

## Editorial Statement

The editors are pleased to offer this fourth volume of *Ginzei Qedem* to the public. *Ginzei Qedem* is an annual publication devoted to Genizah texts and studies and is part of the Friedberg Genizah Project, whose aim is to contribute to increased scholarly discussion of *genizot* worldwide, in the hope that the fruits of this discussion will eventually enrich both traditional and academic Jewish studies. The purpose of *Ginzei Qedem* is to provide a specialized venue for scholarly publications in this area. Younger scholars are particularly encouraged to participate alongside their more established colleagues.

In terms of the subject matter to be covered, the rubric “Genizah texts and studies” is to be understood in the broadest possible sense, to include publications of fragments of literary works and documents from *genizot* in Cairo and elsewhere, as well as studies based on such fragments. Articles may deal with any of the relevant disciplines, including but not limited to Biblical studies and exegesis, history, literature (including *piyyut*), Talmud and rabbinics, theology, philosophy, linguistics, science, medicine and magic.

Contributions may be in Hebrew, English or other major European languages. Any substantial quotations in a language other than that in which the article is written must be accompanied by a translation. The articles published in the first volume should be taken as a guide in matters of format and style. Contributions should be submitted in double-spaced typescript accompanied by a computer file on diskette and may be sent to: Ben-Zvi Institute, P.O.B. 7660, Jerusalem 91076, Israel. Contributions and queries may also be sent by e-mail to the editor (brody@mscc.huji.ac.il).