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Next Year in Jerusalem!

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McCullough, L.E. *Next Year in Jerusalem!* Smith and Kraus Inc., 2001. ISBN 1575252538. \$15.95. 15 pp.

Reviewer: Lena Wagner

Reading Level: Primary; Intermediate; Young adult

Rating: Significant shortcomings

Genre: Plays; Historical Plays;

Subject: Herzl, Theodor, 1860-1904--Juvenile drama; Zionism--Juvenile drama; Jews--Biography--Juvenile drama; Drama--Reviews;

Theme: hope

Production Requirements: 1 set, easy costumes

Acts: 1

Run Time: 15 min

Characters: 8 males, 8 m/f

Cast: adults and children

Time Period: around 1900

Next Year in Jerusalem! tells the story of how Theodore Herzl worked to find a homeland for the Jews in Israel. It tells dramatizes the organization of the first meeting of the Zionists. The play is a good historically based play and could be used help teach the history of the Jewish nation. All of the main parts are male actors, which could pose a problem with including women in the production. The script uses many Hebrew phrases that may have to be translated to get the proper ideas across. The set should be quite easy to construct as well as the costumes and props. Musicians are needed.