ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The book has been enriched in myriad ways by many people. I would like to thank Mira Assaf at the Netanya City Archive, Nati Cantorovich at the Lavon Institute for the research of the Labor movement in Tel Aviv, Martine Vermandere at the Institute for Social History in Antwerp, and the archivists at the International Institute for Social History in Amsterdam—all were extremely helpful in retrieving invaluable material. Shira Ami and Iris Hortman at the Harry Oppenheimer Diamond Museum and the Israel Diamond Institute in Ramat Gan provided important primary and secondary sources. Archivists and librarians in various locations complemented the source material for this book: In Jerusalem—the Central Zionist Archive, the Israel State Archive, the Yad Vashem Archive, and the Jewish National and University Library. In Tel Aviv—the Jabotinsky Institute and the Soursaky Library at Tel Aviv University. The Hapoel Hamizrahi archive at Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan. The archive of Kibbutz Ein Hachoreh. The Library of the International Labor Organization in Geneva. In England—the National Archives (Public Record Office) in London; the Manuscript Collections in Rhodes House Library, Oxford; the British Library in London; and the archive and library of the London School of Economics. In the US—the George Meany Memorial Archives, Silver Spring, Maryland; the library of the New School for Social Research; the Wirtz Labor Library at the United States Department of Labor; the National Archives and Records Administration National Archives at College Park, Maryland; and the Library of Congress in Washington.

I wish to thank Hani Ben-Ami for allowing consultation of Oved Ben-Ami’s private papers; Lisa Hamby at Hennig & Co. for the information on George Prins; Dina and Henry Phillips for the information on Heinrich
Goldmann; and the Danieli family for consultation of the library of Chaim (Danhirsch) Danieli. Equally helpful was the information I received from Hanoch Bartov, Sylvan Brachfeld, Haim Carmon, John Ehrenfeld, Zvi Gold, Nathan Ramet, Avi Schwartz, Avraham Shamgar (Smagarinsky), Gabi Tolkowsky, Zvi Yucht, and Avraham Zoure. I gathered invaluable information from works given to me by Yaakov Almor, Ron Berger, Arthur W. Bergeron, Nechama Cox, Yoel Estheron, Alfred Levinson, Geoffrey Nolan, Debora Spar, Vivian Teitelbaum-Hirsch, and Francesca Trivellato.

The translation of documents from Dutch by Shulamith Lemberger and Gershon Sjzenk was invaluable. Natalie Vieman and Gila Fine helped with the editing, Tali Kristal with the tables, Nava Schreiber with the photographs and Michal Semo-Kovetz (Tel Aviv University Graphic Design Studio) with the design of the map. Research assistants Limor Amrani, Niza Ariel, Nizar Dagash, Shikma Gal, Avi Klein, Michal Mizrahi, and Meital Rubinstein all did wonders in the archives.

Versions of the chapters were presented at the department of Sociology and Anthropology and Faculty of Law at Tel Aviv University; the department of Sociology and Anthropology at Haifa University; the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; the Social History Conference in Dublin; the annual conference of the Israeli Anthropological Society; the sixth European Social Science History Conference in Amsterdam; the eleventh International Symposium on the History and Culture of the Jews in the Netherlands in Amsterdam and Enschede; the Association of Business Historians Conference in Liverpool; and at the World Economic History Congress in Utrecht.

I am grateful to the Israel Science Foundation, the Labor Studies Department, and the Faculty of Social Sciences at Tel Aviv University for funding the research. Special thanks to Marion Berghahn at Berghahn Books for her unwavering belief in the project, and to Ann Przyzycki and Melissa Spinelli for their immense assistance in transforming the manuscript into a book.

The writing of the book benefited greatly from stimulant conversations with friends and colleagues: Gareth Austin, Michael Berkowitz, Debbie Bernstein, Yinon Cohen, Alon Confino, Veerle Vanden Daelen, Karin Hofmeester, Stephen Howe, Abigail Jacobson, Gideon Kunda, Eric Laureys, Colin Newbury, Avner Offer, Uri Ram, Yaron Tsor, and Mahmoud Yazbak.

I dedicate the book to Relli and Ruti to whom I am hugely indebted for their love, tolerance, and constant encouragement.

Note on the Sources

A significant bulk of the primary sources, press, and secondary literature used in the research for this book is in Hebrew. The titles of all the references to these sources were given in translation.