

The history of some minor groups is so recent and the number of some is so small that their contribution is too often expressed by the names of some college professors, government officials and professionals.

The problem of the Jews in the United States is dealt with ably and succinctly by Harry Schneiderman, in the chapter called "Jewish Americans" (chapter IX). The usual difficulties and duplications in determining the groups to which individuals belong are evident in the volume. Thus, the Schiffs and the Warburgs are included both in the chapters on the contributions of the Jews and on those of the Germans. Alfred Adler and Felix Frankfurter are included as Austrians. Albert Einstein is Swiss.

Separate parts of the book deal with "Race and Cultural Conflicts and Edu-

cation" and with "The Trend Toward Cultural Pluralism." The last chapter in the book that deals with "National Minorities in Central Europe: A Comparison and a Contrast" by Joseph Chmelar, contains a number of errors of omission and commission. The author gives the number of the Jews in Poland as 2.1 million, thus reducing this community by over a million. The restrictions by the government of the rights of the minorities are not at all mentioned in a chapter which is ostensibly one of comparison and contrast. The author, instead, sketches the various legal "stipulations" affecting them on paper. The volume is well indexed, contains up to date bibliographies, and is in spite of its shortcomings a very useful summary of the situation today, especially valuable for the school room or study group. A. G. D.

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#### JEWIS IN THE U. S. A.

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#### JEWIS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

Bonné, Alfred: *Erez-Israel. Ha-Aretz Vehakalah*, (Palestine. The Land and Its Economy), Tel Aviv, Devir, 1938, 290p. is a thorough study by an outstanding expert on the economic problems of Palestine today.

Conference on Jewish Relations: *Information Bulletin. Anti-Jewish Developments in South American Countries* by a correspondent of the Conference of Jewish Relations, 1938, 10p. (Photo-offset).

Janowsky, Oscar and Fagen, Melvin M.: *International Aspects of German Racial Policies*, New York, Oxford University Press, 1937, 266p., is a thorough legal study of this impor-

tant problem. In addition the appendices contain the Letter of Resignation submitted by the High Commissioner James J. McDonald to the Seventeenth Assembly of the League of Nations, the text of the petition submitted in support of this letter by several Jewish organizations, and a selection of expressions of opinion on the persecution of non-Aryans in Germany.

Kehimkar, Haem Samuel: *The History of Bene Israel in India*, Tel Aviv, Dayag Press, 1937, 290, 28p. is a study of the history, folklore, community organization, religious institutions, customs and biographies of outstanding persons among the Bene Israel, the native Jewish community of India.

Reichsvertretung der Juden in Deutschland. Juedische Gemeinde Berlin. Zentralverband juedischer Handwerker Deutschlands e.B.V.: *Vor der Berufswahl. Ein Wegweiser fuer juedische Eltern und Kinder*, Berlin, Zentralwohlfahrtsstelle der Juden in Deutschland, Abteilung Juedischer Buchverlag, 119p. is a manual for the vocational guidance of Jewish youth in

Germany. A list of training institutions is appended to the book.

#### JEWISH LABOR MOVEMENT

*Gevat (Ha-kevutzah al Shem Kadoshei Pinski.) Mekorot Ve-Korot.* (Gevat, The Kvutzah in Memory of the Martyrs of Pinsk. Sources and History). Ein Harod. Published by the Kvutzah with the participation of the Central Committee of the Palestine Workers Party-Mapai, 1937, 388 pp. On April 5, 1919, thirty-five members of a local Zionist cooperative in Pinsk were rounded up by the Polish military authorities and executed in cold blood under the false accusation of participation in a Bolshevik meeting. This massacre which aroused the opinion of the world was the prime drive on the part of the Labor Zionist youth of the town to establish a communal settlement in Palestine in commemoration of their executed comrades. This volume contains a great deal of biographical material on the Pinsk martyrs. A lengthy monograph by A. Weiner, "From Pinsk to Gevat," portrays the political, social and economic life in the city of Pinsk and can serve in this respect as a narrative of a Polish "Middle-town" during the first decade which followed the world war. The parts dealing with the local Jewish labor movement are of particular value. Hayim Gabati describes the history of the establishment and development of the commune in Palestine. The volume contains in addition a great deal of biographical material on the deceased members of the commune and in particular on one of its leaders Hershl Pinsky. It is a valuable source to the study of the Jewish labor movement both in Poland and Palestine.

Jewish Labor Committee: *National Convention*. New York, March 4-6, 1938, 64 pp., is a publication in Yiddish which includes the official report of the activities and financing of this body and brief articles on its aims and functions in various parts of the country.

#### JEWISH SOCIAL WORK AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

*Chazanuth. Fortieth Anniversary Journal Published by the Jewish Ministers Cantors Association of America on the Occasion of Its Fortieth Jubilee*, New York, 1937, 270 112 pp., contains biographical information on the members of this profession in America, as well as some useful material, though in a sketchy form on the status of the profession in America and abroad.

*Felshtyn. Zamlbuch tsum Ondenk fun di Felshtyner Kdoishim.* (Felshteen. A Volume in Commemoration of the Martyrs of Felshtyn), New York, Felshteen First Benevolent Association, 1937, 23, 673, 42 pp. This volume is one of the most ambitious attempts on the part of a small society in the field of *Landmanschaften* literature. Most of its contents are devoted to the description and memories of the pogroms which occurred in this Ukrainian town during the civil war in 1918. Another section deals with the economic and cultural aspects of the city.

In the third section the history and activities of the Society are described in detail. The volume is ably edited and profusely illustrated.

#### ITEMS FROM VARIOUS PERIODICALS

A new publication of importance is *Fun Noentn Ovar* (From the Recent Past) a cultural-historical quarterly, published by the *Lit'erarishe Bleter* in Warsaw with the assistance of the Wilno Historical Ethnographical Society in the name of S. An-Sky, and edited by Moses Szalit. Its first issue (April-June 1937, 95p.) contains the following items of interest: David Magid: "Wilno Maskilim of 60-65 Years Ago." The memoirs of this distinguished Jewish scholar who is at present a resident of Leningrad deal with Hilel Noah Steinschneider. A. J. Goldschmidt: "The *Pinkasim* in the Archives of the Historical Ethnographical Society"; Izchak Eisik Ben-Jacob's unpublished report on the "Establishment and Functions of the Rabbinical Seminary in Wilno 1855-1856"; Hirsh Abramowicz: "Jewish Occupations on the Wane," which deals with fishing; L. Rubinow: "Jewish Youth in Southern Russia at the end of the 19th Century," in which ideological trends are discussed; S. Weiss: "In the Days of the Tchernowitz Conference," in which some details concerning this first Yiddishist Conference in 1908 and its background are given; N. Meisel: "Historical Material in Pre-War Yiddish Literature." A number of hitherto unpublished letters addressed by Perez, Frishman, Druyanov and others to An-Sky complete the issue. The second issue (July-September) contains the following items: Unpublished Letters by Judah Loeb Gordon. David Maggid continues his memoirs of the Wilno Maskilim with an article on Matityahu Strashun. Moses Szalit contributes an article on Moses Rosensohn. Filip Friedman publishes a Yiddish poem written in Latin characters in 1814 by one Solomon Klaptzimmel on occasion of the peace celebration in Lemberg. A. J. Goldschmidt continues his description of the *Pinkassim*. Shalom Beilin contributes his memoirs of Jewish life in Siberia under the Czarist regime. Nachman Meisel contributes an article on "Twenty Years of the Yiddish Theatre in Poland." The following items are included in the third issue (November, 1937): Emanuel Ringelblum's study of Jewish life in 18th century Warsaw as reflected in court records. D. Maggid's memoirs are devoted to Abraham Dov Baer Lebensohn and his son Micah Joseph. Chaim Lunsky portrays a number of important figures in the Jewish book world in Wilno. Hirsh Abramowicz discusses in his series of vanishing Jewish occupations the fields of inn-keeping and transportation. Moses Szalit contributes sketches from the life and activities of S. An-Sky. The issue also contains Letters by Eliakum Zunser and Nahum Shtiff. The following items are contained in the fourth issue (January-March, 1938): Filip Friedman: "The Initial Struggles between the Haskalah and Hassidism in Galicia" as reflected in the correspondence of Maskilim in

1819-1828; E. Ringelblum contributes his series on the life of Warsaw Jewry. Maggid's series are ended by his article on Samuel Joseph Finn. Both Lunskey and A. J. Goldschmidt continue their respective series. More letters on J. L. Gordon and *personalia* about S. An-Sky are contributed by M. Szalit. L. Rubinow contributes an essay on the "Jewish Self Defense in Southern Russia during the Period of the First Revolution."

*Ha-Mishpat Ha-Ivri* (Hebrew Law), Volume VI, edited by Paltiel Dickstein, Jerusalem, 5687, 308p., contains among others Mordechai Steimatsky's study of the "Privileges of the Kahal in Poland."

The *Monatsschrift fuer Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums*, Vol. LXXXI, No. 6, November-December, 1937, contains Kurt Still-schweig's essay "Die Judenemanzipation im Licht des franzoesischen Nationsbegriff" (Jewish Emancipation in the Light of the French Concept of Nationality).

*La Rassegna Mensile di Israel*, Vol. XII, No. 6, February-March, 1938 contains a history of the society "La Confraternita Israelitica 'Sovegno'" (In Hebrew "Lomdei Torah Ve-shomrei Mizvah") since its establishment in 1713 to date.

*Sinai* is a new monthly review edited by J. L. Fishman and published by the Rabbi Kook Institute of the World Mizrahi Center in Jerusalem. The first issue is dated Sivan, 1937 and contains among others the first in a series of articles by Isaac Werfel on Hassidism and Palestine. The second issue (Tamuż, 1937) contains the first installment of M. Judelewitz's monograph on the "City of Sura." The third issue (Ab, 1937) contains the first article in the series of J. L. Fishman on the "History and Development of the Mizrahi" and I. Wolfsberg's study on "The Place of History in Jewish Philosophy." Issue 5-6 (Tishre-Heshvan, 1937) includes A. Obadiah's monograph on Akiba Eiger, a number of hitherto unpublished letters by Eiger edited by Isaac Werfel, and N. M. Gelber's study of Moses Sachs, a protagonist of the introduction of agricultural settlements among the Jews in Palestine in the middle of the nineteenth century. Issue 7-8 (Kislab-Tebet, 1937) contains S. J. Zevin's study of Hassidic Habadic Holiday celebrations during the month of Kislev, S. J. Glicksberg's brief essay on "Social Aid According to the Torah" and further articles in the series mentioned above. Issue 9-10 (Shebat-Adar I, 1938) contains A. J. Brawer's impression of his journey in Persia, in which statistics of the Jewish population in various cities are included. M. S. Geshuri contributes an article on "Agriculture in the Bible and the Talmud."

#### ITEMS FROM COLLECTIVE VOLUMES

*Hebrew Union College Annual*, Vol. XII-XIII, Cincinnati, 1938 contains among other items Abraham Cronbach's second article on the *Meil Zedakah*, the first known source-book of Jewish philanthropy which was compiled

by Elijah Ha-Kohen who died in Smyrna in 1729. Israel Bettan describes "The Sermons of Isaac Arama." Cecil Roth contributes an article "A Supplement to Some Revolutionary Purims." David Philipson brings to light some letters written by Max Lilienthal during his sojourn in Russia.

*Keneseth*, the Hebrew collective volume in commemoration of Chi. N. Bialik issued by the Bialik Institute of the Jewish Agency in Palestine, Vol. 3, Tel Aviv, 1938, contains among many articles on the life and writings of the poet and some of his hitherto unpublished prose, poetry and letters on the following items of interest: Zevi Vieslavsky: essay on the sociological background of the *Hamathmid* and Ephraim Shmuely's work on Don Isaac Abravanel. Dov Weinryb contributes an article on the "Economic and Sociological Factors in the Jewish Enlightenment in Germany." The volume also includes several reviews on the political and literary events of the year.

*Lodzer Visnshafliche Shriftn* (Lodz Scientific Writings) is a new publication by the Scientific Circle of the Society of the Friends of the Yiddish Scientific Institute (Lodz, 1938, 282 pp). It contains among many others the following items of particular interest: E. Feldman: "Two Ancient Jewish Communities in the Region of Lodz" in which the history of the Jewish community in Kalisz till the second half of the sixteenth century and some matters pertaining to the history of the Jewish community in Konin till the end of the sixteenth century are described; R. Mahler: "The Jewish Population in the Lodz Vovodaship in 1764," an examination of the first census of the Jews in Poland; M. Feinkind: "The *Hebrah Kadishah* of Piotrkow"; F. Friedman: "The Industrialization and Proletarianization of the Jews in Lodz in 1860-1914" and "Historical Literature about the Jews in the Vovodaship of Lodz (1918-1937)"; J. Zerkowicz: "Death and Related Motiffs in Jewish Ethnography and Folklore"; and "A Picture of the Social Life of the Jews in a Polish Small Town in the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century (The *Osei Chesed* Society in Lutomirsk)"; and M. Schwalbe: "The Housing Conditions of the Poorer Jewish Population in Lodz."

The second issue of the *Bleter far Geshichte*, (Historical Leaves) a continuation of the *Yung-er Historiker* published by the Warsaw Historical Circle of the Yiddish Scientific Institute (Warsaw, 1938, 174pp.) and edited by Raphael Mahler contains the following items of interest: M. Kremer: "The Participation of Jewish Artisans in the Christian Guilds in Ancient Poland"; A. Eisenbach: "The Central Representative Bodies of the Jewish Community in the Duchy of Warsaw 1807-1815, "which casts light on the efforts of the Jewish population to restore the autonomous bodies of the *Vaadim* which were officially abolished by the Polish government in 1764; S. Trunk: "The Legal Situation of the Jews in Plock in the Sixteenth

Century," which deals mainly with the Jewish autonomous courts; M. Rosenblatt: "The Participation of the Jews in Warsaw in the political Demonstrations on 1861-1862" and Raphael Mahler's review of Jacob Mann's two volumes of the *Texts and Studies in Jewish History and Literature*.

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*Sepher Ha-Shabat* (The Book of the Sabbath) edited by J. L. Baruch, Tel Aviv, Oneg Shabbath, 1936, 564p., is a collection of sources, essays, fiction and poetry readings which deal with the history and influence of the Sabbath rest day on the life and literature of the Jewish people.

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\* Some of the books listed herewith which are of interest to the social worker will be reviewed in the next issues of the *Quarterly*. Books mentioned in the "Bibliographical Notes" are not included in this list.

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