

SERIALLY SPEAKING

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This column features brief notices of new journals as well as critical reviews. Contributions from readers are welcome.

Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy. v. 1– 1985– Editor: Sallyann Amdur Sack. P.O.B. 1134 Teaneck, New Jersey 07666. Three issues per year. \$15.

This publication was designed to serve as a “central forum for sharing news, raising questions, suggesting innovations or making announcements” pertaining to all aspects of Jewish genealogy. The issues published to date contain original articles of general interest to the genealogist, abstracts of Jewish genealogical societies’ newsletters, book reviews, announcements, etc.

Dimensions: A Journal of Holocaust Studies. v. 1– 1985– Editor: Dennis B. Klein. Center for Holocaust Studies, Anti-Defamation League, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017. Three issues per year. \$12.

A national journal of Holocaust studies, whose purpose is to orient public discussion towards interpreting the significance of the Holocaust and its impact on our society and culture. The journal contains articles, listings of educational materials, book reviews, reviews of periodical literature, an international calendar of events pertaining to Holocaust related activities, etc.

Eretz Magazine. v. 1– 1985– Editor: Yadin Roman. Eretz Ha-Tzvi Inc. P.O.B. 11286. Gilo Post Office, Jerusalem, Israel. Quarterly. \$18.

A quarterly whose purpose it is to introduce the reader to the land of Israel, its culture, history, archaeology, geography, and nature. The magazine contains popular articles and is lavishly illustrated.

Holocaust and Genocide Studies, An International Journal. v. 1– 1986– Editor-in-chief: Yehuda Bauer. Pergamon Journals, Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, New York 10523. \$55.

A journal whose purpose it is to present “a scholarly examination of the Holocaust in all its multi-disciplinary aspects.” In view of the fact that the editors believe that the Holocaust and other forms of genocide are closely related, scholarly studies pertaining to the Armenian genocide, the Native Indian population of the Americas, and other similar issues will be published in the journal. Among the articles in the first issue are the following: “An interview with Elie Wiesel,” by Henry J. Cargas; “Concerning authentic and unauthentic responses to the Holocaust,” by Emil Fackenheim; “Ethnocide and ethnogenesis: a case study of the Mississippi band of Choctaw”; “A genocide avoided,” by Seena B. Kohl. In addition, the first issue includes book reviews, a listing of recent books in English on the Holocaust and genocide, as well as a listing of major research centers on the Holocaust.

Jews and Jewish Topics in Soviet and East European Publications; Bulletin. v. 1– , 1985– Editor: M. Shneerson. The Centre for Research and Documentation of East European Jewry. Hebrew University, Givat Ram, Jerusalem, Israel, 91904. Three times a year. \$10.

A bulletin whose purpose it is to gather and present information pertaining to “the image of the Jews and Judaism, Israel, and Zionism, as they are depicted in various Soviet publications, or by certain publishers, public and government circles, etc.” In addition to articles and studies of books, the bulletin will contain an annotated listing of books received by the Centre with material regarding Jews or Israel. Also, the editors plan to publish documents relating to Soviet Jewry, the nationalist activities in Russia and the Jews of Eastern Europe.

Journal of Aging and Judaism. v. 1– 1986– Editor: Kerry M. Olitzky. Human Sciences Press, 72 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011-8004. Bi-annual (1986/1987) \$40; Quarterly (1987/1988) \$79.

The *Journal of Aging and Judaism* plans to publish articles by scholars and practitioners pertaining to the “issues facing the Jewish community in its delivery of services to the aged.” It also includes reviews of relevant books and audio-visual materials. “The journal’s focus on presenting the practical application of research and technical data, framed in a popular format, makes this a valuable resource for anyone involved in human services delivery within the context of a faith community.” The premier issue includes the following articles: “The age-integrated community center as a local service base for the elderly: an Israeli analysis,” by Howard Litwin; “The obligations of adult children to aged parents: a view from Jewish tradition,” by Norman Linzer; “When should a rabbi retire?” by Malcolm Stern.

Journal of the Academic Proceedings of Soviet Jewry. v. 1– 1986– Henry Stewart Publications. 88 Baker Street, London, W1M1 DL United Kingdom. 45 £.

The Journal is a bi-annual publication which publishes original scholarly studies by Russian-Jewish authors on historical and sociological subjects. It also includes abstracts of scientific papers by Soviet Jews published in journals or presented at seminars within the Soviet Union. The first issue includes the following articles: Salman, Mihail. On the question of the origins and frequency of ritual murder trials in Poland; Beizer, Mikhail. The Jewish Preobrazhensky Cemetery, Leningrad; Praisman, Leonid. Pogroms and Jewish self-defence; Zafoni, Yigal. Bibliography of the Holocaust for those regions of the Soviet Union occupied by German forces from June 1941-Part 1.

Kabbalah: a Newsletter of Current Research in Jewish Mysticism. v. 1–1985– Managing Editor: Hananya Goodman. Hananya Goodman, 4 Palyam Street, French Hill, Jerusalem, Israel 97890. Three times a year. \$10 individuals/\$30 institutions. A newsletter which contains news, short feature articles, a listing of recently published books, articles, dissertations, as well as forthcoming publications and research in progress pertaining to the whole range of studies in Jewish mysticism.

Mosaic: a Jewish Student Journal. v. 1– 1986– Editors-In-Chief: Sarai Brachman; Robert A. Katz. Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel, 74 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Bi-annual. \$2 per issue.

The journal represents a revival of an earlier publication under the same name, published by Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel from 1960–1973. It aims to explore aspects of the Jewish experience as well as topics of general student interest. The major focus of the first issue is on Israel and the dilemmas it faces. Among the articles are: "A complex edifice: the dangerous politics of the Israeli-ultra-Orthodox," by Josh Henkin; "Without saying a word, Israeli soldier protest against the Lebanon War," by Jonathan E. Meyer; an excerpt from Ariella Dim Goldberg's *Zot ha-Pa'am*, entitled in English translation *Sarah, a portrait of a matriarch*. In addition, the issue contains poems, a book review, and photographs of Israel by Micha Bar-Am.

National Jewish Law Review. v. 1–1986– Editor-in-Chief: A.D. Maclin. National Jewish Law Review, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Annual. \$15.

The *National Jewish Law Review* is the scholarly publication of the National Jewish Law Student's Network. It has as one of its principal goals "the advancement of the comparative study of Mishpat Ivri—that part of the Jewish law dealing with matters roughly equivalent to those dealt with in municipal legal systems." Included in the first issue is "A bibliographic guide to Mishpat Ivri: books and articles in English," by Ronnie F. Warburg.

Tikkun: a quarterly critique of politics, culture and society. v. 1– 1986– Editor: Michael Lerner. Institute for Labor and Mental Health, 5100 Leona Street, Oakland, Ca. 94619. Quarterly (Bi-annual 1987/88–) \$20.

The magazine sees itself as a "progressive alternative to *Commentary*." The premier issue contains articles on various literary, political, and social topics of both Jewish and general interest, including: "Sodom as Nexus," by Robert Alter; "A new anti-nuclear strategy," by Arnold Waskow; a translation of Yehuda Amichai's poem "Travels of the Last Benjamin of Tudela." Short book reviews are also found in this issue.

Hebrew Serials

1. קשב; מחקרים, מקורות, וידיעות

2. שיח מישרים

1. **Keshev; Mehkarim, Mekorot Vi-yedi'ot.** v. 1– 1985– Institute of Holocaust Research. Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel. Irregular. Price not available.

A publication whose purpose it is "a) to describe the activities, research and others, being carried out within the framework of the Institute of Holocaust Research in particular and in Bar-Ilan University in general; b) to serve as a focal point for holocaust research" pertaining to "religious Jewry (in the broad sense) and its problems."

2. **Siah mesharim.** v. 1– 1985– Editor: Zeev Falk. Zeev Falk, Rehov Berlin 10, Jerusalem, Israel 92503. Irregular. \$10 per 10 issues.

A periodical whose aim is to serve as a forum for discussion and clarification of spiritual, religious, as well as contemporary issues of concern to world Jewry. The first issue is devoted to the topic: Is there a need for religious dialogue? The second issue deals with the subject: Ethiopian Jewry and the Rabbinate. The third issue will deal with: The status of women in Judaism.

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