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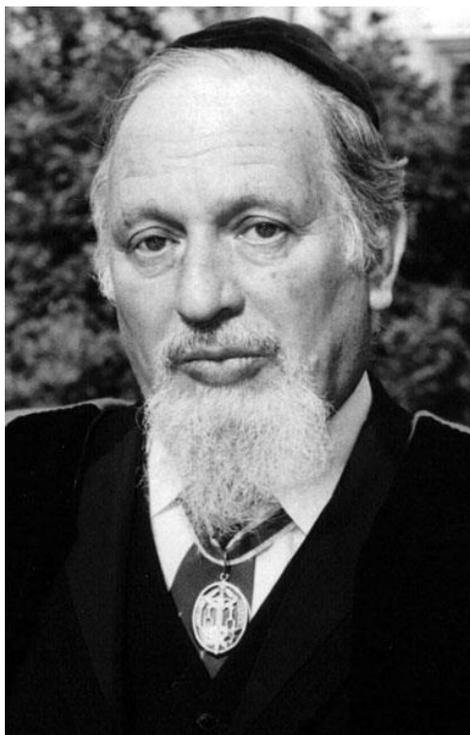
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Foreword to Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, *'If only My People ...': Zionism in My Life* (London 1984: Weidenfeld and Nicolson), ix



Immanuel Jakobovits (1921–1999)

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY of Great Britain, and, indeed, that of the Commonwealth, can feel justified pride in having as their spiritual leader a scholar of the first water, a man of deeply civilised mind and feeling, unswerving integrity and, above all, living faith and exemplary courage in interpreting the traditional values of Judaism in their application to the spiritual and political problems which today beset Jews individually and collectively. Example is better than precept: Sir Immanuel Jakobovits has shown admirable independence and fearless moral strength in resisting the forces of fanaticism and extremism, both theological and political, which threaten the future both of Israel and of the Diaspora.

IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS

I feel deeply honoured, unqualified as I am to deal with religious issues, to be invited to testify to the respect in which I, and all those who have the cause of the Jewish destiny at heart, feel for his views; and to the admiration which all who know him, far beyond the confines of the Jewish community, must feel for one of the most truly impressive incumbents of his high and responsible office.

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