Foreword

As chairperson of the *Wissenschaftliche Arbeitsgemeinschaft des Leo Baeck Instituts der Bundesrepublik Deutschland* (WAG) from 2009 to 2020, I am very happy to present this bilingual volume. I first heard about Herzberg's novel *Jewish Family Papers* in a lecture by Manja Herrmann during a workshop entitled "Unbekannte Jahre. Die vernachlässigte Epoche deutsch-jüdischen Aufstiegs: 1848–1880," which was organized by the WAG and took place in Berlin in 2016. This workshop was dedicated to the period between 1848 and 1880, which represents a blind spot in German-Jewish studies.

Published in 1868, Herzberg's forgotten novel falls right in the middle of these "unknown years." Therefore, when Manja Herrmann approached me with the idea of a workshop followed by an edited volume dedicated to Herzberg's *Jewish Family Papers*, I was more than happy to support the project. As the German branch of the Leo Baeck Institute, the WAG has been encouraging research in German-Jewish studies in Germany since its establishment in 1989. Moreover, since 2017, the WAG has had a postdoctoral network, which now consists of over forty members, five of whom have contributed to the present volume.

This volume gathers numerous interdisciplinary perspectives on *Jewish Family Papers* and picks up on several new trends in German-Jewish studies in general, as well as in the WAG in particular. I wish this book great success and its readers many insights into a fascinating source.

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