

Brief Notices

AARONSOHN, AARON. *Yoman Aharon Aharonson* ["The Diary of Aaron Aaronsohn"] (1916–1919). Tel Aviv: Hotsa'at Sfarim Karni, 1970. 518 pp. [Hebrew]

Edited by Yoram Efrati, this handsome volume reflects the concerns of a major founder of the modern Jewish community in Ottoman and British-occupied Palestine. The diary, translated into Hebrew from French by Uri Kesari, begins in Haifa on January 9, 1916, and ends in Paris on February 21, 1919, just before Aaronsohn's death in an airplane crash. A great agronomist, Aaronsohn was well-known in the United States, and his diary contains numerous references to American Jews like Jacob Henry Schiff, Julian W. Mack, Judah L. Magnes, and Henrietta Szold. The volume contains a foreword by Rivka Aaronsohn, an introduction by Yoram Efrati, several photographs, and an index.

BELLOW, SAUL. *Mr. Sammler's Planet*. New York: Viking Press, 1970. 313 pp. \$6.95

Quebec-born Bellow, the creator of Augie March and Moses Herzog, has now imagined Artur Sammler, a tall, one-eyed old European Jew, a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, who finds himself obliged to endure the puzzling scenes of present-day New York City with all its oddities, corruptions, and confrontations. This is not the least of Bellow's novels.

BERKOWITZ, WILLIAM, Edited by. *Let Us Reason Together*. New York: Crown Publishers, 1970. 224 pp. \$5.95

Rabbi Berkowitz, of New York City's Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, has edited a collection of "dialogues" with various notables: *inter alios*, Cecil Roth, Sholom Secunda, Mordecai M. Kaplan, Lewis L. Strauss, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Zalman Schachter, Ira A. Hirschmann, Leon H. Keyserling, Joseph Blau, and Jan Peerce. The volume is indexed.

CARPI, DANIEL, Edited by. *Zionism: Studies in the History of the Zionist Movement and of the Jews in Palestine*. Tel Aviv: Tel-Aviv University and Hakibbutz Hameuchad Publishing House, 1970. 503 pp. [Hebrew]

Of particular American interest and reference in this volume are Avyatar Friesel's study "The 'Knights of Zion' in Chicago and Their Relations with the Zionist Federation in America (1898–1916)," Galia Yardeni-Agmon's "Naphtali Herz Imber: Leaves from My Palestine [Diary]," and Perla Reicher's "Jewish Publications in Uruguay (1922–1966)."

CHYET, STANLEY F. *Lopez of Newport: Colonial American Merchant Prince*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1970. 246 pp. \$8.95

Dr. Chyet offers a detailed biography of Aaron Lopez (ca. 1731–1782), who came to Rhode Island in the early 1750's from his native Portugal, reverted to his ancestral Judaism, and went on to achieve the rank of what his contemporary Ezra Stiles called "a merchant of eminence." The volume includes notes, illustrations, a bibliography, and an index.

FEIBLEMAN, JAMES K. *The Way of a Man: An Autobiography*. New York: Horizon Press, 1969. 401 pp. \$10.00

Philosopher Feibleman's autobiography, he suggests, "is not entirely a personal story," but "a story about some events in the world which [he] can best explain by telling how [he] felt their effect or . . . first heard about them." This native of Louisiana whose parents were of "German-Jewish, peasant-farmer stock" describes his encounters with, *inter alios*, T. S. Eliot, James Joyce, Jacob Epstein, Sherwood Anderson, Albert Einstein, William Faulkner, Gertrude Stein, John Dos Passos, and John Steinbeck. Alas, no index.

FEINGOLD, HENRY L. *The Politics of Rescue: The Roosevelt Administration and the Holocaust, 1938-1945*. New Brunswick, N. J.: Rutgers University Press, 1970. xiii, 394 pp. \$12.50

The author, a member of the faculty of Bernard Baruch College in New York City, understands that, "for those who assumed that the New Deal was what its rhetoric said it was, the accumulation of evidence of indifference and even complicity in the Final Solution [Hitler's genocidal anti-Semitism] is difficult to accept." Dr. Feingold, himself a refugee from Hitler Germany, is aware that anti-Roosevelt fulminations "are partly based on a misreading of American, especially New Deal, history" and "make us no wiser about why the Roosevelt Administration's rescue effort was so meager." He is at pains, "not always successfully," he says, to avoid fulminations. His important account is documented and supplemented with a bibliography and an index.

FRIESEL, AVYATAR. *The Zionist Movement in the United States, 1897-1914*. Tel Aviv: Tel-Aviv University and Hakibbutz Hameuchad Publishing House, 1970. 319 pp. [Hebrew]

Dr. Friesel, of the University of the Negev in Beersheba, has divided his account into three parts: The Political Zionists (1897-1904), in which Hibbat Zion, the Federation of American Zionists, and leaders like Richard J. H. Gottheil and Jacob de Haas are discussed; The Cultural Zionists (1905-1910), which deals with leaders like Solomon Schechter, Israel Friedlaender, Harry Friedenwald, and Judah L. Magnes, with the Zionist debate in the Reform Movement, and with such organizations as the Knights of Zion, the Poale Zion, and the Mizrachi; and The Lipsky Administration (1911-1914), which focusses on Louis Lipsky and the expansion of Zionist influence. The work is well-documented and indexed.

SHARFMAN, I. HAROLD. *"Nothing Left to Commemorate": The Story of the Pioneer Jews of Jackson, Amador County, California*. Glendale, Cal.: Arthur H. Clark Company, 1969. 181 pp. \$10.00

Dr. Sharfman offers a very handsomely presented contribution to California Jewish history. His account of Jewish life in the Mother Lode area is well documented and supplemented by a number of illustrations. An appendix reproduces the constitution and bylaws of Jackson's Congregation B'nai Israel as they appeared in 1873. Dr. Sharfman provides an index as well.