

## Table of Contents

### FROM THE EDITOR

11

### ENGLISH PART

1. *Jonathan Goldstein*, Some theoretical approaches for comparing Jewish life in Singapore, Manila, and Harbin 19
2. *Chizuko Takao*, The Birobidzhan project from the Japanese perspective 49
3. *Dan Ben-Canaan*, The Jews of Harbin: Nostalgia versus historical reality 65

### RUSSIAN PART

1. *Yuri Pikalov*, The NKVD as an agent of Jewish emigration to Birobidzhan before the Soviet-German war (1937-1940) 87
2. *Michael Zozula*, "Maybe it will be 'hakhshara' for Palestine?" – Jewish colonization in the USSR in the context of interparty polemics in the Harbin Jewish community 103
3. *Iosif Brener*, The city that was never built: The Swiss architect Hannes Meyer and his project for a "Jewish socialist city in the Lesser Khingan foothills" 117

### YIDDISH PART

1. *Holger Nath*, From Tshernowitz to Kiev and Birobidzhan: Yiddish language conferences between 1908 and 1937 276
2. *Ber Boris Kotlerman*, Trading places: Buzi Miller and internationalization of Jewish "bourgeois nationalism" 258

## DOCUMENTS, MEMOIRS, TESTIMONIES

1. The visit to Khabarovsk and Birobidzhan of Israeli ambassador to Moscow Yosef Avidar and his wife, Yemima Tchernovitz (1956): Excerpt from Yemima's diary, *introduced and annotated by Yaacov Ro'i* (English) 141
2. Yosef Trumpeldor in Japanese captivity (1905): An appeal to the Russian Emperor Nicolas II, *introduced and annotated by Ber Boris Kotlerman* (Russian) 171
3. From Lithuania to Japan via the Trans-Siberian railway: Meyer Zucker's memoirs from 1940, *introduced and annotated by Sheva Zucker* (English) 189

## REVIEWS

1. *Bibliography of Japanese Publications on Jews and Israel, 1989-2004*, by Masanori Miyazawa (Hisao Takagi, English) 203
2. *Bauhaus in Birobidzhan: 80 Years of Jewish Settlement in the Far East of the USSR*, by Ber Boris Kotlerman & Shmuel Yavin (Nati Cantorovich, English) 207
3. *The Hope and the Illusion: In Search for a Russian Jewish Homeland. A Remarkable Period in the History of ORT* (Alexander Frenkel, Russian) 215
4. *Yiddish-Japanese Dictionary*, by Kazuo Ueda (Mitsuharu Akao, Yiddish) 246

ABSTRACTS OF ENGLISH AND YIDDISH ARTICLES (Russian)	221
ABSTRACTS OF RUSSIAN AND YIDDISH ARTICLES (English)	227
ABOUT THE AUTHORS (English)	233
INDEX OF NAMES AND PLACES (English)	237
INDEX OF NAMES AND PLACES (Russian)	241
INDEX OF NAMES AND PLACES (Yiddish)	244