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## Publisher's Preface

These outlines of Jewish achievement were originally published in a special number of "The Modern View."

The matter was considered worthy of a permanent form of preservation and is, therefore, now presented in book form for the convenience and benefit of the reading public.

The Jewish people is a living element of our civilization. These sketches are not only an accessible roster of Jewish achievement, but is also an historical and psychological tracing of the causes and conditions that led the Jew to be conspicuous in these fields.

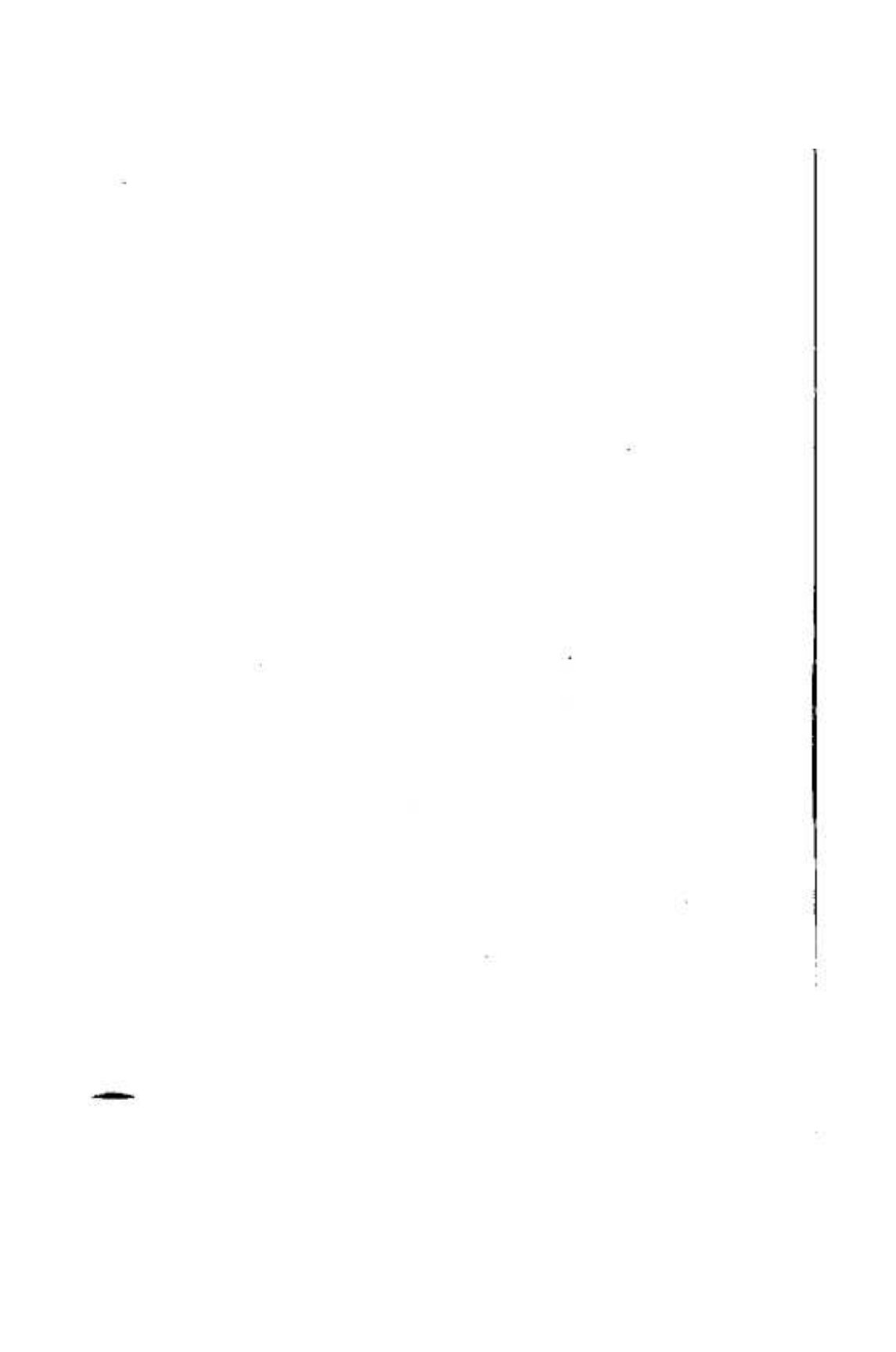
Therefore it is hoped and felt that this little work on a large theme will be of profit and service both to Jew and non-Jew, in that the Jew will naturally feel a desire to know the illustrious service of his kin, and the non-Jew will appreciate the advantage of having a condensed and systematized record from which he can glean information, as to that work the Jew has performed in every field of human endeavor.

In no other existing work will there be found the ready reference that this book affords in placing any pre-eminent Jew or some Jewish contribution to human achievement.

This feature will, the publisher feels, be sufficient to justify its appearance in book form.

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*To Those Who Would Know  
and appreciate Jewish Achievement  
this book is sincerely inscribed.*

## INTRODUCTION

By A. ROSENTHAL  
Editor "The Modern View"

"Jewish Achievement" is the title of Dr. Silber's work that is herewith offered to the reader.

The author has sought to glimpse the Jewish geniuses in the realms of art, science, literature and action.

The world has a habit of passing over the obscure great ones who merely do their humble, modest, daily duties well and truly.

The world (meaning all of us) prefers to note and to acclaim to those distinguished men and women whom Providence has endowed with gifts of greatness, mental, moral, creative.

Not altogether senselessly do we render them homage and,

Have they not enlarged the scope of living, its worth, its pleasures and its splendor?

They have increased the possibilities of life; so has the dread of death been by their deeds decreased. For where is Death's sting, if we know man's work lives after him? What innumerable gates to exquisite lands have these great ones not unlocked for all the generations?

In asking Dr. Silber to devote his mental gifts and