder if those who are not accustomed to doing retrospective research realize what an invaluable corpus of information is encompassed in our sixty-eight volumes of the Year Book.

A special word should be said for Hanoch Bartov's The Brigade, an Israeli novel, translated by David Segal and co-published with Holt, Rinehart and Winston. I have a feeling that this may be one of those works whose recognition has a long period of gestation. It is an unusually well-written, sensitive book, surely one of the better novels of World War II.

Although we were the first publishers of Zangwill and Sholem Asch, our reputation has come from the monuments of scholarship which appeared over our imprint. It is hardly to be doubted that a generation from now our successors will look back and count among those lasting classics Solomon Zeitlin's Rise and Fall of the Judaeans State, the second volume of which we issued last year, and Salo W. Baron's magnum opus, A Social and Religious History of the Jews, volumes XI and XII of which came out in 1967 in co-operation with Columbia University Press. One is almost inclined to think of the Passover antiphony: "Had we published Zeitlin and Baron, and not published A, B and C, dayenu."

But we did publish other classics, these of an older vintage. The Treatise Ta'Anit of the Babylonian Talmud by Henry Malter, and Tales of Sendebar by Morris Epstein are part of our revived program of making available scholarly texts of important early works.

And we continue to issue books in our Covenant series. This year's addition to that growing list was Ted Berkman's Cast a Giant Shadow, the story of the American hero of the Israeli-Arab war, Mickey Marcus. Even though our trade co-publisher of the Covenant Books parted company with us some years ago, we have found a ready and enthusiastic market for these juveniles.

It is not my task to announce next year's list, but it is always wise to end with a cliffhanger. You will all be cheered, however, to learn that the Sefer HaQabbalah, originally announced for 1963, should be ready for distribution in May. This may sound like a backhanded way to praise our editor and executive director, but it is a happy sign of the times. The procession of books we issue, instead of being a ragged line treading on the heels of laggards, is now a smart parade. "Hup, two, three, four," and the books come out. The drillmasters, Chaim Potok and Lesser Zussman, have labored hard and diligently to effect this discipline. We are in their debt, as we are in that of our faithful members of the Publication Committee who read, discuss, comment, suggest and promote the manuscripts which our staff turns into printed books.

Report for the Committee on Nominations

Mr. Bernard G. Segal, Chairman, reported as follows:

I am pleased to present the unanimous report of the Committee on Nominations which consists of Samuel J. Ajl, William S. Fishman, Phillip Forman, Abraham L. Freedman, David C. Melnicoff, Jerome J. Shestack, and Edwin Wolf, II, with Joseph M. First and Lesser Zussman as ex officio members and your speaker as Chairman.

I have the privilege to nominate the following Trustees for reelection to terms of three years:
The Committee reviewed the record of each of these Trustees and concluded that the best interests of the Society would be served by his continued service on the Board.

Under our revised By-Laws, four of our Trustees are ineligible for reelection this year, by virtue of having served at least four consecutive terms of three years each. These Trustees are:

Leonard N. Simons
Harry Starr
Roger W. Straus, Jr.
Ben D. Zevin

Over the years, these men have made very real contributions to the Society, and we express our great appreciation to them. We have no doubt that their efforts in behalf of the Society will continue, and that our association with them will remain close and cordial.

Our Committee considers the nomination of new Trustees for election by the membership quite as important as the nomination of officers for election by the Board. Accordingly, we take most seriously the problem of determining each year which of the American Jewish leaders who would be interested in the work of the Society should be selected for the honor of nomination for election as Trustees. As in the past, our endeavor has been to bring to the Board and the service of the Society individuals having a variety of backgrounds and providing national geographical distribution, so that they may help carry the influence of the Society to many parts of the country and enlarge the range of our constituency. Obviously, too, their interest in the preservation and advancement of Jewish culture must be vital and such as will assure their active interest in furthering the work and the influence of the Society.

In behalf of the Committee, I am privileged to place what we regard as a splendid slate in nomination for election as new Trustees. You will be pleased to know that every individual whom we invited to permit his name to be submitted for election readily accepted our invitation. Since the clock is a tyrant and we have a good many items on the program today, I shall describe only the city of residence and the principal activity of each of the men whom the Committee is nominating for election as a new Trustee:

Philip J. Levin of Mount Bethel, Warren Twp., New Jersey.

Mr. Levin is a prominent businessman and corporate executive financially interested in a variety of enterprises. Among his numerous extracurricular activities are his membership on the Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, the Board of Trustees of Rutgers University, the Board of Trustees of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, and his service to other philanthropic and public agencies.

Theodore Levin of Detroit, Michigan.

Theodore Levin, Senior Judge, formerly Chief Judge, of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, is recognized throughout the
country as one of the outstanding jurists on the Federal Bench. Judge Levin was for many years a valued and useful member of our Board, but he could not be reelected last year owing to the provision of the by-laws to which I have referred. Having the power, under the by-laws, to elect past Trustees after a one year lapse, our Committee readily concluded that Judge Levin should be nominated for election to the Board once again.

Sol Linowitz of Rochester, New York and Washington, D. C.

Mr. Linowitz is the distinguished American Ambassador to the Organization of American States. Prior to his appointment by the President to this post, Mr. Linowitz was chairman of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of the Xerox Corporation and a senior partner in a leading law firm in Rochester, Harris, Beach, Wilcox, Dale and Linowitz. He has for many years been a leader in civic, charitable, educational, and welfare organizations and movements in the city of Rochester, the State of New York, and nationally.

Albert A. Spiegel of Beverly Hills, California.

Mr. Spiegel is an attorney practicing in Santa Monica, California. He has been active in Jewish community affairs on the West Coast, having been General Chairman of the Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund and serving currently as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Federation-Council and of the Jewish Community Foundation in that city. He has been President of the Bay Cities Jewish Community Center and the Beth Shalom Temple, and has been President of the Bar Association of his community. For many years, Mr. Spiegel has been an active leader in behalf of the Society in California.

Morton H. Wilner of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Wilner is an attorney practicing at the nation's capital. He is recognized as an outstanding authority in the field of radio and television communications. He has served in the government and is active in legal, fraternal and communal affairs in Washington. Like Judge Levin, Mr. Wilner has given long service to the Society as a member of the Board of Trustees but could not be reelected last year by virtue of the length of his prior membership on the Board.

Mr. President, in behalf of our Committee by unanimous action, I move the election or reelection as Trustees of the Society for three-year terms, of the incumbent Trustees and the others whom I have named.

The motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Joseph M. First, President, made his annual report as printed on page 555. The Annual Meeting was then adjourned and reconvened as an open meeting of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Mr. Bernard G. Segal reported for the Committee on Nominations as follows:

Obviously, the Committee on Nominations has no more important responsibility than to determine each year the individuals who should be presented to the Board of Trustees for election as the officers of the Society for the ensuing year. As I am sure all of you know, the task of the Committee in this respect was an extremely easy one this year, and nowhere more so than in its determination of whom to nominate as President.

In nominating Joseph M. First for his initial term as President of the Society two years ago, I recounted some of his large, impressive, and demanding list of professional and extracurricular activities. I predicted that despite these pressures, he would always find time for the work of the Society, and I added that there was no one I knew whose election as President of the Jewish Publication Society would give greater promise for the future of the Society. The reports we have heard concerning the progress which the Society has made during Mr. First's second administration are ample demonstration of the correctness of this predic-
tion. Mr. First continues to give the Society the benefit of his administrative skills, his extensive knowledge of the publishing industry, the depth of his understanding of Jewish culture and literature, and his outstanding executive and administrative skills. It is no surprise that under his leadership the Society is reaching new heights of achievement.

It is, therefore, with great gratification and especial pleasure, that, for a unanimous committee, I nominate Joseph M. First for reelection as President of the Society for the coming year.

The Society and Mr. First have been singularly fortunate in the ability and the zeal of the officers who have been serving with him. Like Mr. First, each of them has occupied his present office for two terms, and therefore, is eligible for election to a third.

Mr. President, I take pleasure for a unanimous Committee, to nominate the following for reelection to their respective offices:

Vice Presidents: David C. Melnicoff, Philadelphia
                Leo Guzik, New York
                Maxwell M. Rabb, New York
                Philip D. Sang, Chicago
                Jerome J. Shestack, Philadelphia

Secretary: Dr. Paul Sloane, Philadelphia

Treasurer: William S. Fishman, Philadelphia

The secret weapon of our Society for 18 years has been our Executive Director, Lesser Zussman. The Society continues to be the beneficiary of his ability and his dedication in its behalf. It is with great satisfaction that for the Committee, I nominate Lesser Zussman for reelection as Executive Director for the 19th year.

As this morning's session of the Board of Trustees and the Publication Committee, and as Mr. Wolf's report at this meeting demonstrate, our Editor, Dr. Chaim Potok has had an active and busy year as Editor. He has scarcely had the time to write another bestseller, but unless I miss my guess, our prolific Editor will be having something of his own—perhaps another best-seller—coming off the press before long. It is a privilege, in behalf of the Committee, to nominate Dr. Potok for reelection as Editor of the Society.

Mr. President, I move the reelection of the foregoing officers whom I have named.

The motion was duly seconded and was unanimously passed.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR THE YEAR 1967

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Annual Report of the President is essentially statistical, designed to preserve for posterity in the American Jewish Yearbooks and elsewhere the details of the activities of your association. But I should like to add a few comments this year to take cognizance of the fact that eighty years ago on June 3, 1888, the present Jewish Publication Society was organized as the successor of two earlier societies that had been started in 1845 and in 1873.

What advice, symbol or inspiration can an organization or person, for that matter, offer at eighty years of age? Stated briefly within the framework of our Annual Report, it is this: Life is good and worthwhile, significant and gratifying, so long as, and only so long as we can keep it meaningful to ourselves and to those within the orbit in which we operate. That which we do must have meaning
and purpose for ourselves and must fulfill a felt need in the lives of those we touch. The Jewish Publication Society reaches its eightieth year, young, perhaps, when judged in historical perspective, but old enough to feel firm and proud and dynamic.

We are engaged in meaningful efforts.

Edwin Wolf, 2nd, essential Chairman of the Publication Committee of this Society, has given you some idea of the scope and efforts in covering the meaningful "historical" and the meaningful "encounter" of today, a word borrowed from our inspirational and inspired editor, Dr. Potok, to describe his efforts.

The formal report which I mentioned begins with an analysis of our 1967 Publication Program which comprised fourteen volumes. The titles, with the statistical record of month published, quantity printed, and number distributed during the year, follow:

1967 Publications

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<th>Title</th>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Quantity Printed</th>
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<td>Cast a Giant Shadow, by Ted Berkman (A Covenant Book)</td>
<td>Feb.</td>
<td>4,000</td>
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<td>Morning Stars, by Zalman Shazar. Translated from the Hebrew</td>
<td>Mar.</td>
<td>9,625</td>
<td>5,140</td>
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<td>The Rise and Fall of the Judaean State, Vol. II, by Solomon Zeitlin</td>
<td>Apr.</td>
<td>5,015</td>
<td>4,192</td>
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<td>The Well: A Novel, by Chaim Grade. Translated from the Yiddish by Ruth Wisse</td>
<td>June</td>
<td>4,985</td>
<td>2,936</td>
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<td>Between Hammer and Sickle, by Ben Ami</td>
<td>June</td>
<td>5,029</td>
<td>3,185</td>
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<td>Jews of Silence, by Elie Wiesel (Co-published with Holt, Rinehart and Winston)</td>
<td>June</td>
<td>2,517</td>
<td>1,355</td>
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<td>American Jewish Year Book, Vol. 68, edited by Fine and Himmelfarb (Co-published with the American Jewish Committee)</td>
<td>Sept.</td>
<td>4,004</td>
<td>3,798</td>
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<td>The Treatise Ta'Anit of the Babylonian Talmud (Hebrew and English), by Henry Malter. A reprint in the JPS Jewish Classics Series</td>
<td>Sept.</td>
<td>4,000</td>
<td>2,122</td>
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<td>In the Courtyards of Jerusalem, by Chaim Brandwein. Translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin</td>
<td>Oct.</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>2,835</td>
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<td>Tales of Sendebar (Mishle Sendebar), edited by Morris Epstein</td>
<td>Nov.</td>
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<td>2,934</td>
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<td>The Brigade: A Novel, by Hanoch Bartov. Translated from the Hebrew by David Segal (Co-published with Holt, Rinehart and Winston)</td>
<td>Nov.</td>
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**1967 Reprints**

We reprinted thirteen titles during the year, with the statistical record of volumes reprinted and total number in print as follows:

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<td>The Holy Scriptures (1917 Translation)</td>
<td>50,000</td>
<td>1,163,000</td>
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<td>The Torah: A New Translation</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>240,000</td>
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<td>Pathways Through the Bible, by Mortimer J. Cohen</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Workbooks to Pathways Through the Bible, by Miriam Levitin (3-part sets)</td>
<td>1,344 sets</td>
<td>30,433 sets</td>
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<td>A History of the Jews, by Solomon Grayzel</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>History of the Jews, by Heinrich Graetz (6 Vols.)</td>
<td>3,490 sets</td>
<td>69,300 sets</td>
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<td>Jewish Marriage Anthology, by Philip and Hanna Goodman</td>
<td>3,300</td>
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<td>Legends of the Jews, Vol. II, by Louis Ginzberg</td>
<td>2,080</td>
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<td>Rembrandt, the Jews and the Bible, by Franz Landsberger</td>
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<td>Stories of King Solomon, by Lillian Freehof</td>
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<td>The American Jew: A Reappraisal. Edited by Oscar I. Janowsky</td>
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<td>Covenant Books</td>
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<td>Emma Lazarus: The Voice of Liberty, by Eve Merriam</td>
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**Publication Distribution**

In 1967, we distributed 198,711 books, of which 63,646 were selected by members; 121,805 distributed through jobbers, bookstores, congregational gift shops and by direct mail; and 3,260 distributed as free books.

**Membership Statistics**

We ended the year 1967 with 13,846 members compared with 14,197 at the end of 1966. Of those enrolled, 5,392 contributed at the $7.50 level; 1,529 at $10.00; 4,629 at $15.00; 1,224 at $30.00; and 1,074 at $35.00 and higher. Income from membership contributions increased from $171,000 in 1966 to $200,700 in 1967. Thus, it can realistically be concluded that the Society's members responded affirmatively to our request for increased contributions in 1967.

**Bible Translation**

The BOOK OF NOTES on THE TORAH translation could not be completed in time for 1968 publication as contemplated, so that it is now scheduled for 1969. It is our hope that this important volume, edited by Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, will make a significant contribution to Bible study and understanding.

Also scheduled for 1969 publication is a much-needed volume primarily intended for synagogue use, which will include the Five Megilloth and the Book of Jonah in Hebrew and a new English translation. Dr. H. L. Ginsberg will write an
introductory essay to each scroll, thereby enhancing the value of the volume for adult study.

The two translation committees are continuing with their activities by meeting regularly and advancing their task of translation. The two volumes mentioned above are the work of the Neviim Committee, while the Ketubim Committee is nearing completion of Book I of the Psalms, which we hope to publish as a separate volume in 1970. Thus, bits of the Committees' productivity are being made available to a receptive audience as their work progresses.

**New Building**

We were served notice earlier this year by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that our building on 15th Street is in a redevelopment area and is scheduled for demolition during the summer of 1969. Consequently, we had to find a new home without delay. Towards this end, I appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Robert P. Abrams which searched diligently and found an excellent building in an ideal location which, I am sure, will provide the Society with a distinctive home for the future.

I now advise you, with distinct pleasure, that the Executive Committee, acting upon the recommendation of the New Building Committee, has approved purchase of the building situated at 1622 Locust Street which was formerly occupied by The Women's Club of Philadelphia. This action was today reported to and ratified by our Board of Trustees. With a frontage of 50' on Locust Street and extending back 130' to Latimer Street, the present four-story building and new construction on the open area at the rear will give us adequate space and an excellent location from which we hope to serve the community for many years to come.

My thanks to Bob Abrams as Chairman and to Bernard Frankel, David Melnicoff, Mitchell Panzer and Jerry Shestack as members of the committee which completed its initial mission so admirably. Further, we are very grateful to Robert Kahn who served voluntarily as real-estate consultant and to Beryl Price who is our architect. All these men will now have the responsibility of following through with renovation and construction. We may have to undertake a building fund drive for the Society as our plans develop. You will be informed and I know that, as usual, you will respond generously.

**Awards**

We were highly pleased to learn that Chaim Grade's THE WELL was selected by the Jewish Book Council as winner of the Harry and Ethel Daroff Award for the best work of Jewish fiction published in 1967. The award consists of a citation and an honorarium to the author.

It is also pleasant to report that Joseph Opatoshu's A DAY IN REGENSBURG was invited to compete for the prestigious Anisfield-Wolf Award. The winner has not as yet been announced, but—win or lose—it is a source of gratification to have been considered.

**Necrology**

Sadly, I am obliged to note that we suffered the loss of two authors and an artist during the past year. Dr. Leo W. Schwarz was an outstanding author, educator and lecturer. Widely known to readers in this country and overseas, he compiled MEMOIRS OF MY PEOPLE, published by the JPS in 1943, and THE MENORAH TREASURY, which we published in 1964.
Dr. Harry J. Leon was author of THE JEWS OF ANCIENT ROME, published in 1961. A professor of classical languages at the University of Texas, Dr. Leon had lectured and written extensively in his specialized field.

Jakob Steinhardt was an artist and illustrator of international renown, having served as director of the Bezalel School in Jerusalem for many years. The JPS published three of his art books: THE BOOK OF JONAH in 1953, THE BOOK OF RUTH in 1957 and THE WOODCUTS OF JAKOB STEINHARDT in 1962.

May the memories of these men be preserved in their works and in the hearts of those who were privileged to know and work with them.

I said last year, "Basically, no organization can exist unless its members offer sustained interest and support." This you have continued to do and your Board and your Officers and your Committees continue to be grateful for this expression of confidence.

As vacancies occur on our Publication Committee, new blood is added to maintain the high quality in that Committee as in the past. Our Board of Trustees has as high a degree of appropriate suitability for its duties and responsibilities as any communal organization in the country. This is a standard that Bernie Segal has magnificently seen to in his role as Chairman of the Committee on Nominations. Our officers continue to give their time and of themselves beyond the reasonable call of duty. Concerning Les Zussman, our Executive Director, and Dr. Potok, our Editor, I must speak with warm affection. They are not only competent but highly exciting to work with. Their ideas, their interest and their enthusiasm are largely responsible for the present wholesome condition of the Society. And to the professional staff, too, we are grateful for making it possible for the Society to serve the community at a high level of achievement and efficiency.

May I conclude these remarks with a prayer that we meet again next year in a country and in a world at peace.

Program

Dr. Chaim Potok, Editor, chaired the program and introduced Dr. Israel Knox, Associate Professor of Philosophy at New York University, who delivered a provocative address on "The Holocaust (in our literature)—for Remembrance and for Kaddish." A discussion period followed the address.

A reception in honor of Dr. Knox followed and ended the afternoon's activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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