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Preface

To mark the culmination of the American Jewish Committee centennial, the 2007 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK features two special articles on the history of the organization: "AJC and Inter-marriage: The Complexities of Jewish Continuity, 1960–2006," by Marianne R. Sanua, author of the new history of AJC, *Let Us Prove Strong: The American Jewish Committee, 1945–2006*, and "A Century of Involvement: AJC and Russian Jewry," by AJC Executive Director David A. Harris.

In its regular articles, the volume covers the events of 2006. The YEAR BOOK's coverage of American Jewish life includes treatments of national affairs, anti-Semitism, Jewish communal affairs, and American Jewish population trends. The article on Israel and those about other Jewish communities around the world chronicle important events and trends. Updated demographic data are provided in the article on world Jewish population. Carefully compiled directories of national Jewish organizations, periodicals, and federations and welfare funds, as well as religious calendars and obituaries, round out the volume.

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The American Jewish community suffered a profound loss on August 20, 2007, with the passing of Morris Fine at the age of 93. In the course of an extraordinarily long and fruitful career at AJC that began in 1937, Morris served as editor of the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK for volumes 48 through 79 (1947–1979). Even after retiring from AJC in 1979 he maintained an abiding interest in the YEAR BOOK, and, until very shortly before his death, continued to provide sage advice and kind encouragement. We miss him deeply, and dedicate this volume to his memory.

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