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"The first Christians were Jews, and thought of themselves as Jews; it is therefore impossible to understand Christianity without tracing its Judaic roots."

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Biography

Susannah Heschel's scholarship focuses on Jewish-Christian relations in Germany during the 19th and 20th centuries. Susannah Heschel, daughter of Rabbi Abraham

Joshua Heschel, has written and lectured frequently on Jewish issues, served for several years as the co-chair of Tikkun, with Michael Lerner and Cornel West, and sits on the advisory board of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom (the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace), and is a member of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Prof. Heschel has served as a visiting professor at Princeton University and the University of Cape Town, and has held the Martin Buber visiting professorship in Jewish religious philosophy at the University of Frankfurt. In 1997-98 she was a fellow at the National Humanities Center. Since 1999, Prof. Heschel has served on the Academic Advisory Committee of the Research Center of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In 1992 she spoke on Judaism and the environment at the 1992 UN Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro, and in 1994 at the UN Conference on Population and Development, in Cairo. She has been a commentator on the Jim Lehrer News Hour and a contributor to *The Nation*, *Dissent*, and *Commentary*. She received an honorary doctorate from Colorado College in 2005 and will receive an honorary doctorate in the spring of 2008 from the Augustana Theologische Hochschule, in Bavaria.

Resources by this expert

- *The Aryan Jesus: Christians, Nazis and the Bible* (Princeton University Press, 2007)
- *Betrayal: German Churches and the Holocaust*, (editor) with Robert P. Ericksen (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1999)
- *Insider/Outsider: American Jews and Multiculturalism*, (editor) with David Biale and Michael Galchinsky (University of California Press, 1998)
- *Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus* (University of Chicago Press, 1998)
- *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays of Abraham Joshua Heschel*, (editor) Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1997
- *On Being a Jewish Feminist* (Schocken, 1995)

Recent Interviews & Articles

- *The Forward*, May 4, 2007, "Jewish Jesus Conference Asks, 'Who Invited You?'"
- *The New York Sun*, May 1, 2007, "Jesus and the Jews"
- *The New York Sun*, April 24, 2007, "It May Not Be 1938, but Threats Are Real"
- *Newsweek*, December 18, 2006, "Nativity Of The Jews; We came into being with a collective responsibility. Together, we work and wait."

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