



ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL AWARD

"Remember that there is a meaning beyond absurdity. Be sure that every little deed counts, that every word has power. Never forget that you can still do your share to redeem the world in spite of all absurdities and frustrations and disappointments." Abraham Joshua Heschel

The Abraham Joshua Heschel Award, funded by Joseph Oppenheimer, is available to all SDJA High School students. Applications must be submitted to Amy Civin in the MUS office no later than March 15th. A selection committee will review all applications and the Heschel Award recipient will be notified by early June. The award will be presented at the Maimonides Celebration.

Academic Criteria: The applicant must demonstrate the following:

1. Secular **and** Jewish community involvement, volunteerism, political activism, and/or mentoring.
2. Explain Heschel's teachings and the connection to applicant's life as evidenced in the required essay.
3. While a high GPA is not necessary, the student must have, at least, a 2.5 GPA in their high school Judaic and Hebrew coursework.

Application criteria: Any interested candidate must submit the following information:

1. A complete application
2. Information regarding Judaic academics and corresponding transcripts or report cards.
3. Tikkun Olam involvement in the Jewish and secular communities and corresponding letter(s) of reference from each experience which verifies the level of involvement.
4. An essay (not to exceed 2 pages, double-spaced) related to Abraham Joshua Heschel and how his teachings apply to the student's life.

Joshua Heschel Award: The Award winner will receive the following:

1. \$500 will be given to the student's favorite charity, to be presented personally by the student award winner.
2. A set of books authored by and/or about Rabbi Heschel, to be given to the student winner.
3. A framed certificate presented to the student winner.
4. Award recipient's name to be placed on the Heschel perpetual plaque located in the MUS Office.

Abraham Joshua Heschel Selected Bibliography

Man Is Not Alone: A Philosophy of Religion. 1951.

The Sabbath: Its Meaning for Modern Man. 1951.

Man's Quest for God: Studies in Prayer and Symbolism.

God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism. 1955.

The Prophets. 1962.

Who Is Man? 1965.

Israel: An Echo of Eternity. 1969.

A Passion for Truth. 1973.

Heavenly Torah: As Refracted Through the Generations. 2005.

Torah min ha-shamayim be'aspaklariya shel ha-dorot; Theology of Ancient Judaism.

[Hebrew]. 2 vols. London: Soncino Press, 1962. Third volume, New York: Jewish Theological Seminary, 1995.

The Ineffable Name of God: Man: Poems. 2004.

Kotzk: in gerangl far emesdikeyt. [Yiddish]. 2 v. (694 p.) Tel-Aviv: ha-Menorah, 1973.

Added t.p.: Kotzk: the struggle for integrity. *A Passion for Truth* is an adaptation of this larger work.

Der mizrekh-Eyroyeyisher Yid (The Eastern European Jew). 45 p. Originally published: New-York: Shoken, 1946.

Abraham Joshua Heschel: Prophetic Witness & Spiritual Radical: Abraham Joshua Heschel in America, 1940-1972, biography by Edward K. Kaplan