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Isaac Joseph, tribute at funeral of, 1926.

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Absorbed though he was in the exacting tasks of a modern business man, he yet found time for the cultivation of the arts, for the enrichment of his mind through contact with the best of word and thought which the master minds of mankind have bequeathed unto us, and for the acquisition of those qualities which bring an added charm to our days, and the zest and romance of imperishable youth.

Mr. Joseph was in the finest sense of the term a creative amateur of the intellectual and the aesthetic. He pursued truth and beauty out of his sheer love of them. He therefore had more than one world in which to live - the work-a-day world of our vocations and that other world which we fashion out of thought and beauty and dreams, out of the high adventures of the spirit and the whispered songs of the heart.

Isaac Joseph preempted from his vocation and associations also for public service. For many years he was actively identified with the organized philanthropic life of our community as co-worker and leader, ~~and~~ ~~times~~ Every human cause in our community enjoyed Mr. Joseph's generosity -

At all times a cloudless vision and a catholicity of sympathy characterized all his counsels, which we eagerly sought, and which he as eagerly gave. Beneath the deliberation of his judgment and the calm of his manner, one could always find the warm heart, quick with response to human want, full of kindness and love.

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Words of Tribute spoken by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

At the Funeral of Mr. Isaac Joseph

June Twentieth, 1926

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May his soul continue its Song of Ascent through the unending years, seeking the dwelling place of Him, in whose presence there is no death.