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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR YEAR 1943

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY OF AMERICA:

It is again, my privilege to present a review of the activities of our Society for its fifty-sixth year, the calendar year of 1943, and, incidentally, my eleventh annual report.

In accordance with the request of our Government to postpone meetings of organizations where members assemble from various sections of the country, and for the additional reason that so many of our members are busily engaged in various war activities, the Board of Trustees again voted to postpone the annual meeting.

For this reason, I propose to report in greater detail the varied and extensive activities of The Society during 1943. In completing a most comprehensive publishing program of new books and reprints—both as to content and distribution, in substantially adding to our membership, in increasing most satisfactorily the sales of our books and Bibles, in making a genuine contribution to the war effort through the books printed by our Press, and in keeping our finances on an even keel, the year 1943 was a "new high" for The Jewish Publication Society.

I sincerely hope that, during 1945, war and transportation conditions will be such that we can again convene our annual meeting, which had become an important milestone in the cultural life of the American Jewish community.

1943 was the most successful year in The Society's history and the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Howard A. Wolf, presents the figures in detail, supplementing this report. From all indications, the figures for 1944 will also be very favorable.

NECROLOGY: During the year, Judge Julian W. Mack, an Honorary Vice-President since 1906, passed away on September 5, 1943. Judge Mack was deeply interested in The Publication Society over a long period of years. A biographical sketch and resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees will appear in Volume 46, the current American Jewish Year Book.

Philip M. Raskin, author of our volume of poetry, Songs of a Wanderer, died on February 6, 1944, and memorial resolutions for him are printed in the current Year Book.
In my 1942 report, I mentioned that while Mr. Harry Scherman, the President of the Book-of-the-Month Club, had resigned as a Trustee because of his inability to come to Philadelphia for Board meetings, I knew we could still count on his co-operation and counsel, which had been so valuable in the past.

SCHERMAN BEQUEST: It was thrilling to receive a letter from Mr. Scherman, dated December 9, 1943, in which was enclosed a check for $10,000.00 to The Jewish Publication Society, in honor and in memory of his mother, Katherine Harris Scherman.

Mrs. Scherman was Field Secretary for The Society during its formative years. She traveled all over the country enrolling members, and in a report of Morris Newburger, the first President of The Society, published in 1900, forty-four years ago, is this interesting comment: "We have added during the past year about 1,000 new members to our list. . . . Most of the new members have been obtained through our field agent, Mrs. Scherman . . ." Some of these members are still enrolled and receive our books. After Mrs. Scherman's retirement, she retained an active interest in The Society which, I am happy to say, is continued by her distinguished son.

Mr. Scherman's wish is that this contribution be utilized for some particular project of The Society. We have under consideration a number of interesting and worth-while undertakings. Until a final decision is reached, Mr. Scherman has consented to our using this fund as working capital which is so urgently needed because of the much larger volume of business being transacted.

The gift from Mr. Scherman was doubly gratifying to the administration. Not only can it be considered as a substantial recognition of the work we are doing in American Jewish life, but it serves as a reminder to other friends of The Society of the importance of our activities, now that the European Jewish presses are stilled. The extent of our activities and influence is limited by our financial resources. The Bible translation, the Schiff Library of Jewish Classics, the Loeb Series, the Press, the Marx and Margolis A History of the Jewish People—all were made possible by generous gifts, as were books published through the munificence of Abraham Erlanger, Louis Marshall, Morris Wolf and Mrs. Blanch Wolf Kohn, the Gittermans, and other friends.

FEDERATION SUBVENTIONS: Some years ago, The Society approached a number of Federations and Welfare Funds for annual subventions, suggesting that, in return for annual grants, we would
be glad to contribute our publications to be placed in libraries in the communities making the grant. This, in turn, gave community leaders the opportunity to place in public libraries and in Jewish institutions books of Jewish interest which otherwise would not be on these shelves. The plan is working out very satisfactorily, particularly in Philadelphia where, through the understanding support of the Allied Jewish Appeal, a large number of books have been distributed. The year brought an increase of approximately fifty per cent in Federation subventions.

Publicity: Both the Anglo-Jewish and the Yiddish press have again given The Society splendid support. Not only have news articles of our activities and reviews of our books appeared, but the editorial comment has been most encouraging. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I desire to record our deep appreciation of this support and look forward to a continuance of this cordial relationship.

Dr. Louis Ginzberg's 70th Birthday: During the past year, Dr. Louis Ginzberg, Professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, reached his seventieth birthday and the event was signalized by a fitting celebration, held in New York City, in which our Society participated. Two of Dr. Ginzberg's works were published under the imprint of The Society: The Legends of the Jews, in seven volumes, and Students, Scholars and Saints. The Press of The Society printed his two volumes of Genizah Studies in memory of Dr. Solomon Schechter and the three volumes of his Talmud Yerushalmi. That The Publication Society was instrumental in fortunately keeping Dr. Ginzberg in America is disclosed in a letter received from this distinguished scholar and author, which I am sure will interest our members:

"January 4, 1944.

"Dear Mr. Solis-Cohen:

"I was deeply moved while listening to my dear friend, Maurice Jacobs, reading the kind greetings you extended to me on the occasion of my seventieth birthday. When the set of your resolutions was handed over to me, I was charmed by the beauty of the writing and binding. For the double pleasure you gave me, a spiritual and an artistic one, I wish to express to you and to your organization my sincerest thanks.

"I would not be faithful to myself if I were not to apply my
‘method of historical criticism’ to the text submitted by you. You stretched to the extreme—one might almost say, to the breaking-point—the importance of my contribution to the work of The Jewish Publication Society of America. Historical fairness requires, however, that to make the picture complete, I ought to add to your text a few comments on the great indebtedness I owe to your organization.

“In the spring of 1901, when the Jewish Encyclopedia, with which I was connected, came to a sudden stop, I was on the point of returning to Europe, to be specific, to Germany. Judge Mayer Sulzberger, at that time the leading spirit of your Society, retained me in America by commissioning me with the writing of a volume of 300 pages—introduction, text, and index—of the “Biblical Legends of the Jews.” Some saints are said to have aspired their whole life to martyrdom. But as much as I love saints, my aspirations never ran so high as to imitate them. I am happy to be among the living, and were it not for The Legends of the Jews, I surely would have been, by this time, a victim of Nazi atrocity.

“Reference made by me to an introduction to The Legends was not done in the nature of a threat. I have not the slightest intention of burdening The Jewish Publication Society with an additional volume by me. This is one way of showing the great interest I have in your Society. You see, ‘old love never tarnishes,’ and I shall always retain my love for the work done by your Society and for many of its leaders.

“Very sincerely yours,

“Louis Ginzberg”

Jewish Book Week and Religious Book Week: Dr. Solomon Grayzel, our Editor, again served as Editor-in-Chief of the trilingual Jewish Book Annual and is Vice-President of the Jewish Book Council of America, now under the sponsorship of the National Jewish Welfare Board. The Executive Vice-President is a member of the Executive Committee. The National Conference of Christians and Jews sponsored their second Religious Book Week and, of the thirty-five Jewish titles selected, the following seventeen were ours:
The Holy Scriptures
Selected Poems of Jehudah Halevi
Mesillat Yesharim: The Path of the Upright
Selected Poems of Solomon ibn Gabirol
Bialik's Aftergrowth and Other Stories
A Century of Jewish Life, by Ismar Elbogen
Harvest in the Desert, by Maurice Samuel
In Polish Woods, by Joseph Opatoshu
The Jewish Community, in three volumes, by Salo W. Baron
Jewish Pioneers and Patriots, by Lee M. Friedman
The Jews of Germany, by Marvin Lowenthal
The Legends of the Jews, in seven volumes, by Louis Ginzberg
Memoirs of My People Through a Thousand Years, selected and edited by Leo W. Schwarz
The Pharisees, in two volumes, by Louis Finkelstein
Stars and Sand, Jewish Notes by Non-Jewish Notables, selected and edited by Joseph L. Baron
Theodore Herzl, by Alex Bein
History of the Jews in Vilna, by Israel Cohen

Other books listed were: The Ship of Hope, by Ruben Rothgiesser, and What the Moon Brought, by Sadie Rose Weilerstein, on the Young People's Jewish Book List; Stars and Sand, on the Good-Will Book List; and The Fire Eater, by Henry J. Berkowitz, on the Young People's Good-Will Book List.

Publications: The wide distribution of books of Jewish interest is the most important duty of The Society and has been a problem that has given the Board and Publication Committee a great deal of concern. We have co-operated with general publishers in selling them sets of sheets of our books on attractive terms to be distributed through the general book trade. We have reprinted many of our older books, and, with the original costs already written off, offered them for sale at reduced prices or as part books on membership. The results of this campaign for distribution have been progressively more satisfactory each year. The careful selection of authors and subject matter of books by the Publication Committee have, of course, been very important factors. In 1943, total distribution of our own publications reached 107,317 volumes, of which 48,706
books were sent on membership and 58,611 were sold. In 1942, a total of 55,736 books were distributed, 28,193 on membership and 24,531 sold. These figures are both significant and heartening. Our Bible sales increased approximately thirty per cent and we are now printing a carload of Bibles each year. The reprint program for 1943 was the largest ever undertaken by The Society, and during the year we reprinted the following titles:

- The Holy Scriptures: 20,000 copies
- The Book of Psalms: 11,000 copies
- Micah with Commentary: 1,000 copies
- The Hebrew Scriptures in the Making: 1,000 copies
- The Story of Bible Translations: 1,000 copies
- The Life of the People in Biblical Times: 1,000 copies
- Old European Jewries: 1,000 copies
- The Messiah Idea in Jewish History: 1,000 copies
- Jewish Pioneers and Patriots: 3,000 copies
- Moses Montefiore: 1,000 copies
- Theodore Herzl—A Biography: 2,000 copies
- Hellenism: 1,000 copies
- Students, Scholars and Saints: 1,000 copies
- Post-Biblical Hebrew Literature: 1,000 copies
- By-Paths in Hebraic Bookland: 1,000 copies
- Kiddush Ha-Shem: 2,000 copies
- Dreamers of the Ghetto: 2,000 copies
- Stories and Pictures: 2,000 copies
- Yiddish Tales: 2,000 copies
- Worlds That Passed: 1,000 copies
- In Polish Woods: 1,000 copies
- The Fire Eater: 1,000 copies
- Wonder Tales of Bible Days: 2,000 copies
- Step by Step: 1,000 copies

This large program has involved many manufacturing problems, careful allocation of paper stock due to quotas and the use of papers available rather than the stock most desirable.

Our publication program of new books for 1943 included the following: History of the Jews in Vilna, by Israel Cohen, the eighth book in the Jewish Communities Series. Memoirs of My People Through a Thousand Years, selected and edited by Leo
W. Schwarz, which was a joint venture of our Society and Farrar and Rinehart. This was our best seller of the year—5,000 copies were printed for distribution by The Society and were rapidly sold, necessitating our requesting additional copies from our trade publisher. By the end of this year (1944), 10,000 copies printed in our joint venture will be exhausted, requiring another printing in 1945. The *American Jewish Year Book*, Volume 45, was the twenty-fifth under the editorship of Harry Schneiderman, and was very favorably received. Louis Golding’s *In the Steps of Moses* added a distinguished name to our list of authors. *A Century of Jewish Life*, by the late Professor Ismar Elbogen, while part of the 1943 program, unfortunately was not off press until April 1944. Planned to bring Graetz’s *History of the Jews* up-to-date, it is a much needed volume, has proved an excellent seller and a second printing will be necessary late in 1944. Unfortunately, Dr. Elbogen died before the book came off press. The book was excellently translated by Dr. Moses Hadas, from the German, in a style to make it a most readable volume without losing any of its historical continuity. The final book of 1943, *Sabbath, The Day of Delight*, edited by Abraham E. Millgram, was unfortunately delayed by many technical problems of manufacture, and was issued in the early autumn of 1944.

What is particularly gratifying is that our current books are all selling and second and third printings are not unusual. This is true of scholarly, fictional, biographical, historical and juvenile books. For example, *What the Moon Brought* is the fastest selling Jewish children’s book on the market today, and a third printing of 5,000 copies is now on press.

**Publication Plans for 1944:** The publication program for 1944 will include seven volumes. The Board felt that a wider selection of books from which to choose has definitely contributed to our steady growth in membership, particularly among the $10.00 members and those in the higher brackets. In fact, one-third of our new members now pay more than $5.00 per year. This increased membership enables us to print larger initial editions which, in turn, reduces the unit cost per book. With dues increasing to $56,068.00 for 1943 from $39,823.00 for 1942 and membership of 8,216 from 6,335 in 1942, the indications of reaching a goal of a minimum membership of 10,000 may soon be reached. This is
the figure really needed to operate The Society effectively and efficiently, and has been the goal of your officers for some years.

To return to the publishing program for the year 1944, *Harvest in the Desert*, by Maurice Samuel, is our first book. It is the initial volume in a new arrangement made with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations whereby they propose to initiate new manuscripts and to agree to purchase a substantial number of copies if, as and when published by us under our imprint. The first printing was 21,500 copies, the largest first printing in the history of The Society, and made possible by sales to Hillel, the Zionist organizations and a trade edition for Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. Other 1944 publications are: *Germany's Stepchildren*, by Solomon Liptzin; *The Lionhearted*, a Story about the Jews of Medieval England, by Charles Reznikoff; *The American Jewish Year Book*, Volume 46, edited by Harry Schneiderman; *The Rise of the New York Jewish Community*, by Hyman B. Grinstein; *In the Name of Heaven*, by Martin Buber, translated by Ludwig Lewisohn; and *Poems*, by Abraham M. Klein.

For 1944, the Board is trying an experiment in not including *The Year Book* as one of the three regular books on a $5.00 membership, unless specifically requested. Requests so far indicate that *The Year Book* is particularly desired by many of our members.

May I ask the indulgence of our members if their books are received later than usual, because all book publishers, not just The Jewish Publication Society, are facing paper shortages and many other problems.

**The Press:** The Press is still continuing its good work and during 1943 had a total billing of $154,039.00 as against $87,203.00 in 1942. The National Jewish Welfare Board was again our best customer. During the year we printed and delivered to them 557,865 copies of their Abridged Prayer Book and 175,695 copies of their High Holy Days Prayer Book. During 1944, in addition to substantial re-orders of both books, we are also printing for the Welfare Board 137,000 Haggadahs and 10,000 copies of a French-Hebrew Prayer Book for the use of Jewish soldiers in the French Army. Besides setting the type for all of The Society's books, the Press manufactured the following books during 1943: four issues of *The Jewish Quarterly Review*; four issues of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*; two issues of *The Westminster Theological Journal*;
Volume LIII of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Yearbook; Volume XIII of the Proceedings and the Saadia Anniversary Volume for the American Academy for Jewish Research; Yisroel and two Work-Books for Yisroel, as well as Addleson's The Epic of a People, for the Bloch Publishing Company; Hebrew Union College Annual, Volume XVII; Religious and Secular Leadership, Volume I, by Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, of the Dropsie College; several Songsters for the Jewish Education Committee of New York; Number 36 of the Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society; a reprint of Dr. Simon Greenberg's Harishon I and II for the Commission on Jewish Education; a series of pamphlets for the teaching of Hebrew, by Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, for the Baltimore Board of Jewish Education; the Annual Report of the American Jewish Committee; the voweled Hebrew for Rabbi M. M. Kasher's Torah Shelemah; Rabbi Isaac ben Sheshet Perfet and His Times, by Dr. A. M. Hershman; the Jewish Book Annual for the Jewish Book Council of America; and a large amount of Russian composition on the Bible for the American Bible Society.

MEMBERSHIP: There has been an interesting increase in our foreign membership due to the practical cessation of Jewish publishing in England, Australia, and South Africa, and the Jewish communities in these countries have had to turn to America for their books. Today we have the largest foreign membership in our history. The South African Jewish Board of Deputies, Capetown Committee, entirely on their own volition, inaugurated a drive on behalf of The Society. We are particularly grateful to Mr. A. M. Jackson, a member of The Society for many years, who is Honorary Treasurer of the Capetown Committee, and to Mr. J. Dwolatzky, Secretary of the above group. Their joint efforts have resulted in the addition of more than 100 members in South Africa. Similarly, our members in England have been most gracious in sending lists of prospective members. Were it not for the difficulty of arranging for the exchange of funds, we could start a very successful campaign in Great Britain immediately, with assured success. The book distribution in Australia and South Africa is larger than ever before.

APPRECIATION: During the year, the Board, in recognition of the efforts of Maurice Jacobs, our Executive Director, created the position of Executive Vice-President, to which he was unanimously elected. The co-operation and assistance given so generously by
Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Chairman of the Publication Committee, the Publication Committee members and the members of the Board of Trustees are again gratefully acknowledged. At the meetings, busy business and professional men, scholars and students gather together and formulate the policies and publishing program for the year. Many travel from distant points, others are in or near Philadelphia. Their presence has made the meetings of the Publication Committee and the Board of Trustees important literary events in American Jewish life.

To our Editor, Dr. Solomon Grayzel, the members of our office staff, the Press and our field representatives, I desire to record my appreciation of their loyalty and interest. 1943 was a year when we worked under many difficulties and handicaps, but there was a real spirit of co-operation from all our employees. Problems at the Press were calmly worked out by David Skaraton, our Superintendent, who has completed fifteen years of service with The Society. The field staff headed by Mrs. Pearl Foster Roseman and Sidney Marcus achieved splendid results.

Post-War Plans: In conclusion, may I indicate some of the post-war plans that your Trustees are considering? We are in rented quarters, with the Press some distance from the offices. The Publication Society should have its own building, with the Press and the office together and sufficient space for the staff to work comfortably. I am hopeful that some devoted friend of The Society might donate the money for such a building to be named in his honor.

The Children's Bible, which I strongly urged be undertaken at our fiftieth anniversary celebration, should be a reality by 1945.

A committee is making a study of a complete revision of Graetz's History of the Jews, which has served us for fifty years. Elbogen's A Century of Jewish Life, which was written to bring Graetz up-to-date, is the first step in this program and we plan to reset and replate the new edition as soon as the committee submits its final report.

Sample pages for our proposed Hebrew-English Bible have been prepared and approved by the Publication Committee and the Board of Trustees, and this project has sufficiently developed to become a reality in the not-too-distant future.
All of these plans are "Post-War Projects" and it is our fervent wish that, before another year rolls around, this War will be over, our enemies overthrown and the world on its way to be safe for democracy and all minority groups.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Solis-Cohen, Jr.

President
TREASURER’S REPORT

CONDENSED COMPARATIVE COMBINED
PROFIT AND LOSS

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CASH BUDGET FOR 1944

*Estimated Receipts*

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*Estimated expenses and publication costs* | **279,200.00**

*Excess of estimated disbursements over estimated receipts* | **$900.00**
### Comparative Combined Balance Sheets

#### Dec. 31, 1943

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<td>Insurance Premiums Payable</td>
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<td>Reserve for Uncompleted Contracts</td>
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<td>Surplus</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>$90,842.44</strong></td>
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### Statement of Funds

Principal and accumulated income of Funds: $38,906.99

Invested as follows:

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Cash</td>
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<td>Investments, book value</td>
<td>21,183.25</td>
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<td>Inventory of Loeb Fund Publications</td>
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<td>Loans to the Society</td>
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<td><strong>Total Invested</strong></td>
<td><strong>$46,128.72</strong></td>
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<td>Less, Loans from the Society</td>
<td>7,221.73</td>
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Respectfully submitted,

Howard A. Wolf
Treasurer
In Memoriam

WHEREAS, since the last Annual Report of The Jewish Publication Society of America, there has been called from our midst Julian W. Mack, of New York, an Honorary Vice-President of The Society since 1906; and

WHEREAS, during the many years of his service on behalf of The Society, he has rendered invaluable service both through the active work which he has performed and through his advice and counsel on general matters pertaining to the affairs of The Society; and

WHEREAS, his loss to The Society and to its Board of Trustees is irreplaceable by reason of his special training and experience in the affairs of The Society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Publication Society of America do hereby formally record their inestimable loss in the death of Julian W. Mack, whose able, unselfish and valued services are permanently enshrined in the works of this Society published during his term in office and under his leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That copies of this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of The Society and be printed in Volume 46 of The American Jewish Year Book.
In Memoriam

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from our midst

PHILIP M. RASKIN, the author of our Songs of a Wanderer;

The Jewish Publication Society of America has lost a worthy author; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish Publication Society of America deeply mourns the loss of PHILIP M. RASKIN;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That The Jewish Publication Society of America extend to the family of PHILIP M. RASKIN its heartfelt sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of The Jewish Publication Society of America and that they be published in Volume 46 of The American Jewish Year Book.
The terms of the charter are as follows:

The name of the corporation is The Jewish Publication Society of America.

The said Corporation is formed for the support of a benevolent educational undertaking, namely, for the publication and dissemination of literary, scientific, and religious works, giving instruction in the principles of the Jewish religion and in Jewish history and literature.

The business of said corporation is to be transacted in the city and county of Philadelphia.

The corporation is to exist perpetually.

There is no capital stock, and there are no shares of stock.

The corporation is to be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of fifteen members, and by the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as may from time to time be necessary.
ARTICLE I

Membership

Section I.—The Society shall be composed of Annual Members, Library Members, Patrons, Friends, Sustaining Members, and Life Members. Any person of the Jewish faith may become a Member by paying annually the sum of five dollars ($5), or a Library Member by the annual payment of ten dollars ($10), or a patron by the annual payment of twenty dollars ($20), or a Friend by the annual payment of fifty dollars ($50), or a Sustaining Member by the annual payment of one hundred dollars ($100), or a Life Member by one payment of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250).

Sec. II.—Any Jewish Society may become a Member by the annual payment of ten dollars ($10).

Sec. III.—Any person may become a Subscriber by the annual payment of five dollars ($5), which entitles him or her to all the publications of The Society to which members are entitled.

ARTICLE II

Meetings

Section I.—The annual meeting of The Society shall be held in the month of March, the day of such meeting to be fixed by the Directors at their meeting in the previous January.

Sec. II.—Special meetings may be held at any time at the call of the President, or by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, or at the written request of fifty members of The Society.

ARTICLE III

Officers and Their Duties

Section I.—There shall be twenty-one Directors, to be elected by The Society by ballot.

At the annual meeting to be held in May, 1908, there shall be elected eleven directors, seven to serve for one year,
two to serve for two years, and two to serve for three years; and at every subsequent annual meeting, seven directors shall be elected for three years.

Sec. II.—Out of the said twenty-one, The Society shall annually elect a President, Vice-President, and Second Vice-President, who shall hold their offices for one year.

Sec. III.—The Society shall also elect fifteen Honorary Vice-Presidents, in the same manner and for the same terms of office as the Directors are chosen.

Sec. IV.—The Board of Directors shall elect a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they may from time to time find necessary or expedient for the transaction of The Society’s business.

Sec. V.—The Board of Directors shall appoint its own committees, including a Publication Committee, which Committee may consist in whole or in part of members of the Board.

The Publication Committee shall serve for one year.

ARTICLE IV
Quorum

Section I.—Forty members of The Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V
Vacancies

Section I.—The Board of Directors shall have power to fill all vacancies for unexpired terms.

ARTICLE VI
Benefits

Section I.—Every member of The Society shall receive a copy of each of its publications approved by the Board of Directors for distribution among the members.

ARTICLE VII
Free Distribution

Section I.—The Board of Directors is authorized to distribute copies of The Society’s publications among such
institutions as may be deemed proper, and wherever such
distribution may be deemed productive of good for the
cause of Israel.

**ARTICLE VIII**

*Auxiliaries*

**SECTION I.**—Other associations for a similar object may
be made auxiliary to this Society, by such names and in
such manner as may be directed by the Board of Directors,
and shall have the privilege of representation at meetings.
Agencies for the sale and distribution of The Society’s publi-
cations shall be established by the Board of Directors in
different sections of the country. The Society shall have
the right to establish branches.

**ARTICLE IX**

*Finances*

**SECTION I.**—Moneys received for life memberships, and
donations and bequests for such purpose, together with
such other moneys as the Board of Directors may deem
proper, shall constitute a permanent fund, but the interest
of such fund may be used for the purposes of The Society.

**ARTICLE X**

*Amendments*

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of
two-thirds of those entitled to vote at any meeting of The
Society; *provided* that thirty days’ notice be given by the
Board of Directors, by publication, to the members of The
Society.