Locked Doors

The Seizure of Jewish Property in Arab Countries

ITAMAR LEVIN
Translated by Rachel Neiman

Foreword by Abraham Hirchson and Israel Singer



Contents

Foreword by Abraham Hirchson and Israel Singer Introduction		ix
		xiii
1	"PRECISELY AS IN NAZI GERMANY" The Jews of Iraq, from the Golden Age to Persecution,	
	after the Establishment of the State of Israel	1
2	"THEY WALLOW ABOUT IN A DESPERATE STATE" The Jews of Iraq Lose Their Citizenship and Property	21
3	"IT CAUSED A PANIC" Freezing Property Owned by the Jews of Iraq	43
4	"DOWN TO THEIR LAST CRUST OF BREAD" Highs and Lows for the Jews of Iraq, from the 1950s to Saddam Hussein	63
5	"MOTHER LOCKED THE DOOR AND LEFT" The State of Israel Is Established: The Jews of Egypt Pay the Price	87
6	"AN EVIL DUPLICATION OF HITLER'S ARYANISM" The Sinai Campaign: Egypt's Jews Are Banished and Their Property Taken	101

viii Contents

7	"WE HAD NO HOME"	
	The Egyptian Deportees Register Claims with Partial	
	Restitution for Some	121
8	"OUR HOUSE HAD BECOME A RUIN"	
	Community Property Lost, Private Property Stolen	141
9	"POISON, HATRED, AND DESTRUCTION"	
	Persecution of the Jews of Syria upon the Establishment	
	of the State of Israel	161
10	"FOR GOD'S SAKE, PLEASE HELP US"	
	The Jews of Syria Between Persecution and Relief	185
11	"THE COMMUNITY WAS REDUCED TO RUIN"	
	The Jews of Lebanon: Between Prosperity and Total	
	Annihilation	203
12	"OUR ACCOUNT WITH THE ARAB WORLD"	
	Israeli Policy and Attitudes of Immigrants from Arab	
	Countries Toward the Question of Property	211
Notes		237
Bibliography		251
Index		257