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Menachem Shalev surveys political, diplomatic, and economic developments in Israel; George E. Gruen provides a comprehensive review of developments concerning Jews in various countries of the Middle East and North Africa over the past decade.

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The American Jewish Committee assumed responsibility for the compilation and editing of the YEAR BOOK in 1908. The Society served as its publisher until 1949; from 1950 through 1993, the Committee and the Society were co-publishers.
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This volume also includes an update on the situation of Jews in various countries of the Middle East and North Africa, by George E. Gruen.

Regular articles on Jewish life in the United States are "Intergroup Relations," by Jerome A. Chanes; "The United States, Israel, and the Middle East," by Kenneth Jacobson; and "Jewish Communal Affairs," by Lawrence Grossman.

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, Austria, 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 1994 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK.

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