

Contents

Preface VII
Abbreviations VIII
List of Contributors XII

Introduction: The Shared Dimensions of Jewish and Christian Communal Identities 1
Yair Furstenberg

PART I
Imperial Perspectives

The Ptolemaic and Roman Definitions of Social Categories and the Evolution of Judean Communal Identity in Egypt 25
Sylvie Honigman

The Roman State and Jewish Diaspora Communities in the Antonine Age 75
Martin Goodman

PART II
Community and the City

Civic Identity and Christ Groups 87
John S. Kloppenborg

Organized Charity in the Ancient World: Pagan, Jewish, Christian 116
Pieter W. van der Horst

The Fourth Book of Maccabees in a Multi-Cultural City 134
Tessa Rajak

PART III

Varieties of Communal Identities

Rome and Alexandria: Why was there no Jewish *Politeuma* in Rome? 153

Daniel R. Schwartz

From Text to Community: Methodological Problems of Reconstructing
Communities behind Texts 167

Jörg Frey

Lycaonian Christianity under Roman Rule and their Jewish-Christian
Tradition 185

Cilliers Breytenbach

PART IV

Community and Continuity

The Jewish Community in Egypt before and after 117 CE in Light of Old and
New Papyri 203

Tal Ilan

Jewish Communities in the Roman Diaspora: Why Salo Baron Still
Matters? 225

Seth Schwartz

"You are a Chosen Stock . . .": The Use of Israel Epithets for the Addressees
in First Peter 243

Lutz Doering

Author Index 277

General Index 282