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Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Editor
THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Sixtieth Annual Meeting of The Jewish Publication Society of America was held at The Dropsie College, Philadelphia, on Sunday afternoon, November 7, 1948. The meeting was preceded by a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Publication Committee. The President, Mr. J. Solis-Cohen, Jr., called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and introduced the Rev. Dr. David Philipson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a member of the Publication Committee since 1888, who delivered the opening prayer.

The President appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. Al Paul Lefton, Chairman, Mr. Howard A. Wolf, Mr. Lester Hano, and Mr. Frank J. Rubenstein.

The President then read his annual report which was accepted and ordered printed in full in the Year Book, volume 50. (See pp. 847-54.) The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Lester Hano, was distributed and was accepted and ordered printed in the Year Book, volume 50. (See pp. 856-57.)

The President then called on Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Editor of The Society, to present a memorial resolution on the death of Dr. Solomon Solis-Cohen, one of the founders of The Society. These resolutions were adopted by a rising vote and ordered printed in the Year Book, volume 50. (See pp. 858-59.)

The President called on Mr. Al Paul Lefton, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee takes pleasure in presenting this report. The Constitution calls for fifteen Honorary Vice-Presidents. We recommend the re-election of the following:

SAMUEL BRONFMAN, Montreal
REV. DR. HENRY COHEN, Galveston
FRANK GOLDMAN, Lowell

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Dr. Robert Gordis, having been elected President of the Synagogue Council of America, is being nominated to replace Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, his predecessor.

The terms of the following seven Trustees have expired, and we recommend their re-election for a three year term:

- **Philip W. Amram**, Washington
- **Bernard L. Frankel**, Philadelphia
- **Al Paul Lefton**, Philadelphia
- **William S. Louchheim**, Beverly Hills
- **Sidney Neumann**, Philadelphia
- **Edward A. Norman**, New York
- **Frank J. Rubenstein**, Baltimore

The Nominating Committee recommends the re-election of Mr. J. Solis-Cohen, Jr., for President for his sixteenth year, and Justice Horace Stern for Vice-President for his thirty-seventh term.

Respectfully submitted,

**Al Paul Lefton**, Chairman

**Howard A. Wolf**

**Lester Hano**

**Frank J. Rubenstein**

The report of the Nominating Committee was unanimously adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

**Maurice Jacobs**

**Secretary**
At the meeting of the Board of Trustees, called immediately after the Annual Meeting, the following officers were unanimously elected for the year 1948: Lester Hano, Treasurer, for his third term; Maurice Jacobs, Executive Vice-President, for his thirteenth term; Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Editor, for his tenth term.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE JACOBS,
Secretary
THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR THE YEAR 1947

To the Officers and Members of The Jewish Publication Society of America

In order not to conflict with the fund raising activities of the Allied Jewish Appeal, your officers postponed the usual annual spring meeting of this Society to the fall. This is the reason it is held at this late date.

The Society has now completed its 60th year, distributing during 1947 over 150,000 books, about one-third to our nearly 12,000 members and the balance of 95,000 by sales.

Necrology: Since my last report, death has taken from our midst members of our Board of Trustees, Publication Committee, authors and one of the co-founders of this Society. Professor Aron Freimann, co-author of History of the Jews in Frankfort passed away June 7th, 1948; Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman, member of the Publication Committee since June 1944, on June 9th, 1948; Mr. Fred W. Butzel, member of the Board of Trustees since 1938, on May 20th, 1948; Mr. Henry Monsky, Honorary Vice-President since 1940, on May 2nd, 1947; the Honorable Abram I. Elkus, who was an officer of The Society since 1918, on October 15th, 1947; and Dr. Solomon Solis-Cohen on July 12th, 1948. My uncle was one of the founders of The Society and a valued member of the Publication Committee for many years. He also translated the Selected Poems of Moses Ibn Ezra for the Schiff Library of Jewish Classics. Appropriate resolutions on the loss of these distinguished members of our "Official Family" will be printed in the American Jewish Year Book.

New Members of the Official Family: In order to properly coordinate our activities with our national Jewish organizations, some years ago we elected as Honorary Vice-Presidents the heads of such societies and since our last meeting the following additional persons were elected:
Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, President of the Synagogue Council of America, Mr. Michael A. Stavisky, President of the American Association for Jewish Education, replacing Mr. Mark Eisner, and Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, President of Hadassah, to replace Mrs. Moses Epstein. Mr. Frank L. Newburger, whose grandfather was the first President of The Society and Mr. Sidney Neumann, who made possible *Pathways Through The Bible*, were elected to serve on the Board of Trustees. To the Publication Committee, we have added Mr. Judah Shapiro, Associate Director of the B’nai B’rith Hillel Foundations, and Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of the Hebrew Union College.

**Treasurer’s Report:** I call to your attention the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Lester Hano, who has completed his second year in this capacity. Our officers are concerned because The Society has operated at a loss for the third successive year. All publishers have had substantial rising costs since the removal of Government restrictions. We have increased the prices at our Press, we have raised the prices of individual books, but we have maintained the same membership rates, hoping that an increase in the number of memberships would compensate for the increased costs. We have reached the point where we can no longer absorb these losses without completely ruining The Society’s fiscal position, and your Board of Trustees has instituted for 1949 a new membership plan. Unfortunately, your Society has never been adequately financed and we must have capital funds to carry a proper inventory and pay off our debts.

**The Society’s Building:** Last year, I reported to you on the purchase of our own building. We can now realize that the acquisition of the building at 222 N. 15th Street was perhaps the best investment ever made by us. Not alone has the value of the property increased considerably but we find that we can operate much more efficiently. I am hoping that early in 1949 the Press will have moved into the new building. The cost of moving the Press will be about $20,000 and to raise this sum is another of the financial problems which face The Society.

**Publicity:** Year after year, the Anglo-Jewish press, the Yiddish press and the Hebrew press have given us many lines of free advertising which we receive in the form of book reviews, editorials, and
feature stories. Handicapped as we are by the lack of an advertising appropriation since we put all of our funds into books, we must depend more and more on our newspaper and magazine friends to keep our name before the public. I can again report a banner year from this standpoint and desire to express again our appreciation for this publicity.

Jewish Book Month and Religious Book Week: Your Society continues to play an important part in the celebration of Jewish Book Month and Religious Book Week. Dr. Solomon Grayzel, our Editor, serves as the President of the Jewish Book Council of America, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Dr. Mortimer J. Cohen, a member of our Publication Committee, is the Editor of In Jewish Bookland, an excellent medium for promoting books of Jewish interest. Your Executive Vice-President is a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Publication Committee. The Jewish Book Council has been a valuable ally in circulating information about Jewish books, and through the annual celebration of Jewish Book Month, has made the American Jewish community more Jewish book-conscious.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews, the sponsor of Religious Book Week, continues to call attention to religious books of all faiths. Among the books of Jewish interest selected for 1947 were the following books published by us: The History of the Jews of Italy; The Life of Judah Touro; Pathways Through the Bible; The River Jordan; The Son of the Lost Son; The Spirit Returneth; among the current books, and in their list of Classics are: Graetz' History of the Jews; History of the Jews in Russia and Poland; The Legends of the Jews; Memoirs of My People; Selected Essays by Ahad Ha'am. Out of 16 classics selected, 6 of the titles were published by us. In the list of children's books, the following were selected: Little New Angel; The Aleph-Bet Story Book. The Society continues to have its full share of recommendations.

Publication Distribution: Your administration constantly explores every avenue of distribution of our books. The net result has been a larger distribution of books during 1947 than ever before in our history. We distributed 152,695 books, of which 94,658 were on sale. The Bible and Graetz' History are still "best sellers" but Pathways Through the Bible and Grayzel's A History of The Jews are rapidly joining these two titles as The Society's most saleable books.
A publisher takes great pride in noting the number of his titles which had to be reprinted because of popular demand. During 1947, we reprinted the following nineteen volumes, a total of 113,250 copies:

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Publication Program: Last year I reported on all the books of the 1946 program with the exception of Grayzel’s *A History of the Jews* which although listed for 1946, was not finished before the middle of 1947. The printing, a total of 12,000 copies, were distributed in 1947, and it was necessary for us to go back to press with another printing of 10,000 copies.

The 1947 books were very well received. *Blessed Is The Match* by Marie Syrkin had a first printing of 8,000 copies for The Society, 3,500 copies for the Hillel Foundations, and 4,500 copies, in two printings, for the trade publisher, Alfred A. Knopf. *In My Father’s Pastures*, by Soma Morgenstern, translated from the German by Ludwig Lewisohn, had a first printing of 6,000 copies, and the book is going to press very shortly for a second printing. Volume 49 of the *American Jewish Year Book*, which was distributed in December.
had a first printing of 4,700 copies and because of extra orders, a second printing of 2,200 copies was necessary. This is the first time in many years that we found it necessary to reprint the Year Book. The American Jewish Committee, which is the co-publisher of this book, prepared the manuscript and aided in the financing, and conducted a very active mail campaign which was partly responsible for the second printing. American Overture by Abram Vossen Goodman had a first printing of 6,000 copies and was very well received. The Book-of-the-Month Club recommended Grayzel's A History of The Jews, Blessed Is The Match, American Overture, In My Father's Pastures, and The House of Nasi — Doña Gracia. This recommendation by the Book-of-the-Month Club is helpful in bringing our books to sources which we ordinarily cannot reach. Essays In Jewish Biography by Alexander Marx and The House of Nasi — Doña Gracia by Cecil Roth were not completed in time for distribution in 1947, but were distributed in the early part of 1948. The former had a printing of 6,000 copies, and the latter 5,000 copies.

Publication plans for 1948: Ten years ago, your officers felt that to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of The Society, it was necessary to print an extra number of books. At that time, The Society had been printing three books per year. 1938 was highlighted by the printing of 8 books. It was a banner year for The Society. Your administration felt that a 60th Anniversary was also worthy of a special program, and in spite of the fact that our finances were limited, we voted to publish ten titles as nine book units. The books selected were:

Mr. Benjamin's Sword by Robert Abrahams
The House of Nasi: The Duke of Naxos by Cecil Roth
To Dwell in Safety by Mark Wischnitzer
Pilgrims in a New Land by Lee M. Friedman, jointly with Farrar, Strauss & Co.
The Purim Anthology by Philip Goodman
Among the Nations by Ludwig Lewisohn, jointly with Farrar, Strauss & Co.
Boot Camp by Henry Berkowitz
Prince of the Ghetto by Maurice Samuel, jointly with Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
Year Book, Volume 50.
This is the largest publication program we have ever attempted in our history. A program as large as this needs much more financing than The Society has had in the past, and while we would like to maintain this number of publications, it cannot be done without adequate capital.

Membership Statistics: At the end of the year, we had a total of 11,880 members as against 10,046 at the end of 1946. 7,623 were Annual Members, 3,959 were Library Members, 275 were Patron Members, and the balance were miscellaneous members. Two new Life Memberships were secured during the year, making a total in the Life Membership Fund of $16,500.00. 4,057 new members were enrolled in 1947 and 7,812 old members renewed. Out of subscriptions, we find that a certain percentage of our members will drop out at the end of a year, although our percentage of cancellations is approximately one-half of the average book club.

In my report last year, I asked for the co-operation of the rabbis of America in helping us enlarge our membership by making available their congregational lists. We received a splendid response, and the large number of memberships enrolled in 1948 indicates the fine spirit existing between the rabbinate of America and your Society.

The Press: Last year, in making my report of the Press, I stated, "it seems that The Society can count on a minimum of $100,000 worth of business in 1947." The Press went beyond this figure, billing $127,000 worth of work, of which $113,000 was for customers and $14,000 for The Society. This is the largest peace-time business in The Society's history and speaks well for the future of the Press. More and more customers are coming to us with their work, and as this report is being read to you, The Society has a backlog of over $100,000 worth of contracts on hand. This large amount of business was completed in our old, cramped quarters, the move to the new building not having been consummated. When the Press facilities are expanded in our own building, we will be able to take on more work and build the volume and the prestige of the Press still higher.

During the year of 1947, we filled the following contracts at the Press:

Four issues of the Journal of Biblical Literature; four issues of the Jewish Quarterly Review; two issues of the Westminster Theological Journal; Year Book 56 for the Central Conference of American Rabbis; thirty thousand songsters for the Jewish Education Committee of
New York; *The Festival Prayer Book* for the Union of Sephardic Congregations; Scharfstein's *Hebrew Self-Taught* (two printings), for the Zionist Organization of America; a reprint of the *Daily and Sabbath Prayer Book* for the Union of Sephardic Congregations; a reprint of the Pool *Hagaddah*; Agus' *Rabbi Meir of Rothenburg*, in two volumes; the *Year Book* and several booklets for the National Inter-fraternity Council; a Hebrew booklet for the Mizrachi Council for Jewish Education; Lisitsky's book of poetry *'Adam 'al 'Adamoth* for the Histadruth Ivrit of America; *Proceedings X* for the Rabbinical Assembly of America; *Reshit Binah* by Fish; *Bible Commentary* in Yiddish by Yehoash; a reprint of *Elements of Hebrew* for the Jewish Education Committee of New York; a new text book in Russian; *Jewish Book Annual 6* for the Jewish Book Council of America; a doctorate thesis in Greek; a reprint of *K'Ton Ton* for the Women's League of America; Rabinowitz' *History of the YMHA* for the National Jewish Welfare Board; *Hebrew Union College Annual XX*; Lieberman's *Hilkhoth Ha-Yerushalmi* for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (considered to be the most beautiful Hebrew book ever printed in America); *Publications 37* for the American Jewish Historical Society; *Proceedings XVI* for the American Academy for Jewish Research; several pamphlets in Serbian; the *Pentateuch* in Ragoli for the American Bible Society; several reprints of pamphlets for the United Synagogue of America; and a long list of miscellaneous smaller contracts.

The Press, which was originally created to set the Schiff Classics for The Society, has now become an important part of The Society's work, and, fortunately, is able to stand on its own feet. While we have not been able to increase prices on our books in proportion to cost, we have been able to overcome this handicap at the Press.

**Future Plans:** Last year, under the heading of "future plans", I mentioned my hope of what the friends of The Society would do to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of our Society. The need for funds which I expressed at that time, a minimum of $150,000 is still more pressing than it was a year ago. Your Society can never take its true place in American Jewish communal life until it is adequately financed with sufficient working capital on hand to operate properly. Working from hand to mouth is inefficient and hardly fair to those in charge of maintaining The Society. Similar organizations of our type are subsidized by their religious organizations. Everyone concedes the great value of The Society, but
nothing substantial has been done by the Jewish community of America to insure its financial future.

The Jews of America are raising millions for overseas relief, millions for Palestine, and we must raise a small part of a million for an organization like ours which is doing positive anti-defamation work. No communal institution is expected to stand on its own feet. Our schools, our hospitals, our recreational organizations are subsidized by the community and it is extremely difficult for an organization like The Society to carry on without a subsidy. All I can do is state the problem to you and depend on the friends of The Society to answer our call for help so that we will not be forced to cut back on the number of books to be published each year and put away our plans for the Hebrew-English Bible and the new Graetz's History of the Jews.

APPRECIATION: I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff at the office and the Press for their co-operation even beyond the line of duty in carrying on the work of The Society. Dr. Maurice Jacobs, Executive Vice-President, was given singular honors during the year which in a measure reflected his activities in our Society. I particularly refer to the doctorate degree received from the Hebrew Union College. Dr. Solomon Grayzel, our Editor, also received an honorary degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in appreciation of his work in Jewish history and literature.

Mr. David Skaraton, our Superintendent of the Press, has turned out a tremendous amount of work during the year in a manner pleasing to our customers. The steady growth in membership and decrease in number of resignations indicates that our Field Staff, headed by Mrs. Pearl Foster Roseman and Sidney Marcus are covering their assignments efficiently. To the Chairman and members of the Publication Committee, the trustees and officers of The Society and our solicitors I desire to express my personal appreciation of their co-operation and assistance in formulating the policies and publishing program of The Society.

The importance of supplying to the American Jewish public books of Jewish content in English, of interest not only to the scholar and layman but also for children and adolescents, is greater than ever. Given the proper financial support, The Society will continue to go forward for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
J. SOLIS-COHEN, JR.
President

November 7, 1948
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**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP**

1,7161

1 Arkansas 2, Kansas 6, Mississippi 5, New Mexico 2, North Dakota 1, Utah 2, Wyoming 2, Puerto Rico 1, Virgin Islands 1.
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3 Brazil 11, B. W. I. 1, Egypt 8, Eire 5, Greece 1, India 4, Italy 1, Mexico 2, N. W. I. 1, Panama 1, Phillipine Islands 2, Portugal 1, Sweden 1, Switzerland 1, Turkey 2, Venezuela 2.
4 Brazil 3, Chile 1, Cuba 1, Egypt 1, Eire 3, Guatemala 1, Holland 4, India 5, Iraq 1, Italy 1, Mexico 3, N. W. I. 1, Panama 1, Phillipine Islands 2, South Sea 1, Spain 1, Switzerland 1, Turkey 6, Venezuela 1.
# TREASURER’S REPORT

## COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

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# JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY

## STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Principal and accumulated income of Funds ........................................... $ 61,094.13

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Less, Loan by the Society to the Classics Fund ........................................... $ 61,094.13

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## CONDENSED COMBINED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

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Respectfully submitted

Lester Hano

Treasurer
In Memoriam

Solomon Solis-Cohen, physician, scientist, poet and essayist, outstanding interpreter of Judaism and, by his life and actions, an example of Jewish piety and learning, departed this life on July 12, 1948. He was among the founders of The Jewish Publication Society of America, and joined in issuing the invitation to The Society’s organization meeting in 1888. For the ensuing three-score years of his life he remained so devotedly attached to The Society’s work that the record of his connection with it reflects every change in its interests and its structure. He served on its Executive Committee from 1888 to 1894. He then joined its Publication Committee whose meetings he regularly graced almost to the end of his life. In 1920 he accepted membership on the Committee for Bible Commentaries, and in 1925 on the Committee for Jewish Classics, of which he later became chairman. So profound was his interest in the publication of Jewish classics that the most recent meeting of this Committee was held at his bedside. Himself a gifted poet, he prepared the English rendition of the Selected Poems of Moses ibn Ezra.

His presence was an inspiration to those who worked with him in the councils of The Society. His wisdom and penetrating criticism were always at the disposal of his colleagues. Heir to the scientist-poets of the Golden Age in Spain, he directed his literary judgment towards the goal of bringing about a golden age of Jewish letters in America.

Our appreciation of him is best expressed in the following lines drawn from his own translation of one of Moses ibn Ezra’s elegies:

“Alas, the tree has fallen, whose towering boughs
The trees of Eden envied. Gentle, mild
As the gazelle, this man; yet in the strife
Of wits among the wise, his piercing word
Could put the lions of debate to flight.”

In recognition of his self-sacrificing devotion to The Society, in gratitude for the privilege of having worked with him, and in sorrow over his departure, the Officers, the Board of Trustees and the Publication Committee have

RESOLVED that The Jewish Publication Society of America record their grief on the death of Solomon Solis-Cohen and extend to his family their sympathy and condolences, and that this resolution be printed in Volume 50 of the American Jewish Year Book.

The memory of the righteous shall be for a blessing.

J. Solis-Cohen, Jr., President
Maurice Jacobs, Secretary
In Memoriam

Since we met at our last Annual Meeting, The Jewish Publication Society of America suffered the loss by death of one of its distinguished authors and three members of its “Official Family”:

Professor Aron Freimann, the co-author of our History of the Jews in Frankfort, who died on June 6, 1948.

Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman, a member of our Publication Committee since December 10, 1944, who died on June 9, 1948.

Mr. Fred M. Buzel, a member of our Board of Trustees from June 7, 1938, who died on May 20, 1948.

Judge Abram I. Elkus, a trustee from March 24, 1918 until March 21, 1926, first Vice-President of The Society from March 24, 1918 to March 25, 1923, and an Honorary Vice-President of The Society from March 21, 1926, who died on October 15, 1947.

The Jewish Publication Society of America deeply mourns the loss of this outstanding Jewish author and these members of our “Official Family” who have contributed their writings and labors to our Society and have thus enriched the cultural life of American Jewry. It cherishes their memories. In grateful recognition of their part in the fellowship of Jewish authors and “Official Family” members of our Society, it has been

RESOLVED that The Jewish Publication Society of America extends to the families of this departed author and departed members of our “Official Family” its heartfelt sympathy; that these Resolutions be spread on the Minutes of The Jewish Publication Society; and that they be published in Volume 50 of the American Jewish Year Book.

J. Solis-Cohen, Jr., President
Maurice Jacobs, Secretary
CHARTER

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.
BY-LAWS

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 1.—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 1.—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.