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Carefully compiled directories of national Jewish organizations, periodicals, and federations and welfare funds, as well as religious calendars and obituaries, round out the 1995 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK.

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