

Introducing the website for the sharing of knowledge and information based on the teachings and approach of Rabbi Louis Jacobs.

THE MISSION

To make available on a single website the entire intellectual legacy of Rabbi Jacobs for the benefit of all (including not only academics and ministers of religion but also lay people simply wishing to learn); and to promote theological scholarship, learning, debate, dialogue and practice with particular emphasis on Judaism.

Hope you enjoy learning with us and will visit our website soon.

Agi Erdos
Editor



He saw his work as a continuing “Quest” for the truth and not as a finite resolution of the tension between traditional Judaism and modern thought and scholarship.

Rabbi Jacobs’ contribution to Jewish theology and practice must neither be lost or forgotten nor become the province solely of academics but rather must serve as the basis for ongoing thought, scholarship and education and indeed for modern thinking Jews wishing to practice traditional Judaism. By becoming a Friend, you can help continue the Quest.

If, in addition to becoming a friend, you would like to help with editing articles, updating the site, providing operational support or helping organise events and publications please contact either Ivor Jacobs or our editor Agi Erdos [details on the website].

HOW TO BECOME A FRIEND

You can become a friend either by registering on the website or detaching the attached page and sending it together with your donation (minimum £20) to Friends of www.louisjacobs.org. As a Friend you will be kept regularly informed of events.



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RABBI JACOBS' PLACE IN JEWISH THEOLOGY AND THOUGHT

Rabbi Jacobs has had a significant impact on British (and indeed world) Jewry over the past 50 years, espousing a belief in a form of Judaism which whilst traditional (but non-fundamentalist) at the same time acknowledges and is able to coexist with historical and scientific knowledge. This led him shortly before his death to being voted by readers of the Jewish Chronicle the greatest ever British Jew.

Rabbi Jacobs was a prolific author of books, articles, essays, reviews as well as being one of the most accomplished preachers of his time. Later in life a number of videos were made with Rabbi Jacobs discussing his works and beliefs. By publishing online all of this content (some of which has never been published before) on a single website we will be providing unique access to one of the most important collections of work on Jewish theology and practice of the twentieth century.

Michael Fischer who has produced a bibliography of Rabbi Jacobs' works writes:-

“Louis Jacobs is generally regarded as one of the greatest scholars and rabbinic figures of 20th century Britain, if not the world. During a period of 60 years he has left an unmistakable mark in the academic world while also writing books and articles for more general readership”

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To publish all Rabbi Jacobs writings' (including books, articles, essays, reviews and sermons) together with video footage on the website.
- To make all text easily searchable [and re-searchable] so that strands of thought and guidance on issues spanning the years can be brought together
- To promote the use of the website to encourage and further theological scholarship, education and dialogue with particular emphasis on Judaism
- To promote the teaching and practice of Judaism in a non-fundamentalist manner reconciling tradition with modern thought and scholarship.
- To host and promote events on Jewish theology and the social and political aspects of the development of Judaism in the UK and worldwide to forge links with other organisations interested in promoting a traditional but non-fundamentalist Judaism
- To publish major collaborations on Jewish theology

WHY BECOME A FRIEND

Rabbi Jacobs was one of the most significant Jewish theologians of modern times who sought to reconcile traditional Judaism with modern scholarship and knowledge. He refused to turn a blind eye to the problems posed by modern scholarship and provided a framework for modern thinking Jews to practice traditional Judaism.

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