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The American Jewish community suffered a profound loss on August 20, 2007, with the passing of Morris Fine at the age of 93. In the course of an extraordinarily long and fruitful career at AJC that began in 1937, Morris served as editor of the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK for volumes 48 through 79 (1947–1979). Even after retiring from AJC in 1979 he maintained an abiding interest in the YEAR BOOK, and, until very shortly before his death, continued to provide sage advice and kind encouragement. We miss him deeply, and dedicate this volume to his memory.

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