

BRIEFLY NOTED

Arrest and Liberation of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi by A. C. GLITZENSTEIN; translated and adapted by Jacob Immanuel Schochet. (Kehot Publication Society, N. Y.) 1964.

This simple narrative, compiled from the writings of the leaders of Chabad-Chassidism, describes the details which led to the institution of the 19th day of Kislev as a day of celebration in Chassidic circles because on that date the founder of the movement, Shneur Zalman of Liadi, was liberated from prison.

Jewish Law Faces Modern Problems by DR. IMMANUEL JAKOB-OVITS (New York: Yeshiva University Press, 1965).

The eighth volume in the popular series of Studies in Torah Judaism deals with responsa on modern problems in the light of Halak-hah. Dr. Jakobovits, recently elected Chief Rabbi of Great Britain,

has been editing a column on modern responsa in TRADITION, from whose pages these questions and answers were gathered. In addition to discussing specific problems relating to general questions often asked of Rabbis, the author has also included responsa on medical, social, ethical and political problems.

Beacons of Light, compiled and edited by BERNARD S. RASKAS (New York: Bloch Publishing Co., 1965).

Though rabbis and leaders from practically all segments of Jewry are represented in this anthology of sermons and addresses, very few Orthodox names are found in it. This is to be remembered when we read, e.g., with regard to *keriah* (p. 183) "the black ribbons which are placed on the garments. . . . In the past, not a ribbon but the actual garment itself was rent."