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There is much in Dr Roumani's final chapters that is dramatic, much that is tragic; yet the extraordinary efforts to secure the emigration of Libyan Jews is an inspiring story.

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Indeed, the fact that Libya was an Italian colony and did not fall under the Vichy regime in France made the fate of the Jews of Libya different from that of the Jews of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. Through an airlift and the aid of several ships, the helped evacuate more than 6,000 Jews to in one month. As a result of the rampant anti-Semitism, 30,972 Jews immigrated to Israel.

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. The resulting Italian administration approached the Libyan Jewish community through its experience of Rome's positive relations with its Jewish community.

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Inmates buried the dead in a cemetery on a hill outside the camp which had been an ancient Jewish cemetery.

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In June 1942, the execution of Mussolini's orders was completed and all Cyrenaican Jews were transferred to Giado.

The Jews of Libya: Coexistence, Persecution, Resettlement by Maurice M. Roumani, Paperback

In telling it, as in each phase of this book, Dr Roumani uses a wide range of archival and oral sources, many of which have never been used before.

This ultimately limits the usefulness of the book. Goldberg's *The Book of Mordechai: A study of the Jews of Libya*, and it is a pleasure to again review an outstanding book on the vibrant Jews of Libya.

History of the Jews in Libya

Once emigration to Israel was permitted in early 1949, the majority of the community of 2,500 Jews in Benghazi emigrated to Israel through the end of 1951. It is an important case study of Jewish modernization in an Islamic land under colonial rule and national independence, and while exhibiting certain parallels with the diaspora communities in the French Maghreb, it also exhibits no-less-important differences due not only to nature of Italian rule, but to the distinct character of the Libyan Jewry itself. In January 1943, the camp guards left.

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