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The 1991 American Jewish Year Book, the 91st in the series, continues to offer a unique chronicle of developments in areas of concern to Jews around the world.


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Preface

This year's volume highlights recent trends in American Jewish intellectual and cultural life. In "Jewish Theology in North America: Notes on Two Decades," Arnold Eisen explicates and appraises the ideas of a number of key contemporary religious thinkers. "American Jewish Fiction Turns Inward, 1960-1990," by Sylvia Barack Fishman, explores the phenomenon of a significant group of American Jewish writers creating fiction that is explicitly Jewish—some of it "unabashedly religious in its sensibility"—and that appeals to a wider audience than anyone might have predicted. Finally, in "American Jewish Museums: Trends and Issues," Ruth R. Seldin describes the astonishing growth and spread of Jewish museums in the United States, analyzing the reasons for their flourishing as well as the problems and issues confronting them.

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Events in Israel are covered extensively by Ralph Mandel. The Israel section also includes a separate article on "Israeli Culture," by Micha Z. Odenheimer, a survey of recent trends in literature and the arts. This year's updates on Jewish life around the world include reports on Austria and France as well as other countries of Europe, the USSR, and Canada.

Updated estimates are provided for Jewish population in the United States (by Barry Kosmin and Jeffrey Scheckner, of the North American Jewish Data Bank) and in the world (by U.O. Schmelz and Sergio DellaPergola, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Contemporary Jewry). Both articles discuss preliminary results of the 1990 U.S. National Jewish Population Survey, which will be reported on more fully in next year's volume.

Carefully compiled directories of national Jewish organizations, periodicals, and federations and welfare funds, as well as religious calendars and obituaries, round out the 1991 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK. (Longtime users of the directory of national organizations will find a few changes in that section, notably, separate categories for "Schools, Institutions" and "Religious, Educational Organizations.")

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