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voth as a way of life and conduct in the everyday life. These records clearly show that, while other factors which are so important in world history, such as possession of territory, political independence, language, culture, etc., played no decisive role in Jewish history, since these underwent drastic changes from time to time and from place to place during the centuries of Jewish history. One factor alone remains constant to this day - the Jewish way of life, in keeping with the precepts of our Torah: The same holy 7th day, Shabbos, the same festivals, the same daily observances of Tefillin, Kashrus and so forth. The inescapable conclusion of any student of the "Jewish archives" is that this factor is the key to Jewish survival, as a nation and as individuals, under any, often most trying, circumstances.

Needless to say, it is not my intention to sermonize, but this is a fact that should be of momentous concern to every Jew; being aware of it already goes a long way as a source of strength and confidence, and it is indispensable to Jewish identity and commitment.

In a lighter vein, I find the name of the Journal you enclosed - Toledot - particularly meaningful. As you surely know, the Hebrew word toledot, which is often found in the Torah, has two meanings. One is "genealogy," as stated in the subtitle; the other is "unfolding events" - past, present and future, which, in Jewish life, are closely interrelated.

With blessing,