

SUMMARY

The tragic news have reached us just before reaching the press. Yitzhak Rabin has been killed. Who did it, how he did it and what all that means. Our quarterly does not get involved in politics, regarding neither Hungary nor Israel, although this political murder shook the foundation, the perception of the world, the Jewish existence on our globe, on which our existence is based. We bow our heads with sorrow in front of this martyr of Jewish history. We hope, that his death will cause a cleansing, cathartic feeling in all Jews, all humans, even in his murderers.

The study of David Vital analyzes the relation of Israel and the Diaspora, because of what we also consider Ytzhak Rabin our own hero and martyr. In this issue we publish a number of short stories and essays, in contrast with our usual thematic issues. The short story by Dina Rubina, the new Russian-Israeli writer and the passage of the novel of Daniel Katz will surely be very amusing to the Reader. The essay of I. B. Siegmundfeldt on the Judaization of the post-modern is being published because we did not want the post-modern to pass over this part of the world and that the most highly intellectual would also find intellectual pleasure reading the issue. György Szegő remembers the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of László Moholy-Nagy, summarizing his work. With the tragic memoirs of Andrew Romay we begin a series of writings, that will cast new light on the description of living hell, one year after the Holocaust memorial year. The obviously scientific and relevant discovery of István Tóth on the Jewish presence in Pannonia introduces a new document. One of the reviews by Viktória Radics, based on a modern Israeli anthology gives us valid insight into modern Israeli literature. In the other she introduces a scientific annual, published by the Sarajevo Jewish Congregation. At the beginning of the Balkan war a conference was held commemorating 500 years presence, and its material was edited and published during the bloody war, as well. The collection itself and its method of compilation will also belong on the pages of Jewish history books. We continue the publication of the Polish-related material that was left out from our last issue. (There is still some left for the spring issue.) Of this literary (Gombrowicz, Mrozek) and documentary material an important writing is István Kovács's study, titled Polish '68, which introduces the all too close "dry terror", during which the last leftover of the Polish Jewry was forced out.

