THE JEWS IN EGYPT
IN THE HELLENISTIC-ROMAN AGE
IN THE LIGHT OF THE PAPYRI[1]

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PREFACE.

The original plan of the author when he first began to study the Jewish papyri and ostraca was to compile them into a *Corpus Papyrorum Judaicarum*. Such a task, involving visits to the great European libraries as well as constant correspondence with numerous scholars and specialists, could not be performed during the war. The author, therefore, decided to use the material already collected by him for a series of inquiries into a number of special problems concerning Jewish life in Egypt, such as, the settlement of the Jews in different parts of Egypt, their economic life, their civic status in Alexandria, etc. The feature common to all these inquiries is that they are based on one principal source, namely, papyri and ostraca.

The English text is but a brief summary of the Hebrew original. It gives its principal conclusions, but omits the discussions and the main body of evidence, as well as references to the sources and to modern literature.

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[1] [*C'est le titre d'un ouvrage du même auteur paru en hébreu à Jérusalem, en 1945. Nous réimprimons ici pour nos lecteurs le résumé en anglais qui se trouve à la fin de l'ouvrage, avec l'approbation expresse de l'auteur. — B. G.*].