The AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK for 1973 gives a detailed account of Jewish life in the United States and many other countries throughout the world, against the background of general developments. It features two articles: "A Century of Reform Judaism in America," written by Professor Sefton D. Temkin on the occasion of the centennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, discusses the development of its institutions and its present status.

In "The Sephardim in the United States: An Exploratory Study," Rabbi Marc D. Angel of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of New York traces the history of the settlement of Sephardim in this country and summarizes the findings of a survey he made of American-born Sephardim in several cities.

Some of the data of the National Jewish Population Study, conducted on behalf of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, are analyzed by Fred Mas- sarik and Alvin Chenkin. They discuss the scope of the study, methodology, and the findings on selected household characteristics, and explore the probable causes and extent of intermarriage.

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The first Jewish communal institution was established in this country more than three centuries ago, when fewer than two dozen Sephardim, who had come to New Amsterdam from Brazil, founded Congregation Shearith Israel. The assistant minister of that congregation, Rabbi Marc D. Angel, is the author of "The Sephardim in the United States: An Exploratory Study," which presents Sephardi history, sociology, and contemporary cultural and religious life. The last section of the article summarizes and analyzes the findings of a survey conducted by Rabbi Angel among American-born Sephardim in their main communities.

The demographic section in the current volume contains, besides Alvin Chenkin's revised American Jewish population figures for 1972, the first analyses of the National Jewish Population Study, undertaken on behalf of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Alvin Chenkin presents data regarding the distribution of Jewish individuals and household heads by age and sex, marital status, generation, education, congregational membership, income, and other characteristics. Dr. Fred Massarik, the study's scientific director, gives a detailed analysis of the findings on intermarriage, a problem of great concern to the Jewish community.


The Necrology section includes memorials of Maurice Samuel by Professor Milton H. Hindus of Brandeis University and of Abraham Joshua Heschel by Professor Fritz A. Rothschild of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The death of Professor Edward C. Mack deprives us of an old and valued friend and adviser.
Circumstances did not permit the inclusion of the review of Canadian Jewry. Our next volume will cover two years, so that there will be no gap in information. (See p. 648 for comments by the Canadian Jewish Congress on the review of events for 1971.)

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