

HERSCHEL SCHACTER

Lecturer

Rabbi

World Traveller



Rabbi Herschel Schacter, whose significant revelations of Life Behind the Iron Curtain this past summer were widely heralded, just returned from Austria where he served as a Special Religious Advisor to the Hungarian Jewish refugees who fled across the borders in search for freedom. Appointed by the American government, he accompanied a naval transport of these stricken yet heroic men, women and children to the blessed shores of the United States. His remarkable on-the-spot experiences on this great mission of mercy provide a stirring sequel to his dramatic and selfless work of rescue among thousands of the charred remnants of Hitler's inferno during his distinguished service as an American Army Chaplain in World War II.

Rabbi Schacter undertook this important assignment shortly after his return from his historic journey through most of Eastern Europe, where he studied intensively, for seven weeks, the status of Jews and Judaism under the Communist regimes. As a member of the Rabbinical Council of America Delegation, he and his colleagues were the first American rabbis to enter the Soviet Union since the Communist Revolution. They carefully surveyed Jewish life not only in many cities and towns in Russia, but in Romania, Czechoslovakia and Poland as well. Rabbi Schacter came face-to-face with the stark and often bitter realities of Jewish life in Nazi Germany, in the countries behind the Iron Curtain and now among the fleeing refugees in Austria. His eloquent presentation of his keen insights and penetrating analyses of much that is happening in the world today will surely be of stimulating interest to his audience.

TOPICS

1. *I Seek My Brethren*
From Nazi Germany through the Iron Curtain to Hungarian Refugees in Austria
2. *After 40 Years — The Status of Jews and Judaism in Russia*
3. *Is Communist Rule Everywhere Alike?*
A comparative study of Jewish life in the Soviet Union, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Poland
4. *The Saga of Jewish Resistance to Tyranny in the Modern World*

One of the prominent leaders of the younger American Orthodox Rabbinate, Rabbi Schacter is endowed with a rich background of religious and secular learning supplemented by intimate experience with many of the epoch-making events of our day. As Chairman of the Israel Commission of the Rabbinical Council, he toured and studied Israel at the invitation of the Israeli Government and is an active leader in Zionist affairs.

During his years of distinguished service as an American Army Chaplain, Rabbi Schacter advanced through battle-scarred Germany and was the first Jewish Chaplain to enter notorious Buchenwald concentration camp. He was indeed a fighting man's fighting Chaplain—a man who was in the midst of the bitter struggle for democracy, for survival, for life itself.

A gifted orator and eloquent preacher, Rabbi Schacter is the spiritual leader of the Mosholu Jewish Center, Bronx, New York, and is a graduate of Yeshiva University, where he later taught. His dynamic personality and stimulating addresses in many parts of the United States and Canada have won for him national acclaim.

Comments from Coast to Coast Audiences!

"His ringing challenge echoed throughout the hall and stirred his audience."

EDWARD M. KAHN, *Executive Secretary
Atlanta Jewish Welfare Fund, Atlanta, Ga.*

"Did a superlative job in Buffalo. He is an emotional speaker who rings the hearts of those listening to him whether they be men or women."

A. S. ROSICHAN, *Executive Director
United Jewish Fund, Buffalo, N. Y.*

"In the opinion of many who heard him he was the most effective speaker we had during the whole campaign. His presentation was such as to bring tears into the eyes of all who heard him."

BENJAMIN WOLF, *Executive Director
Richmond Jewish Community Council*

"Herschel Schacter gave a highly emotional and very effective presentation of the picture of the needs and suffering of the remnants of European Jews. The audience was carried away by his sincerity and eloquence."

BENJAMIN B. ROSENBERG, *Executive Director
The Jewish Community Council of Dayton, Ohio*

"Is without a doubt one of the most adaptable speakers I have ever known. To start with, he is especially eloquent and extremely forceful, but what is most important, he can adapt his style and his pace to the special requirements of each new situation. If ever there was a speaker who consistently surpasses expectations, it is he."

EPHRAIM R. GOMBERG
Allied Jewish Appeal, Philadelphia, Pa.