Preface to Israelis Issue 8

This issue contains six articles and three sections on a wide range of topics in Israel and Zionist studies.

The first article in the Hebrew section, by Ilan Shchori, discusses a unique group in Tel Aviv that tried to enliven the city during the 20s and the 30s of the twentieth-century

The second article, by Shaul Marmari, examines the ideological context behind the initiative and allocation of the Israel Prize in its first years of statehood. The third article, by Tamar Setter, analyzes the unique version of the 'detached character' in the work of the early twentieth-century writer-poet David Vogel. The fourth article, by Assaf Farhadian, discusses the struggle between Mapai and Mapam over the collective memory of the Palmach and the War of Independence in Israel's first years.

Two articles appear in the English section. The first, by Lizy Mostowski, examines the writing of two Jewish-Canadian authors in an attempt to understand how the post-memory Holocaust trauma experience influences their worldview and attitude towards the Jewish homeland. The second article, by Lior Yohanani, deals with the Yishuv's complex, ambivalent approach toward the British government in Palestine by focusing on the mandatory police as a test-case.

This issue also brings two constant sections, the Interview and the 'From the PhD Shelf,' and launches a new one – 'From the Research Field.'

In this issue we have the honor to present an interview with Rabbi Adin Even-Israel (Steinsaltz), a highly accomplished scholar who has contributed immensely to Israeli society as a public figure, as the head of institutions and foundations, and through his countless publications on Jewish life and seminal texts on Judaism. His major work remains the annotated Hebrew translation of the Babylonian Talmud, known as "The Steinsaltz Edition."

The PhD review concludes the Hebrew part of this issue with some

fascinating abstracts of recent dissertations dealing with Israel and Zionism.

Our new section is designed to provide each issue with different and unique view on the academic world, which many of us belong to. In this issue we focus on the phenomenal leap in Israel Studies in the United States in recent years. We turned to two scholars, Dr. Mitchell Bard and Dr. Miriam Shenkar, to write on the subject from their particular perspectives. Their essays appear in English at the end of the issue.

Finally, we wish to thank all the research students who submitted their papers, some of which appear in this issue. Israelis accepts submissions in Hebrew and English from research students in all academic institutes, both in Israel and abroad, that explore topics related to the State of Israel and the Zionist Movement.

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