



Israel: As A Phoenix Ascending

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SUMMARY

The chapters in this volume examine a few facets in the drama of how the beleaguered Jewish people, as a phoenix ascending of ancient legend, achieved national self-determination in the reborn State of Israel within three years of the end of World War II and of the Holocaust. They include the pivotal 1946 World Zionist Congress, the contributions of Jacob Robinson and Clark M. Eichelberger to Israel's sovereign renewal, American Jewry's crusade to save a Jewish state, the effort to create a truce and trusteeship for Palestine, and Judah Magnes's final attempt to create a federated state there. Joining extensive archival research and a limpid prose, Professor Monty Noam Penkower again displays a definitive mastery of his craft.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Monty Noam Penkower, professor emeritus of Jewish History at the Machon Lander Graduate School of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), is the prize-winning author of many books on the Holocaust, on American Jewry, and on the rise of the State of Israel in the years 1933-1948.

PRAISE

“Building on his seminal studies on the end of the British Mandate for Palestine and the establishment of the State of Israel, Monty Noam Penkower sheds fresh light on a number of hugely important, if surprisingly overlooked, episodes in this tumultuous process. Richly documented and lucidly written, this is a must read for anyone interested in the saga of Jewish national revival in the ancestral homeland.”

— Efraim Karsh, Professor Emeritus of Middle East & Mediterranean Studies, King's College London & Bar-Ilan University, author of *Palestine Betrayed*

“After a soaring preface eloquently explaining just why the modern State of Israel is a phoenix, the master historian Monty Noam Penkower offers an illuminating mosaic—a series of deeply-researched, compellingly-written, sharply-etched portraits of key moments surrounding the founding of the State of Israel. Taking the readers into the auditoriums of the World Zionist Congress, the board rooms of American Jewry, the halls of the UN, and the bi-nationalist illusions of Judah L. Magnes, Penkower deftly chronicles the very human—and courageous—leaps of faith that helped make Israel, a modern miracle, survive and thrive in 1948 and beyond.”

— Gil Troy, Professor of History, McGill University, author of *The Zionist Ideas*



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