

TEMPLE ISRAEL UNIVERSITY

Temple Israel welcomes
One remarkable man. Two incredible nights.

Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg

The Jewish Twelve Steps to Perfect the World

Judaism's vision of a world made perfect has transformed the history of humanity more than any other idea. It has unleashed a thousand liberation movements – spiritual, political, and social. Christianity, Islam, and modern Western cultures would be inconceivable without the shaping force of these Jewish teachings. These two presentations will try to portray the Jewish vision of perfecting the world and how to go about achieving it.

Sunday, September 14

7:30 pm

Ettelson-Wax Hall

"Choose Life"

In the Jewish vision, the future perfected world will be established by a victory over all the enemies of life—poverty, hunger, oppression, discrimination, war, and sickness. Undertaking and achieving this requires the driving force of love backed by commitment.



Monday, September 15

7:30 pm

Ettelson-Wax Hall

"Human All The Way"

The world cannot be perfected in one day—or even in one lifetime. That is why the Jewish religion places so much emphasis on education and transmission of the values to the next generation.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg is an influential theologian who has written extensively on post-Shoah theology, on the relationship of Judaism and Christianity, and on the ethics of power and religious/cultural issues of pluralism after the Holocaust. An ordained Orthodox rabbi, a Harvard Ph. D. and scholar, Rabbi Greenberg has been a seminal thinker in confronting the Holocaust as an historical transforming event and Israel as the Jewish assumption of power and the beginning of a third era in Jewish history. A pioneer in Holocaust education and theology and in the Jewish-Christian dialogue which sought to revise theology in light of the Shoah, his writings include *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*, *Living in the Image of God: Jewish Teachings to Perfect the World*, and *For the Sake of Heaven and Earth: The New Encounter between Judaism and Christianity*.

