

EDITORIAL

This issue is largely given over to the proceedings of a conference on 'Jewishness, Literature and the Child' organized by the Institute of Jewish Studies at the University of Antwerp (12–14 December 2007). Edited and introduced by Katrien Vloeberghs, the papers explore the various ways in which issues surrounding the Holocaust find direct and indirect expression in Jewish children's literature.

The Institute for Jewish Policy Research (JPR) (formerly the Institute of Jewish Affairs, IJA) has a long and distinguished history of research into contemporary Jewish life in Britain and more broadly within Europe. We are delighted to publish two recent lectures within their 'policy debate' programme. Zygmunt Bauman is often described as the world's foremost sociologist of post-modernity. Here he addresses the pitfalls built into the pressures to assimilate to the emerging nation states in the nineteenth century, and the changed situation in our post-modern European scene. Steven Beller has written widely on modern Jewish and Central European history. Here he critiques the growing trend in Jewish community leadership to raise the alarm about a new European anti-Semitism. Instead he explores how well Jews fit into the emerging transnational Europe.

Marc Saperstein, an authority on the history of Jewish preaching was invited to reflect on the fate of the sermon today. Two rabbinic colleagues, Barbara Borts and David Goldberg offer their responses.

We reproduce here the article 'The Library of the Israelitische Cultusgemeinde Zürich (ICZ)' by Yvonne Domhardt due to an unfortunate omission of endnotes from the previous issue 41.2.

As usual we complete the edition with book reviews and poetry.

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