

BULLETINS

HEBREW BIBLE

משה ענבר, השבטים האמוריים במארי והתנחלות בני-ישראל בכנען.

Moshe Anbar, *The Amorite Tribes in Mari and the Settlement of the Israelites in Canaan* (Heb.). Tel-Aviv, Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies, Tel-Aviv University, 1985. An analysis of the argument, advanced by several scholars, for an analogy between the nature of the settlement process of the Amorites in Mari and that of the Israelites in Canaan.

Meir Sternberg, *The Poetics of Biblical Narrative*. Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 1985. A major new work by one of the representatives of the growing Israeli school of literary study of the Bible.

Sara Japhet and Robert B. Salters, *The Commentary of R. Samuel ben Meir (Rashbam) on Qoheleth*. Jerusalem: Magnes; Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1985. The commentary to Ecclesiastes by Rashbam (ca. 1080-ca. 1160), one of the outstanding medieval Jewish commentators of the Franco-German school, with scholarly introduction, annotated text, notes, English translation, and a facsimile of the manuscript, prepared jointly by an Israeli and Scottish scholar. Published simultaneously in a Hebrew edition:

שרה יפת ורוברט ב. סלטרס, פירוש רבי שמואל בן מאיר (רשב"ם) לקהלה.

NEW TESTAMENT AND FIRST CENTURIES JUDAISM

יצחק בער, מחקרים ומסות בתולדות עם ישראל.

Yitzhak Baer, *Studies and Essays in Jewish History* (Heb.). 2 v. Jerusalem: Israel Historical Society, 1986. A collection of many of the major journal articles of one of the founders of the Jerusalem school of Jewish historiography, published on the fifth anniversary of his death (see *Immanuel* 12, pp. 123-134). The two volumes include historiographical-methodological discussions, and studies of Second Temple history, of the historical bases of the halakhah, and of the histories of the Medieval Jewish communities of Spain and Ashkenaz.

ישראל לוין, מעמד החכמים בארץ-ישראל בתקופת התלמוד.

Lee I. Levine, *The Rabbinic Class in Palestine during the Talmudic Period* (Heb.). Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi, 1985. A study of the status of the sages in Jewish society, especially during the 3rd and 4th centuries C.E. The work includes a description of their circle, of their relation to the people generally, and of the role of the *Nasi*.

JEWISH THOUGHT AND SPIRITUALITY

מקראה לחקר הרמב"ם.

A Reader in Maimonidean Studies. (Heb.) Jerusalem: Magnes, 1985. Selected articles on Maimonides taken from the journal *Tarbiz*, published in honor of the 850th anniversary of his birth.

פילוסופיה האהבה של יהודה אברבנאל.

The Philosophy of Leon Ebreo (Heb.). Edited by M. Durman and Z. Levi. Tel-Aviv: Kibbutz ha-Me'uhad, 1985. Four studies of the thought of the 15th century Spanish Exile philosopher.

Kabbalah. A Newsletter of Current Research in Jewish Mysticism. Volume 1 – (Jerusalem, 1985). Editor, Hananya Goodman. A new triennial bulletin, containing summaries and bibliographies of current research and new publications in Jewish mysticism plus brief feature articles.

חיים סלוביצ'יק, הלכה כלכלה ודימוי עצמי. המשכנאות בימי הביניים.

Haym Soloveitchik, *Pawnbrokers. A Study in the Inter-Relationship between Halakhah, Economic Activity and Communal Self-Image* (Heb.). Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 1985. A halakhic study of this central issue in 11th to 13th century Franco-Germany and Provence, which exemplifies the problematics of the conflict between ideal halakhah and the exigencies of actual life.

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS, PAST AND PRESENT

Yosef Kaplan, ed., *Jews and Conversos. Studies in Society and the Inquisition*. Jerusalem: Magnes and the World Union of Jewish Studies, 1985. Lectures given at the 8th World Congress of Jewish Studies, 1981, on the social, economic and cultural life of Spanish and Portuguese Jewry during and after the Inquisition. Papers in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian.

Michael J. Pragai, *Faith and Fulfilment. Christians and the Return to the Promised Land*. London: Vallentine Mitchell, 1986. A study of Christians who, motivated by the Bible, assisted in the restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land, both in earlier times and especially during the 20th century, as supporters of the Zionist cause. The author is a former senior official in Israel's Foreign Ministry who has dealt with various aspects of relations with Christianity.

יצחק מינרבי, הוואטיקאן ארץ הקודש והציונות, 1895 – 1925.

Sergio Itzhak Minerbi, *The Vatican, The Holy Land and Zionism, 1895-1925* (Heb.). Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi, 1985. An historical study of the attitude of the Church to Zionism, both as a theological and a political problem, in the context of Church interests in Palestine during the crucial period culminating in the First World War. Provides vital background for understanding the present diplomatic situation.

CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS LIFE AND THOUGHT IN ISRAEL

עקיבא ארנסט סימון, יעדים צמתים נתיבים. הגותו של מרדכי מ. בובר.

[Akiva] Ernst Simon, [The Thought of Martin Buber: Paths, Junctures, Aims. (Heb.)] Tel-Aviv: Sifriyat Poalim, 1985. Nine essays on Buber's thought, written by one of his closest surviving disciples, ranging over his relationship to German Jewry, his role as educator and as "builder of bridges," his political path, his relationship to G. Scholem, and other topics.

שיח מישרים: כתבי-עת על חיי שעה וחיי עולם לישראל.

Siah Mesharim [The Discourse of the Upright; A Journal of Temporal and Eternal Concerns (Heb.)]. Number 1 – (Jerusalem, January 1986-). Published and edited by Prof. Ze'ev W. Falk. A new magazine intended to serve as a forum for discussion of contemporary ethical and religious problems in Israeli life from a variety of view-points within Judaism.

אריה מורגנשטרן, משיחיות ויישוב ארץ-ישראל במחצית הראשונה של המאה ה"ט.

Aryeh Morgenstern, *Messianism and the Settlement of Eretz-Israel* (Heb.). Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi, 1984. A historical study of the religious *aliyah* from Eastern Europe during the period 1808-1840, the messianic-religious ideas motivating it, and the crisis which took place surrounding 1840 as a messianic date.

Vision and Conflict in the Holy Land. ed., Richard I. Cohen. Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi, New York: St. Martin's Press, 1985. A collection of studies pertaining to attitudes towards the Land: Christian interest in the Land; Jewish visions of the Land of Israel, from the Byzantine to the Ottoman period; a symposium on 19th century Jewish messianism relating to the land (see above entry); and studies of Diaspora-Palestine *yishuv* relationships during the Mandate period (1917-1948).