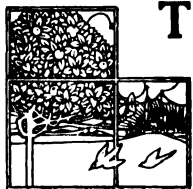


FOREWORD



The success of THE JEWISH FARM ALMANAC AND BUYERS' GUIDE of 1916 was beyond our expectation. Judging by the number of flattering letters which we have received not only from farmers, but also from other classes of readers all over the country.

THE JEWISH FARM ALMANAC AND BUYERS' GUIDE is an established publication and is anxiously awaited not only by Jewish farmers all over the world, but by the thousands of prospective farmers and others interested in the agricultural movement among the Jews.

In preparing THE JEWISH FARM ALMANAC AND BUYERS' GUIDE for 1917, its editors have left nothing undone; no money or efforts were spared to make it outshine all of our previous editions.

To satisfy the numerous inquiries that we receive from time to time from our people interested in the back-to-the-land movement whose aim in life is to some day own their own home and fire place, and in order to show them the advantages of farm life over city life, we have made THE JEWISH FARM ALMANAC AND BUYERS' GUIDE for 1917 a special propaganda edition. To this end we have enlisted the assistance of a number of prominent Yiddish writers and a well-known artist.

To these our voluntary contributors we extend our appreciation and thanks knowing that through their efforts this year's publication is not only the best that was ever published by us, but also that it is the best ever published on the subject of Jewish agriculture in any language.

We also take this opportunity of thanking our friends who contributed towards the educational work of the Federation of Jewish Farmers of America and our advertisers for their good will and patronage, and we earnestly request all our readers to patronize these our friends.

We also beg to call the attention of our city readers to the VACATION GUIDE published in this volume. This is the first time in the history of Jewish farming that attention is called to hundreds of up-to-date Jewish boarding houses all over the country where all classes of Jews seeking a vacation will find places suitable to their needs.

We invite your criticisms and suggestions, promising that we will do our utmost to make the 1918 edition one that will please and benefit the Jewish farmers, country home owners and the Jewry at large who are interested in the back-to-the-land movement among our people.