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Prof. Ackerman authored over 100 books, articles, reports and book reviews. This anthology of his articles, edited by four of his friends and colleagues and co-published by four Israeli academic institutions, is divided into four parts: Sociology of American Jewish Education, History of American Jewish Education, the Curricula of American Jewish Education, and Israeli Education.