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Ethical concepts of Maimonides, 1954.

# MAIMONIDES

A Commemoration of the 750th Anniversary  
of His Death



מאמר דברי חיות

1135 - 1204 A.D.

THE CLEVELAND MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
11000 Euclid Avenue

DECEMBER 13, 1954

The Auditorium

8:30 P.M.

## MOSES, SON OF MAIMON

As philosopher, physician, religious leader and scientist, the work and the memory of Moses Maimonides have endured through the seven and a half centuries that have rolled by since his death. Born in Cordova, Spain, on March 30, 1135, Moses, son of the renowned Rabbi Maimon of Cordova, was destined for a career which was remarkable for its wide range and its scholarly searching for scientific truths.

His treatises were related to many and varied subjects, such as diet, logic, and the Jewish calendar. He produced a commentary on the Talmud containing the thirteen Articles of Faith. He arranged the Jewish Law and wrote a world-famous masterpiece, the "Guide for the Perplexed."

As physician to the Court of Saladin, his duties were taxing, but he managed to devote a portion of his time to his spiritual duties as chief rabbi of Egypt. Worn from his effort to respond to the constant demands made upon him in the varied fields in which he was a zealous leader, Maimonides still strove through years of failing strength to aid those who sought his help. Of him an Arab poet sang:

"Galen's art heals only the body,

But Abu-Imram's [Maimonides'] the body and the soul.

He could heal with his wisdom the sickness of ignorance."

Maimonides died at the age of 69. His remains were taken to Tiberias, where his last resting place has become a center of pilgrimage through the passing centuries.



## PROGRAM

ADDRESS OF WELCOME -----ROBERT M. STECHER, M.D.  
*President, The Cleveland Medical Library Association*

MAIMONIDES, PHILOSOPHER AND PHYSICIAN---GEORGE SARTON, Ph.D.  
*Professor Emeritus of the History of Science, Harvard University*

THE ETHICAL CONCEPTS OF MAIMONIDES--RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
*The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio*

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Refreshments and Social Hour in the Powell Room

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Exhibit of the Works of Maimonides

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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MAIMONIDES

"I live in Fustat, a distance of some three miles from the Sultan in Cairo. My medical ministrations to the Sultan is very taxing. I visit him early each morning. When he or his children or any member of his harem falls ill, I dare not leave Cairo, but must spend most of the day at the palace. Should some officers become indisposed, I must also attend them. So I set out for Cairo very early each day, and even if all are well, I seldom get home until late in the afternoon. Then I am almost starved, but I confront a crowd of patients awaiting me: Jews and non-Jews, nobles and common folk, judges and officers, friends and foes. So I dismount, wash my hands and appeal to this crowd to bear with me just a little longer while I partake of some food, the only meal I take all day. Then I begin my care of the ill, writing prescriptions and giving instructions for healing. Far into the night they come and go. I keep examining, talking, and prescribing until I drop on my bed from sheer exhaustion. . . ."

*From a letter written September 30, 1199.*