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EDITORIAL PREFACE

The articles contained in this volume are but a small token of the respect and appreciation that many scholars feel for Reuben Ahroni. There were many scholars who, due to the constraints of publishing a Festschrift in a timely manner, regrettably were unable to participate. Nonetheless, each letter we received from Reuben's colleagues expressed their warm affections for a man whose character and scholarship has impacted them profoundly. In addition, we would be remiss if we failed to point out the large degree to which the Hebrew Annual Review owes much of its existence to Reuben. Reuben edited Hebrew Annual Review from 1983-1987, providing numerous scholars an outlet for their ideas and contributions. His tireless and meticulous editorial work, often at the expense of working on his own projects, gives ample evidence of his willingness to further the work of others and to promote the study of Hebraica.

In addition to his work on the Hebrew Annual Review and on his own publications, Reuben has spared no effort in his pursuit of teaching excellence. As Professor of Hebrew at The Ohio State University, Reuben has passed on to countless students his insight and wisdom in the fields of Hebrew language, Hebrew Bible, and Hebrew Literature. Reuben is well respected by his fellow faculty and especially by his students. Speaking for many, Reuben, we express our heartfelt appreciation.