

Shalom Jeremiah Abba Rubin: A Rabbi, Mystic, and Pioneer of Jewish Renewal



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Rabbi Shalom Jeremiah Abba Rubin (1923-2010) was a visionary rabbi, mystic, and pioneer of Jewish renewal. He dedicated his life to bridging the gap between spirituality, tradition, and modernity in Judaism. Rubin's teachings and practices have had a profound impact on the Jewish community and beyond.

Early Life and Education

Rubin was born in Jerusalem in 1923. His father, Rabbi Yaakov Moshe Rubin, was a leading rabbi in the Old City of Jerusalem. Rubin received a traditional Jewish education, studying at yeshivas in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak. He also studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he earned a degree in philosophy.

Rabbinical Career

Rubin was ordained as a rabbi in 1948. He served as a rabbi in several communities in Israel and the United States. In 1967, he founded the Shalom Center in Philadelphia, which became a hub for Jewish renewal and spirituality.

Teachings and Practices

Rubin's teachings and practices were deeply rooted in Jewish mysticism and spirituality. He believed that Judaism was a living tradition that should be constantly renewed and reinterpreted in light of contemporary experience.

Rubin taught that the purpose of life is to connect with God and to live a life of meaning and purpose. He emphasized the importance of meditation, prayer, and other spiritual practices for achieving this goal.

Rubin also taught that Judaism is a religion of love and compassion. He believed that Jews should be actively involved in working for social justice and peace.

The Shalom Center

The Shalom Center in Philadelphia was a central part of Rubin's work. The center offered a wide range of programs and activities, including meditation classes, workshops on Jewish renewal, and social action projects.

The Shalom Center has been a major influence on the Jewish renewal movement. It has trained hundreds of rabbis and teachers, and its programs have reached thousands of people around the world.

Legacy

Rabbi Shalom Jeremiah Abba Rubin was a visionary leader who dedicated his life to renewing and revitalizing Judaism. His teachings and practices have had a profound impact on the Jewish community and beyond.

Rubin's legacy continues through the Shalom Center and the many students and followers who have been inspired by his teachings.

Rabbi Shalom Jeremiah Abba Rubin was a remarkable rabbi, mystic, and pioneer of Jewish renewal. His teachings and practices have helped to bridge the gap between spirituality, tradition, and modernity in Judaism. Rubin's legacy will continue to inspire and guide Jews and non-Jews alike for generations to come.

Further Reading

- * Shalom Jeremiah Abba Rubin, "The Way of the Mystic: A Jewish Journey"
- * Shalom Jeremiah Abba Rubin, "The Gates of Prayer: A Guide to Jewish Meditation"
- * Shalom Jeremiah Abba Rubin, "The Jewish Way: A Guide to Living a Meaningful Jewish Life"



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