

PREFACE

This issue of "*Immanuel*" has a different look from the previous ones. Encouraged by the favourable reception of the first seven issues among Christians and Jews, both in academic and religious circles, we have decided to make a greater effort to publicize the journal on a wider scale than was done before, and to pay more attention to its outer look, which is now matching better, as we hope, its high-standard academic character. Our thanks go to Messrs. Abbie ben Ari and Julian Landau of Allerton, Berman and Dean's publishing and promotion firm for their most helpful advice and assistance in this regard. On this occasion we also express our appreciation to St. James' Press of the Armenian Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, its director, Mr. Ara Kalaydjian and his assistants for their cooperation in producing the first seven issues of "*Immanuel*."

The new arrangements make it necessary to raise the subscription for two consecutive issues of 120 pages each to the still moderate subscription of \$ 6 per year, except, of course, for those who have already renewed their subscription according to the old rate.

The present issue offers again a wide variety of original contributions as well as summaries, book reviews, and translations of material written in Hebrew which should be of interest to non-Hebrew readers, both Christians and Jews, who want to keep abreast of recent developments in Israel in the field of biblical scholarship, Jewish studies, Jewish-Christian relations as well as contemporary religious life and thought. We would be most grateful to our readers for bringing "*Immanuel*" to the attention of interested persons and institutions, theologians, biblical and Judaic scholars, religious leaders of all faiths, as well as universities, theological institutions, departments of Jewish studies, divinity schools, libraries and others who may benefit by subscribing to this bulletin of religious thought and research in Israel.

Finally, with deep sorrow, we must mention the sudden and untimely death of one of our editors, Mr. Zvi Yaron, whom we shall remember as a fine and perceptive scholar of modern Jewish thought, a dedicated and inspiring member of our team, and above all a good friend, who has significantly contributed to the high standard of "*Immanuel*."

The Editorial Board