## **EDITORIAL**

The 70th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel had been celebrated in 2018. On this occasion on 7–9 May 2018 at the Jagiellonian University the international conference "Social and Political Dynamics in Israel. Jewish State 70 Years after the Declaration of Independence" took place, which was organized by the Institute of Jewish Studies and the Institute of the Middle and Far East of the Jagiellonian University together with the European Association of Israel Studies. The first part of the current issue of *Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia* consists of articles that are based on the papers delivered at that conference. The second part of the current issue is composed of articles dedicated to history and culture of Jews from the early modern period to contemporary times.

The Editors