AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK

A Record of Events and Trends in American and World Jewish Life

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The 1993 American Jewish Year Book, the 93rd in the series, continues to offer a unique chronicle of developments in areas of concern to Jews around the world.

The Jews of Europe are the focus of this year’s special articles. Historian Robert Wistrich examines “Anti-Semitism in Europe Since the Holocaust,” and sociologist Sergio Della-Pergola offers important insights and data in “Jews in the European Community: Sociodemographic Trends and Challenges.”

The volume contains obituary articles about Louis Finkelstein, by Abraham J. Karp, and about Isaac Bashevis Singer, by Hillel Halkin. Menachem Shalev surveys political, diplomatic, and economic developments in Israel; Rochelle Furstenberg and Micha Odenheimer update the Israeli cultural scene.

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The volume also includes an update on “Israeli Culture,” by Rochelle Furstenberg and Micha Odenheimer, and obituary articles on Louis Finkelstein, by Abraham J. Karp, and I.B. Singer, by Hillel Halkin.

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Menachem Shalev provides extensive coverage of the year's events in Israel. Reports on Jewish communities around the world this year include Canada, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Germany, the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Australia, and South Africa.

Updated estimates of Jewish population are provided: for the United States, by Barry Kosmin and Jeffrey Scheckner, of the North American Jewish Data Bank; and for the world, by U.O. Schmelz and Sergio DellaPergola, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Carefully compiled directories of national Jewish organizations, periodicals, and federations and welfare funds, as well as religious calendars and obituaries, round out the 1993 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK.

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