#### **Contents**

Acknowledgement ---- VII

### I On Daniel J. Lasker and his Scholarship

**Howard Kreisel** 

Prof. Daniel J. Lasker - Scholar, Teacher, and Friend - 3

Shalom Sadik

Daniel J. Lasker and His Treatment of Jewish Polemics --- 9

Daniel J. Lasker

List of Publications ---- 19

#### II Jewish Polemics and Exegesis in the Islamicate World

Sarah Stroumsa

Polemical Logic: Al-Muqammas's Refutation of Christianity — 37

Barry Dov Walfish and Meira Polliack

The Role of Gog in Daniel al-Qumisi's Eschatology — 59

Haggai Ben-Shammai

Theological Consideration of the Gift of the Land and the Radical Treatment of the "Seven Nations" in Medieval Judeo-Arabic Exegesis —— 77

David Sklare

Epistemology in the Service of Polemic: Yūsuf al-Başīr's Kitāb al-Isti'ānah:

Text and Translation — 97

Matanel Bareli and Menachem Kellner

Maimonides on the Status of Judaism —— 135

Mordechai Akiva Friedman

Abraham Maimonides on Reclaiming Judaism's Lost "Perfection" from the "Imperfection" of Islam —— 165



# III Jewish and Anti-Jewish Polemic and Exegesis in the Christian World

**Ehud Krinis** 

Abraham bar Hiyya (d. ca. 1136) on "The Pure Soul" --- 201

Martin Lockshin

Asmakhta' and Abraham ibn Ezra's Exegesis — 229

Miriam Goldstein

The Finding of the "True Cross" in Judah Hadassi's Eškol ha-Kofer and the Polemical Parody Toledot Yešu —— 251

Ryan Szpiech

The Book of Nestor the Priest and the Toledot Yešu in the Polemics of Abner of Burgos/Alfonso of Valladolid —— 269

**David Berger** 

Rashi on Isaiah 53: Exegetical Judgment or Response to the Crusade? —— 301

Eric Lawee

"The Best of Snakes. . . ": A Polemical Midrash in the Rashi Supercommentary Tradition —— 317

Warren Zev Harvey

The Discussion of the Messiah in Crescas's Refutation — 347

Yosi Yisraeli

Joshua Ha-Lorki on the Meaning of Emunah: Between Religion and Faith --- 363

Shalom Sadik

Jewish Anti-Semites: The Case of Medieval Apostates --- 383

Sara Offenberg

Daniel in the Lions' Den: Jewish-Christian Polemics in

Medieval Text and Image - 413

## IV Jewish-Jewish and Jewish-Christian Relations

Ephraim Kanarfogel
Understanding the Uneven Reception of Rabbenu Tam's Taqqanot —— 437

Katrin Kogman-Appel Ritual Imagery Gone Wrong: A Fifteenth-Century Siddur in a Christian Workshop —— 467

Transliteration Charts --- 507

Index of Names — 509