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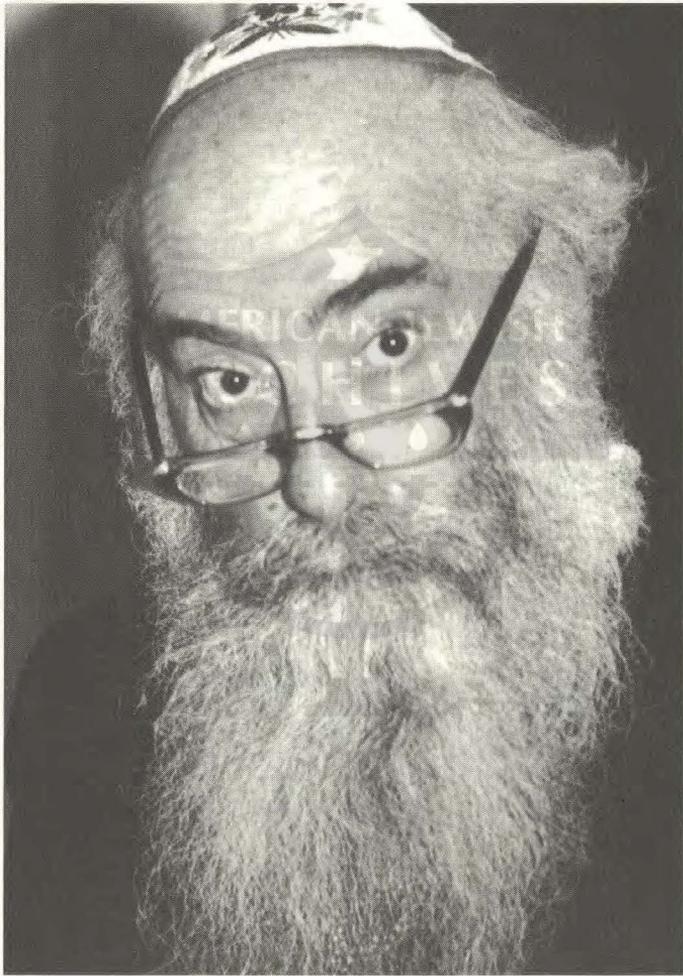
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MY PERSONAL CREDO - MY CENTRAL MESSAGE

I believe in the uniqueness of the Jewish people. We share the quality of human-ness with all others yet we are quite different in so many ways. If we were not different, we probably would have disappeared, as have all the others who started on the path of history when we did. You know the three elements of our uniqueness. First there is the covenantal nature of our birth as a nation, in which we were linked to a God and a moral code. Next, there is our acceptance of an eternal destiny through the concept of redemption by a Messiah, in which a better world would be born for all humans to enjoy. Lastly, there came the notion that the moral Covenant and the Messianic redemption must also be linked with a specific Land - a homeland-gained and lost, gained and lost - but the very yearning for which provided the strength to endure the passage of the centuries. Now the land is gained again, in our own time, and we hope, for all time. How miraculous!

I believe in Judaism's gift to humanity. Alongside our uniqueness and separateness and particularity as a special people, we possess a quality of universalism in its fullest measure. We are a people which truly believes in the equality of all persons; our sacred books stress that all human beings come from one God.

I believe the Diaspora is an integral part of the creative genius of the Jewish people, and our history offers plentiful proof of this thesis. The Diaspora has been a fruitful hinterland providing intellectual spark and charismatic personalities. The American Jewish future is cloudy, at the moment. If it finds its way and maintains its Jewish identity in the midst of unprecedented freedom and affluence, there is the possibility that it will outstrip all previous Diasporas in what it might achieve. So, here are the four seminal beliefs which have directed my deeds and ruled my life, now in its eighth decade: the Chosenness of the Jewish people; its linkage to a Land; its universal message for all mankind; and the creativity of its ever-loyal Diaspora.



William M. Kramer

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I was ordained in 1944 when Stephen S. Wise blessed me. Before that I had served as a full-time acting rabbi in St. Louis, MO and Pittsfield, MA. And that made me a rabbi. Actually, I've had a lot of jobs. I've been a university professor and a law professor and a seminary professor and a high school teacher and a religious school teacher. More specifically, I've taught at HUC-JIR (CA), where I was the founding chair of the School of Education at the LA campus, when it was up in the Hollywood Hills. Of tremendous help to me in developing my teaching career was Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk during his incumbency as Dean of HUC-JIR in LA, where he made me Adjunct Professor.

I've taught students at the University of Judaism, USC, UCLA, and a few other places, not to mention a couple of decades at California State University at Northridge, where I was a tenured senior professor. To be totally ecumenical, I chaired the committee for the State of California that accredited Yeshiva University of LA. I've picked up seven degrees and two licenses along the way, having attended college in Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, Indiana, Mexico City and California.

I've had other kinds of jobs, too, besides being a teacher. I sold neckties door-to-door in Springfield, IL, just before Father's Day. I was a dishwasher who graduated to salad man in Madison, WI. I was a camp counselor who woke the little boys at midnight so they wouldn't wet their beds in the Berkshires of MA. I sold hipboots to firemen in Cuyahoga County, OH, and I worked as a scab tour guide in Jerusalem (I wasn't licensed).

However, I have been licensed for many things. In 1965, I received a MFCC and I was a family therapist for many years in CA. I still keep my license current by taking in-service courses. I do the same thing to keep my license in force as an attorney in CA, having passed the bar in 1979. I am with the First Amendment firm of Fleishman, Fisher & Moest in Century City, where I worked on briefs for both the California and US Supreme Courts. I am a past member of AFTRA and currently of SAG, which leads me to note that I have been an actor, a commentator and a talk show host on TV. I did much the same on radio, including a stint on Kol Tzion La-Golah in Jerusalem. I've also

done a little "little theater" in my day, and I have appeared in videos. I received attention for the role that I played on TV as an Orthodox rabbi giving a Jewish divorce, a *get*, on "L.A. Law." I did a *shiva* call for the John Cassavetes movie, *Opening Night*. I was a Chasidic rabbi in an unhappy role for the movie *The Seventh Sign*. I did a bar mitzvah on the TV show "Sisters," a funeral on "Life Goes On," two more of the same on "Unsolved Mysteries," and on a Stephen Cannell pilot. I was the head of a *yeshiva* on an American Film Institute production. I was a congregational rabbi for Israeli TV and so on. I've even been on "Family Feud" as a family of rabbis playing a family of priests. And I played a *mohel* for a Bruce Springsteen video, but it ended up on the cutting room floor.

I have been a model, if not always a model person. My face has graced ads for yogurt and bagels and the fronts of T-shirts and the covers of greeting cards. I have been on the pages of periodicals and the walls of my temple and the walls of my temple members' households. Where I am most reproduced is in the bar and bat mitzvah and weddings albums and videos of all of the above.

When it comes to writing, I have been everything from associate editor to senior contributing editor, editorial writer, and columnist for the *Heritage* chain of papers. I've been a writer, too, for a lot of other news publications, such as the *Jerusalem Post*, the *St. Louis Modern Review*, the *Muncie Evening Press* and the *Los Angeles News*. In addition to *Heritage*, I am currently writing articles for the *Guardian of the Jewish Home for the Aging*, and I'm editor and publisher of *Western States Jewish History*, to which everyone should subscribe. I also had ten years as a columnist on the culture of the law of the attorney's *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and its companion paper in San Francisco. Among the magazines for which I've written are the *Reconstructionist*, the *Colour Magazine of the London Jewish Chronicle*, the *Jewish Digest*, the *Jewish Spectator*, *Western States Jewish Historical Quarterly*, *California History*, *Southern California Historical Journal* and various academic journals in various fields with various offerings, including essays, poetry, short stories and articles, popular and scientific.

My first journalism job was at age 14, when I edited the *Temple Trumpeteer* of the Temple on the Heights in Cleveland. Two years later, I wrote a weekly column for the neighboring throw-away and covered

police court and the City Council for the old Scripps Howard *Cleveland Press*. I was Managing Editor of Cleveland Heights High School's *Black and Gold*.

I have been hobbled with hobbies and collected collections. I am definitely a booknik. I developed the largest private collection in English, including volumes and fugitive clippings, on Jews in art and Jews of the West. It was at the Chicago World's Fair, back in 1932 or 1933 that I first began collecting Judaica. I have collected paintings and prints, Palestine-Israel memorabilia, calendar plates and Blue Willow china and a raft of Jewish ceremonial objects.

A lot of those things are in museums now, including my German Expressionist collection and more at Los Angeles County Museum, a few things at the Magnes Museum in Berkeley, and a heap of stuff at the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles. By the way, I am a life member honoree of the Society for Religious Architecture and an AIA affiliate.

So how did I get to be a rabbi? At age four I made up my mind when I was a student of the late Rabbi Philip Jaffa at the Westside Synagogue in Cleveland. A thousand years later we were colleagues together when I was a *locum tenens* in Phoenix. The hero of my childhood was Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. My rabbinical leanings were also reinforced by Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver, Barnett Brickner, Abraham Novak and Rudolph Rosenthal in Cleveland. At age 13 my parents, Jeanette and Simon, took me from Cleveland to New York to see Dr. Wise regarding finding me a sibling through his adoption service. It did not work out, but Wise did bless me and announced to my parents that I should become a rabbi.

In 1934, after my Bar Mitzvah, in the midst of the Depression, my prospering parents took me to Jerusalem. There they went to the Jewish Agency to see the family entries in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. It was the great HaRav Kuk who got the book out for us, and he also blessed me and told my folks I would become a rabbi. My father was raised speaking Swedish among the miners in Grassflat, Pennsylvania, where he was born. My mother was the daughter of a Tennessee moonshiner who lived for a while in a log cabin outside Nashville or Memphis. Me, I was born on Isaac Mayer Wise's birthday, March 29, 1920 in a Lutheran hospital in Cleveland.

With Reform and Orthodox agreement by two rabbis who were both rationalist and mystic, I was "kismet-ed." Maybe their prayers helped my mother, who thereafter bore my late brother Ernest, college professor, psychotherapist and father of three whom I love.

I went to Western Reserve University, now Case Western. There I was a member of Phi Sigma Delta, now Zeta Beta Tau. I got through it in three years and received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History in 1940. I got my masters from the same school in 1946 in School Administration with a minor in Social Work. Following receiving my BA from Western Reserve I hedged by applying to graduate school in education, library science, social work and law. However, I was accepted by the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, headed by Dr. Wise. I was accelerated there as well because of World War II.

Before my 23rd birthday in 1943, totally unprepared, I became an acting rabbi at Temple Israel of St. Louis, and I have spent the last 50 years studying at least three hours a day to make up for it. That includes the years when I engaged a *melamed* to come to the office at Silver's Cleveland Temple, where I rabbied to fill in the many lacunae in my rabbinic and linguistic resume. Subsequently, I received an earned Doctor of Hebrew Letters in 1965, and an unearned Doctor of Divinity in 1961, from the Hebrew Union College, into which JIR has been merged and submerged. Also in 1969, I was given extra-ordinem, my Master of Arts and Hebrew Letters from the same institution.

For my sins and virtues I have been a rabbi in pulpits in St. Louis, Missouri and Pittsfield, Massachusetts, with Silver in Cleveland, then in Muncie, Indiana, in San Pedro and Greater Los Angeles, and then in Phoenix, Arizona.

Of greater tenure was my decade at Temple Israel of Hollywood with the noted Rabbi Max Nussbaum, a brief transition at Fairfax Temple founded by my precious friend Rabbi Jacob Sonderling, and then and now more than a quarter of a century at Temple Beth Emet of beautiful downtown Burbank.

I have lectured in synagogues in various parts of the world, on land and at sea, and I have been a volunteer civilian chaplain at military camps and prisons and Scout Jamborees.

Organizationally, I have volunteered for many groups, including the Jewish Agency in Israel, the Skirball Museum, the Los Angeles

Jewish Community Library and various professional organizations. I have served as President of the Southern California Association of Liberal Rabbis, the Western States Jewish History Association and the Western Association of Temple Educators. Among many vice presidencies was that of the Southern California Jewish Historical Society.

At Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, an amazing degree of mutual tolerance has existed. They put up with my *meshugas* and I put up with theirs. They elicit and accept spirituality from me and I grow in devotion in their midst. Rabbi Mark Sobel, my associate rabbi, is special to me, like a son.

My current affiliations include volunteering at HUC-JIR under the leadership of dedicated Vice-President Uri Herscher. I am also the Louis and Florence Ross Visiting Professor in Art for Lee College of the University of Judaism. I remain editor and publisher of *Western States Jewish History*, columnist for the *Heritage* chain of newspapers, and *The Guardian*. This work along with my affiliation with the law firm of Fleishman, Fisher and Moest, gives me fields of service and satisfaction.

I have been one of the lucky ones. In the non-Orthodox rabbinate, which I know best, retirement between ages 61 and 65 is the norm. Dropouts are no exception. I am still challenged by Torah and Temple after half a century. My dear friend, Rabbi Jacob Sonderling, *alav-ha-shalom*, preached until age 86. That appeals to me.

I have also been the family rabbi. I have been twice married and twice blessed, and even more, I have had two families, that of Joan and that of Betty (with assorted delicious grandchildren) and in this is love over terrain that includes California, Florida, New Jersey, New York and Jerusalem. My wife Betty was the recipient of an HUC-JIR honorary doctorate on May 9, 1994 at Los Angeles and I was a participant. I have a great many friends - people like those already mentioned and others who erase the distinction between loving friends and loving family.

I can't imagine leaving the pulpit except for *Aliyah*. I am still dreaming dreams and planning plans. I still expect to see dreams come true and plans realized, please God. I hope I have pleased God and never embarrassed Him. He is my challenge when I succeed, and my comfort when I fail.



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b. Troy, NY, June 4, 1919. Son of David & Rose (Lasker) Saperstein. B.A., Cornell University, 1940; Ordained JIR, 1944; M.A.H.L., HUC-JIR, D.D. (hon.); M.A., Family Ed & Counseling, Teachers College, Columbia U.; M.S.W., Adelphi U. m. Jan. 30, 1944, Leah Fromberg. 1943-46, Athens, GA - Rabbi, Cong. Children of Israel; Director, Hillel Foundation, U. of GA; J.W.B., Civilian Chaplain, Navy Pre-Flight School. 1946-49, Champaign-Urbana, IL - Rabbi, Sinai Temple; Director, Hillel Foundation. 1949-57, Pontiac, MI - Rabbi, Temple Beth Jacob; Chaplain, Pontiac State Hosp. 1957-84, Merrick, NY - Rabbi, Temple Beth Am. As of 1988, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Beth Am. 1988 - Present, Longboat Key, FL - Rabbi, Temple Beth Israel. Counseling - Blanton-Peale Graduate Inst. Director & Instructor: Advanced Training Program for Rabbinic Counselors; Peninsula Counseling Center, Lawrence, Director & Counselor: Bereavement Support Center; Southeast Nassau Guidance Center, Seaford, Therapist: Individual & Interpersonal Problems; Marital & Family conflict, Drug & Alcohol Abuse; Counseling Center, New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, Therapist: Individuals, Couples & Families; Private Practice, Merrick, Therapist: Individuals, Couples & Families. Professional Organizations - National Assn. of Social Workers; American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy. Community Activities - Board of Governors, New York Board of Rabbis; Chairman, Committee on Religion & Health of Central Conference of American Rabbis; Committee on Religion & Psychiatry of Central Conference of American Rabbis; Executive Board, Central Conference; Committee on the Unaffiliated, C.C.A.R.; Executive Board & Treasurer, New York Association of Reform Rabbis; Executive Board & Vice-President, Long Island Association of Reform Rabbis. Civic Activities - President, Merrick Clergy Council; Task Panel on Community Support systems, President's Commission on Mental Health; Advisory Council of State Commission on Human Rights; Nassau County Youth Board; President, Merrick Brotherhood Council; Commissioner for Public Housing, Pontiac, MI; Board of Directors, Family Service of Oakland County, MI; Vice President, Urban League of Pontiac, MI. Recipient - Urban League Service Award; George Washington Honor Medal from Valley Forge Foundation for sermons on democracy & human rights.

A PERSONAL STATEMENT

It may be because of the coincidence of my own Hebrew name and the name of the man who ministered to Moses, the model of all who are called “Rav”, that I have found inspiration for my rabbinic career in the first chapter of the Book of Joshua:

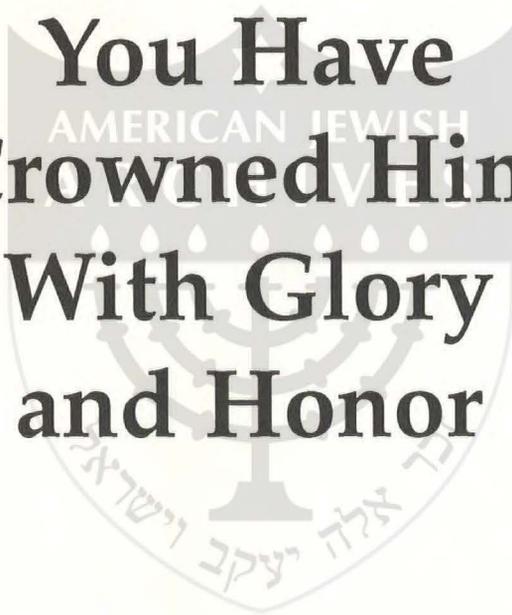
“This book of the law shall not depart out of their mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do.... Be strong and of good courage for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest.”

I do not claim to have observed the mitzvot to observe, to learn and to teach sufficiently and adequately. They have, nevertheless been a compass on my rabbinical journey, so that, at least I have been aware when I drifted off course.

Moreover, those bracing imperatives “chazak ve-ematz” have helped me when, in the capacity of spiritual leader of my congregation or as spokesman for my people, I have been tempted by those ancient enemies that lurk alongside every rabbi’s path: discouragement, timidity, compromise, self interest.

Finally, out of the cluster of roles that constitute the rabbinate, each of us must make a decision about which are to be primary. For me, that passage from the book of Joshua defines a major emphasis of my rabbinic career: a mandate to transmit to the individuals, families and groups in my care the assurance that there is inherent in our Jewish heritage and implicit in the faith that there is One who is with us wherever we go—an abundant source of strength and courage for life.

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31 March 1994

Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens
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Re: Honorary Membership

Dear Elliot,

You suggested several items you would like to have for inclusion in a program brochure, or any other usage, during the "ceremony" at the convention:

1. Biographical sketch and photo - I think these have already been sent to you (including a bio in "Who's Who" form). If not additional copies enclosed.
2. A couple of paragraphs of personal credo - herewith enclosed
3. A scriptural verse which encapsulates the spirit of your rabbinate - herewith enclosed
4. A data sheet - enclosed

I would plan to arrive in Chicago on Sunday, May 29, and remain through Monday, May 30. At what hotel should I stay, or doesn't it make any difference to you? And could you give me chapter and verse as to where I should be when? That would be most helpful. Incidentally, all expenses are borne by me.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Herbert A. Friedman

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FRIEDMAN, HERBERT A., rabbi, educator, fund raising executive; b. New Haven, Sept. 25, 1918; s. Israel and Rae (Aaronson) F.; children from previous marriage: Judith, Daniel Stephen, Joan Michal; m. Francine Bensley, June 28, 1963; children—David Herbert, Charles Edward. B.A., Yale U., 1938; M.H.L., Jewish Inst. Religion, 1943; D.D. (hon.), Hebrew Union Coll., 1969. Ordained rabbi, 1944. Rabbi Temple Emanuel, Denver, 1943-52, Milw., 1952-55; exec. chmn. Nat. United Jewish Appeal, N.Y.C., 1955-75; pres. Am. Friends of Tel Aviv U., N.Y.C., 1982-85; pres. Wexner Heritage Found, 1985—. Author: Collected Speeches, 1971. Served as chaplain (capt.) U.S. Army, 1944-47, ETO. Mem. Central Conf. Am. Rabbis. Club: Yale (N.Y.C.). Home: 500 E 77th St Apt 2519 New York NY 10162 Office: Wexner Heritage Found 551 Madison Ave New York NY 10022

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To: Rabbis Herbert A. Friedman, William M. Kramer and Sanford Saperstein

Dear Herb, William and Sanford:

I'm writing to you on the approaching occasion of your induction into honorary membership in the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which we will celebrate at our forthcoming convention in Chicago. As you may have seen in the draft convention program, we will recognize your 50 years in the rabbinate on Monday evening, May 30th, in the context of a Ma-ariv service at Temple Sholom in Chicago. I do hope that we will see all three of you at the convention.

The CCAR has established a modest travel fund to help subvent your expenses in attending, if that would be helpful. The fund provides for grants of up to \$300.00 each. Please let me know if you would like to tap into this resource. Your registration fee, of course, is waived, as an incoming honorary member.

We would like to add a section on to the convention program with a biographical summary and photograph, approximately per the enclosed example. If you can submit a resume along these lines, along with a black and white glossy photo, that would be fine.

Additionally, the Executive Board cordially invites you with your spouses to join us for dinner on Sunday evening, May 29th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you will return the enclosed form appropriately completed, I would be grateful.

Again, I look forward to welcoming you at the convention, and congratulate you on this approaching milestone.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,



Elliot L. Stevens

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Dear Herbert,

Following my recent correspondence to you concerning your forthcoming induction into honorary membership in the CCAR, the Program Committee has just held a meeting, primarily to begin planning the Israel convention, with some discussion of details in Chicago.

The committee felt that we should do more by way of introducing our incoming honorary members to our colleagues than has been done during the past several years, and that the publication of biographies and photos should be in a separate booklet rather than as an adjunct to the convention program. Moreover, the committee felt strongly that we should ask for a paragraph or two from each honoree as a personal prose statement conveying to our colleagues something of what you have tried to emphasize in your rabbinate, or if there is a central message which you can highlight. Some years ago, this was done by asking honorees to choose a verse of Torah or rabbinic literature which somehow encapsulated the spirit of their rabbinate and a description of why they chose that particular verse or text. We would publish these together with your biographical entry as a separate booklet, together with your classmates, which would be distributed at the convention.

If you will be able to let me have this by April 1, I would be most grateful.

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