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The feature article in this volume, Erich Rosenthal's "Studies of Jewish Intermarriage in the United States," continues the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK's series of monographs of Jewish demography. The fortunate availability of two important sources of information made the present study possible: the 1956 Greater Washington Study, sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of Washington, D.C., the data from which are here reanalyzed for their information on Jewish intermarriage; and the data as to religion that appears on the marriage-license applications in Iowa. (Iowa is one of two states requesting such information, the other being Indiana.) Professor Rosenthal's "Jewish Fertility in the United States" appeared in AJYB, 1961 (Vol. 62).

This article is significant in a number of respects: it measures the full extent of Jewish intermarriage, instead of being limited to known Jews; it relates intermarriage with background variables such as education and distance from immigration; it utilizes direct information concerning religious affiliation rather than inferences from names, and it studies a state of the Union for the first time, and a large Jewish community for the first time since 1921.

Other demographic data are contained in the summary by Alvin Chenkin of eight recent Jewish community studies. In addition, important statistical data on other aspects of Jewish life appear in the articles on Jewish education by Uriah Z. Engelman and on Jewish communal services by S. P. Goldberg.

The second special article, Arnulf M. Pins' "Professional Personnel in the Social Services of the Jewish Community," examines one of the main problems facing Jewish social-service agencies today: the serious shortage of professional personnel and the inadequacy of their Jewish preparation. This study examines the background of the problem, staff requirements in Jewish social welfare, and such questions as the recruitment and the Jewish training of Jewish social workers. As the author states in his conclusion, "How well American Jewry can deal with its new problems and the kind of American Jewish life that will develop depend to a large degree on the adequacy of the supply and training of the staff of Jewish social services." The editors trust
that the publication of this article will contribute to a greater understanding of this problem.

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