

PRAYING WITH MY LEGS

Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Search for a Meaningful Existence

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COMMENTS FROM CHICAGO SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE (6-8-05)

(20 response sheets filled out)

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE WORK IN PROGRESS SCREENED TONIGHT?

excellent xxxxxxxxxxxx 12

very good xxxxx 5

good xxx 3

fair

poor

WOULD YOU GO SEE FINISHED FILM?

yes xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 19

no

not sure x 1

WHY?

-I am fascinated by the intelligence of Rabbi Heschel

-this piece can have great impact on the decisions one makes in terms of action. It is an impetus, a motivation. It is a living memory, kaddish, for one of our heroes.

-one need not be a scholar to gain insight into Rabbi Heschel and what he believed from viewing the documentary.

-I learned a lot about a personage of great value that I knew very little of.

-This seemed just an appetizer. After all 34 minutes from people still alive there is so much more to learn.

-to learn more about and remember the richness of his teaching and his righteousness.

-Interesting, Important and Very Meaningful.

-Valuable insights

-I'm very moved by Heschel and consider him a genius needed in the world.

-to learn more, to be inspired more.

-I am anxious to learn more.

-This was very important, very moving, very informative. Vital to make us think deeply!!!!

WOULD YOU PAY TO SEE THIS IF IT WERE PLAYING IN A MOVIE THEATRE?

yes xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 18
no x(not in the present form) 1
maybe x 1

WOULD YOU PURCHASE OR RENT THE FILM IF AVAILABLE ON VHS OR DVD?

yes xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 14

(I would want to show it to various groups followed by ongoing readings and discussion of his books)

no xx 2
not sure xx 2

IF YES, WOULD YOU

purchase? xxxxxxxxxx 10
rent? xxxxxx 5

WHAT IF ANYTHING GRABBED YOU ABOUT THE FILM?

-engaging person

-I really like how he said that since man is made in the image of God – then to dehumanize man is to attack God.

-I had the feeling of meeting this inspiring human being and having a rekindling of the urgency of life.

-the magnetism of Heschel- & the footage of him expressing his philosophy

-Gave me a better understanding of Rabbi Heschel

-The breadth of his contacts and influence!

-Heschel speaking, his spiritual impact.

- the quality of his ideas.

-a sense of Heschel's uniqueness

-It dealt with spiritual and inspirational ideas that need to be heard by people.

-the comments of the non-Jews; the respect they had for him

-it brought Dr. Heschel alive for me.

-Heschel's words.

DO YOU THINK THE FINISHED FILM WILL BE EFFECTIVE AS A TOOL FOR BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER THROUGH INTER-RELIGIOUS AND INTER-ETHNIC DIALOGUE?

yes xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 15

no

not sure xxxx

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-yes, very much!

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Thanks again for your great effort!

-Kudos for opening the window of acknowledgement and respect of a great Jewish mind and influence.

-Good work – keep it up!

-thank you !!

-We need someone like Heschel today to speak out against the war in Iraq, the current administration's blurring of separation of church & state and for the rights of the Gay community.

-Great connecting w/quotes & like – “No religion is an island”– relevance today!!!