The 1998 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK, the 98th in the series, continues to offer a unique chronicle of developments in areas of concern to Jews around the world.

This year's volume features four special articles. Shlomo Avineri's "Herzl's Road to Zionism" and Anita Shapira's "Zionism and the Upheavals of the 20th Century" relate to the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist movement. Yossi Klein Halevi's "Israel at 50: An Israeli Perspective" and Arnold M. Eisen's "Israel at 50: An American Jewish Perspective" reflect on the significance of a half-century of Jewish statehood. "Images of History," a photo insert, augments the essays.


(Continued on back flap)

$38.50
The American Jewish Committee acknowledges with appreciation the foresight and wisdom of the founders of the Jewish Publication Society (of America) in the creation of the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK in 1899, a work committed to providing a continuous record of developments in the U.S. and world Jewish communities. For over a century JPS has occupied a special place in American Jewish life, publishing and disseminating important, enduring works of scholarship and general interest on Jewish subjects.

The American Jewish Committee assumed responsibility for the compilation and editing of the YEAR BOOK in 1908. The Society served as its publisher until 1949; from 1950 through 1993, the Committee and the Society were co-publishers. In 1994 the Committee became the sole publisher of the YEAR BOOK.
T
his year's volume features four special articles, two relating to the
100th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist movement, and two to the 50th
anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel. Shlomo Avineri and Anita
Shapira present fresh insights into the origins of the Zionist movement, with
Avineri focusing on the career of Theodor Herzl, and Shapira on Zionism in the
context of the political and social upheavals of the 20th century. Yossi Klein
Halevi and Arnold Eisen review the monumental achievements of Israel's first
50 years, reflecting on what Jewish statehood has meant, respectively, for Israel's
citizens and American Jewry. A special photo insert augments this section.

Jewish life in the United States is treated in three articles: “National Affairs”
by Richard T. Foltin; “Jewish Communal Affairs” by Lawrence Grossman; and
“Jewish Culture” by Berel Lang.

Peter Hirschberg provides detailed coverage of events in Israel. Reports on Jew-
ish communities around the world include Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Great
Britain, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, East-
Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, Hong Kong, Australia, and South
Africa.

Updated estimates of Jewish population are provided — for the United States,
by Jim Schwartz and Jeffrey Scheckner of the Council of Jewish Federations and
North American Jewish Data Bank; and for the world, by Sergio DellaPergola
of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Carefully compiled directories of national Jewish organizations, periodicals,
and federations and welfare funds, as well as religious calendars and obituaries,
round out the 1998 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of our colleagues Cyma M. Horowitz
and Michele Anish of the American Jewish Committee's Blaustein Library.

THE EDITORS
Contributors

SHLOMO AVINERI, Herbert Samuel Professor of Political Science and director, Institute for European Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.

GISELA BLAU, Journalist and publicist; Zurich, Switzerland.

HENRIETTE BOAS: Journalist; Amsterdam, Holland.

GREG CAPLAN, Doctoral candidate in history, Georgetown University.

ADINA CIMET, Lecturer, YIVO—Columbia University Yiddish summer program; consultant, Columbia—Barnard Urban Policy Center.

SERGIO DELLAPERGOLA: Professor and head, Division of Jewish Demography and Statistics, Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.

ARNOLD M. EISEN: Professor and chairman, religious studies, Stanford University.

RICHARD T. FOLTIN: Legislative director and counsel, Office of Government and International Affairs, American Jewish Committee.

ZVI GITELMAN: Professor, political science, and Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies, University of Michigan.

MURRAY GORDON: Adjunct professor, Austrian Diplomatic Academy, Vienna, Austria.

LAWRENCE GROSSMAN: Director of publications, American Jewish Committee.

RUTH ELLEN GRUBER: European-based American journalist and author, specialist in contemporary Jewish affairs; Morre, Italy.

MIRIAM HERSCHLAG: Free-lance journalist; Hong Kong, China.


IGNACIO KLICH: Lecturer, Latin American history, Faculty of Law, Languages and Communication, University of Westminster, London, England.

BEREL LANG: Professor of humanities, Trinity College.
COLIN L. RUBENSTEIN: National policy chairman, Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council; senior lecturer, politics, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.
JEFFREY SCHECKNER: Research consultant, Council of Jewish Federations; administrator, North American Jewish Data Bank, City University of New York.
JIM SCHWARTZ: Research director, Council of Jewish Federations; director, North American Jewish Data Bank, City University of New York.
MILTON SHAIN: Professor, Hebrew and Jewish studies, and director, Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies and Research, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
ANITA SHAPIRA: Ruben Merenfeld Professor for the Study of Zionism and head, Yitzhak Rabin Center for Israel Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
MEIR WAINTRATER: Editor in chief, L’Arche, the French Jewish monthly, Paris, France.
HAROLD M. WALLER: Professor, political science, McGill University; director, Canadian Centre for Jewish Community Studies, Montreal, Canada.