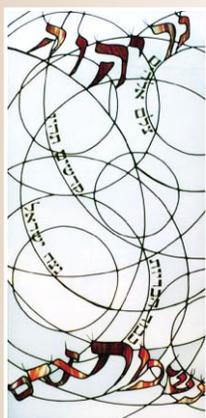


The Harold M. Schulweis Institute Library



Introduction – THE LEGACY



During almost 64 years in the rabbinate, Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis has established a unique global legacy of scholarship, creativity, and spiritual expression. Through his initiatives and innovations in Jewish communal life, worship, Jewish ethics, ecumenical dialogue, and Jewish learning, Rabbi Schulweis has enriched the lives of Jews and others around the world. His work has shaped modern Judaism. In order to preserve and expand this legacy, his congregation, Valley Beth Shalom, has created The Harold M. Schulweis Institute — A Center for Jewish Learning.

Fundamental to the Institute and its mission is an on-line library at www.schulweisinstitute.org that collects, preserves, and disseminates Rabbi Schulweis' writing and oratory for future generations through the largest congregation of his distinguished career — the world wide congregation of the internet.

The Harold M. Schulweis Institute Library has been built as a living legacy in the spirit of Rabbi Schulweis' vision of Jewish life. Its mission is to preserve and make available his essays, articles, transcripts and digital recordings of sermons and addresses, selected letters, and monographs.

The Collection

The library contains the world's largest collection of Rabbi Schulweis' material legacy — an online library of over 750 catalogued items including digital audio and video recordings of his sermons, lectures, classes, interviews, and award ceremonies, distinguished recordings of many of his colleagues, and a large collection of digitized readable copies of his sermons, poetry, monographs, and published and unpublished articles and manuscripts. All are indexed and accessible through keyword or category searches from the "Online Libraries" tab at the top of the website home page. Building the on-line library is an on-going effort of the Institute as more recordings and documents are found and processed for on-line access. All library content is available, with attribution, for downloading, reprint, or other usage, at no fee.



A Recorded History of Oratory – THE SERMONS AND LECTURES



The content of Rabbi Schulweis' authorship is timeless. Search through the library and find 1970's sermons on Jewish ethics, compassion, holidays, theology, the place of women in Halacha ... all every bit as relevant to today's society as they were then. The library contains over 350 audio recordings of sermons and lecture programs such as the Keruv Lecture Series. All of Rabbi Schulweis' sermons will be transcribed into printable documents for leisurely reading, thanks to a generous donation from the Skirball Cultural Center which has provided a grant for transcribing all of Rabbi Schulweis' sermons into text form. Almost 60 recordings have been transcribed to date.

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Poetry

The library's collection of Rabbi Schulweis' original poetry displays his thoughts of reflective Judaism, respecting the emotional life of the individual. Within the growing set of 78 poems, subject matter includes *Birth/Brith*, *The Wedding*, *Mourning*, *The Child*, all meant to arrest our attention and remind us that there is more to life than meets the eye.



Published Articles

Rabbi Schulweis has been a prolific writer during his career and articles written by him and about him number in the hundreds. The library has searched, found, and scanned over 200 such articles, including all his published articles from **Sh'ma** and **The Reconstructionist**, all available in the "Documents" collection and searchable by such topics as *Judaism*, *Israel*, *Sexuality*, and *Holidays*.

Videography

The library's collection of over 50 video recordings of Rabbi Schulweis includes the unique *Schulweis-Feinstein Interviews* covering his entire rabbinic career, many of the memorable Keruv Lecture Series programs which were the forerunner of the very popular VBS College of Jewish Studies, and multiple lectures and award ceremony presentations.



Unpublished Manuscript

The Institute Library has also found a previously unpublished manuscript entitled "*When You're Older You'll Understand – About God and Reality – Rekindling the Religious Questions of Our Youth.*" It will soon be published as an on-line book viewable and downloadable from the Institute Library website, www.schulweisinstitute.com.

A Personal Message from Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis

Another reason d'être for respecting and appreciating the potential impact of the library on each of us is this profound personal quote from Rabbi Schulweis:

"I was raised in a highly intellectualized universe. In that world, the text was all. The written text was to be studied, and transmitted. The book was sacred. If you dropped it, you quickly picked it up and quietly kissed it. If the book was left open, it was immediately closed, for left open it was an insult to the word. A book accidentally placed on the shelf upside down was an offense to be righted. The library was the sacred center of the home. All of my friends had libraries. When Malkah and I were married, one of the first purchases was an inexpensive series of glass bricks which would hold up the shelves of books."



The Harold M. Schulweis Institute Library has been created to preserve these worldly values of Rabbi Schulweis.



Help Build the Library

If you have audio tape or video recordings of Rabbi Schulweis' sermons and lectures and you have not found those titles in the Institute Library, please loan us the material so we may copy it for adding to the library. We will return the originals to you. Please contact Burt Tregub at 818.268.8475 or at btregub@sbcglobal.net for arrangements.