

# AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK

**A Record of Events and Trends  
in American and World Jewish Life**

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The **AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK** for 1971 is a comprehensive record of events affecting Jewish communities throughout the world. It features two articles: "American Jewry, 1970: A Demographic Profile," in which Professor Sidney Goldstein of Brown University evaluates local Jewish community studies, and predicts from their findings the continuity of Jewish identification in "a meaningful balance between Jewishness and Americanism."

The study, "Jewish and Gentile Academics in the United States: Their Achievements, Culture and Politics," by Professors Seymour Martin Lipset of Harvard University and Everett Carlil Ladd, Jr., of the University of Connecticut, uses data from a Carnegie Commission on Higher Education study of the American professor to show that Jewish academics are ahead of their Gentile counterparts in degree of intellectualism, achievement, and position. These and other characteristics of the Jewish professors, the authors contend, were determined by the same historical factors that have shaped modern Jewish life generally.

In another article, "The Effects of Jewish Education," Professor Paul Weinberger of San Diego

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# Preface

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**P**ROFESSOR Sidney Goldstein of Brown University presents comprehensively, in "American Jewry, 1970: A Demographic Profile," data, analysis, and projection into the future. Despite American Jews' increasing distance from immigrant origins and despite substantial educational, vocational, and residential change, he concludes that the "structural separation and continuity of Jewish identification will persist" in "a meaningful balance between Jewishness and Americanism."

A comparison between Jews and Gentiles in a major part of American society is made by Professors Seymour Martin Lipset of Harvard University and Everett Carl Ladd, Jr., of the University of Connecticut in their study of "Jewish Academics in the United States: Their Achievements, Culture and Politics." Based on data from a study of the American professor undertaken by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education and now in the process of being completed, the analysis by Professors Lipset and Ladd shows Jewish academics ahead of their Gentile colleagues, on the average, in achievement, position, and income. In this, as in their generally more left-of-center political views, and in their stronger intellectualism, Jewish professors resemble the non-academic Jewish community, not only in the United States but in the Western world as a whole. Jewish academics show the effects of the same historical factors that have molded modern Jewish life generally.

Several articles in the Review of the Year will be of special interest to the reader:

"The Effects of Jewish Education," by Professor Paul Weinberger of San Diego State College, surveys the literature and research findings. He concludes that the duration and intensity of Jewish education in childhood are positively related to an identifiable Jewish life style in adult life, as well as to religious commitment and involvement with Israel.

The review of the Jewish community in Japan, by Stanley T. Samuels, emphasizes the strong interest among the Japanese in Israeli life and culture.

"Intergroup Relations and Tensions in the United States," by Philip

Perlmutter, emphasizes attitudes of the various ethnic and religious groups toward one another, especially as they affect the Jewish community; radical youth and the new Jewish assertiveness of some of its Jewish elements; Jewish community concerns with Israel and Soviet Jewry; the Jewish poor as victims of crime; Christian-Jewish relations, and church-state issues.

Related organized Jewish community action and programs are listed by Geraldine Rosenfield in the annual compendium.

Attention is called to the special section in the back of the book, "Clarifications and Corrections," on matter that appeared in the 1970 volume.

The publication of Professor Daniel J. Elazar's discussion of the literature of Jewish public affairs, which was to appear in this volume, has had to be postponed until next year, for technical reasons.

We sorrowfully record the death of Simon Segal, director of the foreign affairs department of the American Jewish Committee, a warm friend and valued colleague.

We wish to thank our colleagues for their cooperation: Mrs. Shirley Spitzer, for technical assistance and preparation of the directories, necrology, and index; Harry J. Alderman, director of the Blaustein Library, his staff, and Mrs. Lotte Zajac, for their aid in providing reference material. Rabbi Naftoli Richter prepared the calendars, and Mrs. Mary Mackler read proof.

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