

BRIEFLY NOTED

Beyond Thyself by HAYIM DONIN
(New York: Bloch Publishing
Company, 1965)

Light & Salvation by LOUIS I.
RABINOWITZ (New York: Bloch
Publishing Company, 1965)

These two volumes of sermons provide an interesting record of the issues which face the modern Jew.

The sermons by Rabbi Rabinowitz are well written, with an abundance of novel ideas and new insights. As in his previous volumes, he steers far from the generalities and platitudes often associated with pulpit preachers.

In this, his first book, Rabbi Donin indicates a fine grasp of Jewish life and an understanding of religious issues. It is hoped these issues will be more fully developed in future volumes.

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The Church and the Exploding Metropolis by ROBERT LEE, Editor (Richmond: John Knox Press, 1965)

The volume is primarily concerned with the problems faced by Protestants as a result of shifting populations.

The authors maintain that artificial religious ghettos of believers have no place in modern life. To a certain degree this has to be modified insofar as the Jewish community is concerned. Studies have shown that for Protestants and Catholics church membership is but one of many associations. It does not markedly influence choice of friends or social clubs. Jews, however, are more closely knit and even now still choose to live in ghettos, albeit gilded ones. This, too, is changing, and Jews, more than any other people are exposed to the influence of a secular urban America.

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