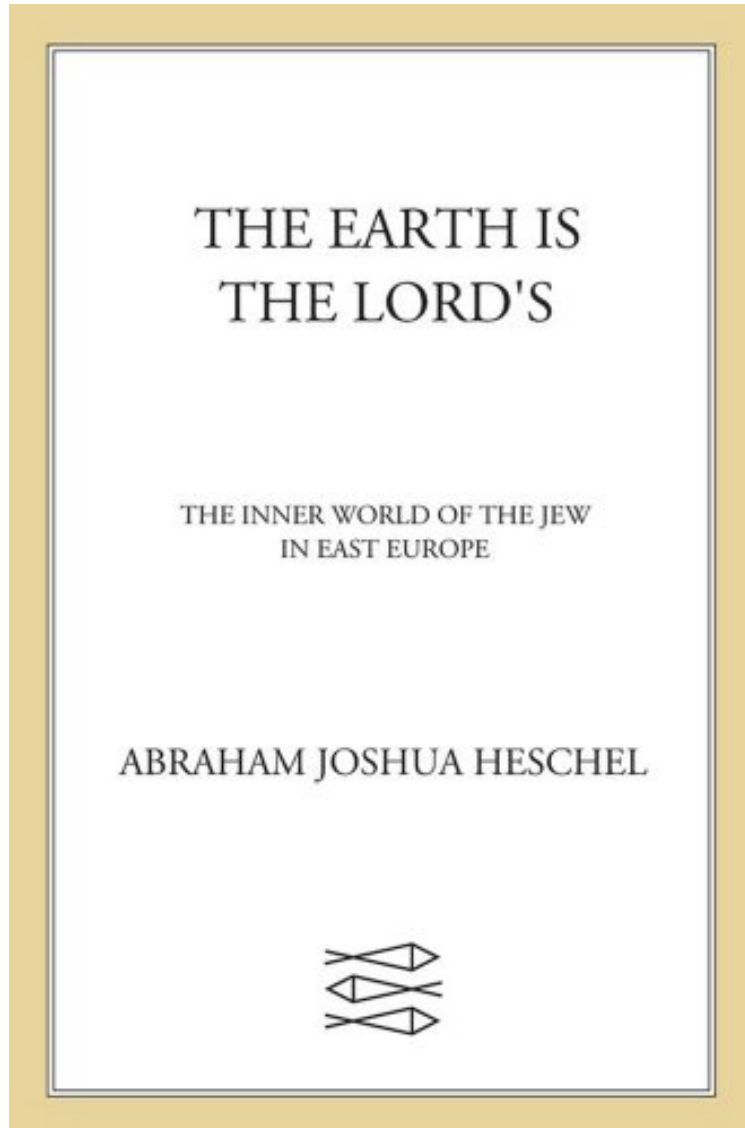


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**Von Abraham Joshua Heschel : The Earth Is the Lord's: The Inner World of the Jew in East Europe** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Earth Is the Lord's: The Inner World of the Jew in East Europe:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. DELIGHTED to see this back in print!Von Rabbi Yonassan GershomIf I had to pick just one book to explain my inner life as a Hasidic Jew, this would be it. In fact, now that is is back in print, I shall do exactly that in my FAQ on Hasidic

Culture. Not just about Hasidism, this thin but profound volume, written in such beautifully poetic prose, covers the different types of Eastern European Jews in a way that informs and inspires at the same time. Rabbi Heschel explains so clearly how Jewish spirituality is expressed, not in visible cathedrals, art, or monuments, but in timeless words and values as they are expressed in community through both worship and daily life. Originally written in 1949, it appears that the author, himself a Holocaust survivor, intended this book to be a memorial to a lost world. Yet 50 years later, the book is as fresh and inspiring as the day it was written. The physical Jewish world he describes may no longer be there in Eastern Europe, but the inner world of religious Jews continues to grow and flourish so that I, as a Hasid in the 90's, can read this book and say, "Yes, this describes my inner life, too!" Perhaps, as Heschel himself suggests, this Eastern European "golden age" of Jewish spirituality (his words) can now be fully appreciated by the world. An excellent, EXCELLENT, book! Double 5-stars! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Philosophical lesson on Judaism Von Esther Nebenzahl A short book in size but a great book in content. It is a description of the spirit of the Jews of Eastern Europe, an exaltation of their culture, their way of life, and above all of the high spiritual development of this ethnic group. The author manifests a certain melancholy for days gone by, for a way of life which he believes no longer exists. Let's leave to the present day Hassids to confirm or deny this statement. Beautiful prose, a must for anyone interested in learning about the essence of Eastern European Judaism. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. SHOWS THE GLORY OF EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISH CULTURE Von Sylvan G. Feldstein Originally written in 1949, this is a delightful introduction to the spiritual life of East European Jewry.

Kurzbeschreibung Earth Is The Lord's is a riveting portrayal of a bygone culture of Jews in Eastern Europe by one of the foremost Jewish thinkers of the century. The Earth Is the Lord's by Abraham Joshua Heschel is a story about the daily life of Jews in Eastern Europe before the 20th century. "I have not talked about their books, their art or institutions," Heschel writes in the book's preface, "but about their ... customs, about their attitudes toward the basic things in life, about the scale of values which directed their aspirations." Spare, elegant woodcut illustrations by Ilya Schor complement Heschel's text, deepening its preoccupation with intangibles. (One chapter, for example, describes an indelibly Jewish trait, "The Sigh.") The parallelisms of Heschel's prose are mesmerizing: "Pagans exalt sacred things, the Prophets extol sacred deeds;" "The stone is broken, but the words are alive." There are stories of a seraph in a synagogue, of scholars closing their books and wandering away from home in self-imposed exile, of a rabbi who spent days staring at the same page of the Talmud. ("I feel so good here," he said, "why should I go elsewhere?") The facts of each vignette are suffused with purpose so that when Heschel states his book's reason for being, it seems the most natural thing in the world: "Loyal to the presence of the ultimate in the common, we may be able to make it clear that man is more than man, that in doing the finite he may perceive the infinite." --Michael Joseph Gross Pressestimmen "Dr. Heschel re-creates the mind and character of a whole people and of an entire era. Not only Jews, but all who regard the culture of the inner life as important will find this book moving and meaningful." Virginia Kirkus "Dr. Heschel admirably succeeds in conveying much of the inner content and the glory of traditional Jewish culture as it grew and throbbed in the towns and villages of Central and Eastern Europe. In few and eloquent pages the world can learn what it has lost. Marvin Lowenthal, New York Herald Tribune Book "I do not know of any work in which the spiritual life of Eastern European Jewry is portrayed with such complete understanding and thorough appreciation. Dr. Louis Finkelstein There are few books in English that plunge us so deeply into the depths of Jewish reality. Irving Kristol, Commentary" "Dr. Heschel re-creates the mind and character of a whole people and of an entire era. Not only Jews, but all who regard the culture of the inner life as important will find this book moving and meaningful." --Virginia Kirkus "Dr. Heschel admirably succeeds in conveying much of the inner content and the glory of traditional Jewish culture as it grew and throbbed in the towns and villages of Central and Eastern Europe. In few and eloquent pages the world can learn what it has lost." --Marvin Lowenthal, New York Herald Tribune Book "I do not know of any work in which the spiritual life of Eastern European Jewry is portrayed with such complete understanding and thorough appreciation." --Dr. Louis Finkelstein "There are few books in English that plunge us so deeply into the depths of Jewish reality." --Irving Kristol, Commentary