

Reinterpretation of Jewish law urged by scholar

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Reinterpretation of the Torah, Jewish law, can help mankind deal with the modern problems of thermonuclear war and extremes of wealth, said Arthur Waskow, prominent Jewish lecturer.

Through a reinterpretative process called midrash, contemporary scholars try to "make the teachings relevant in the modern world," Waskow said yesterday in a speech co-sponsored by The Office of Religious Affairs and B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Waskow paralleled the threat of nuclear war with the scriptural story of Noah and the Flood because the flood story is the only one that deals with the possibility of the destruction of all life.

Although God sent a rainbow as a sign that He would never again destroy the world by flood, Waskow said there is no guarantee that mankind won't destroy itself with a flood of fire from nuclear weapons.

Waskow said that just as Noah was instructed to protect the animals, so is everyone today charged to save all life, which means the earth must be protected.

He said also that the thought of war implies winners and losers, but that nuclear war is not war because no one wins or loses. Instead, he said, nuclear war is a holocaust, "the all-burning, the universal ruining."

Comparing the nuclear threat to the Jewish Holocaust, Waskow said, "The two superpowers have 50,000 portable Auschwitzes between them."

Waskow said the promise of the rainbow was that "the cycles of life will be renewed and will continue."

He stressed that these cycles include a time of rest and reflection but that people in the modern age have forgotten the power of renewal.

Along with the concept of renewal, Waskow discussed the world's problem with extremes of wealth and poverty. He cited Leviticus, Chapter 25, which says that every seven years the land should remain unplanted and that all debts should be annulled. Furthermore, the book says that every 50 years, all existing money should be equally distributed among the people.

Taking this command literally, Waskow advocates that every seventh year, all technological research and development should stop so that researchers could assess their progress and goals. He said also that any concentration of wealth more than, for example, 49 years old or totaling \$4.9 million, should be distributed among the masses.

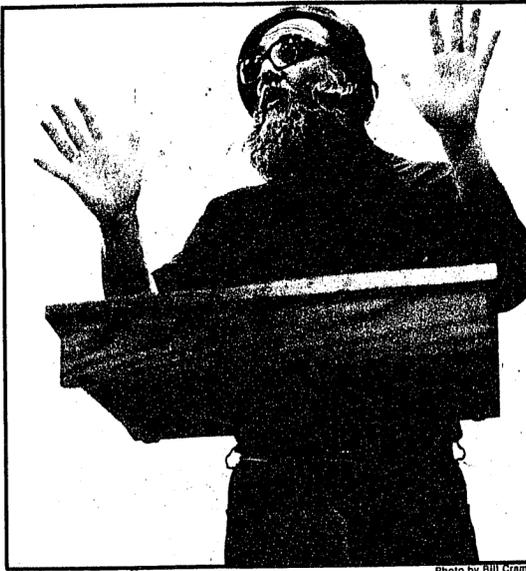
Waskow also discussed the role of religion in the world today.

"The religious traditions now have a more important role in shaping our destiny than they have since the beginning of time, he said."

He explained that within the past 400 or 500 years, as concepts such as industrialism, liberalism and socialism became prominent, religion became directed at individuals, rather than the world in general, because religious leaders didn't believe religion could compete.

But in the past generation, religion has become more important in world issues, Waskow said.

He said this importance is not because industrialism, liberalism and socialism failed but, in a sad and perverse way, because they succeeded. He gave examples of Hiroshi-



Arthur Waskow

Photo by Bill Cramer

ma and Auschwitz.

Waskow also differentiated between religious restoration, which seeks to return to traditional lifestyles, and religious renewal, which looks to the future. He used the role of women as an example of the difference — those who favor restoration view women as subservient while renewalists see women as a vital part of the future.

Waskow said that his practice of

midrash attempts to incorporate the traditional and modern views into one.

Waskow, who edits "Menorah," a journal of Jewish renewal, was instrumental in beginning Rainbow Sign, a national celebration of Jewish customs, anti-nuclear campaigns and the renewal of life's cycles. This year's events will be held April 30-May 10, the anniversary of the Flood and the rainbow.

Racketball danger: Serious eye injury

Prof studies protective equipment

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Although racquet sports such as racquetball and squash have some very positive aspects, including a fast, exciting pace and affordable equipment, a University professor says they also have one serious disadvantage — eye injuries.

Chauncey Morehouse, professor of physical education, tested the effectiveness of eye protection offered by various commercial companies and submitted his findings to the American Society of Testing and Materials in Philadelphia. The result of his studies has been the establishment of a set of criteria which has been adopted by the society to evaluate eye protectors offered by different manufacturers.

The criteria established by this scale maintain that eye protectors should have snug fit, clear shields, lenses that will not scratch or pop out, and the strength to withstand impact-testing. These standards will aid in the implementation of higher safety standards on a national level, Morehouse said.

Morehouse, a member of the National Society to Prevent Blindness, began his research after he nearly lost the sight in his left eye because of injuries he sustained while playing racquetball.

"Any eye injury is serious,"

Morehouse said. He said eye injuries that seem relatively trivial initially may have serious consequences later. In fact, they may contribute to glaucoma, an eye disease that can lead to blindness.

Robert Eisenbraun, assistant professor of physical education, said eye protectors for University racket sports courses are not mandatory. If protectors were mandatory, the University would be held liable for any injuries which might occur while students are taking these courses, if the protectors were stolen or lost, he said.

Several different kinds of protectors have been made available by the University for student use — lensless eye protectors, sunglass-type with plastic lenses, and cage-type for people who already wear glasses.

Dick Pencek, activity head for racquetball and squash, said students are encouraged use of available protection, so those who wish to participate in these fast-paced and enjoyable sports may do so safely.

The testing and materials society plans to present Morehouse with its Award of Merit for his work.

Bill Hulse, stamp manager of society's committee on protective equipment for sports, said Morehouse will receive the award because of his work on this project.

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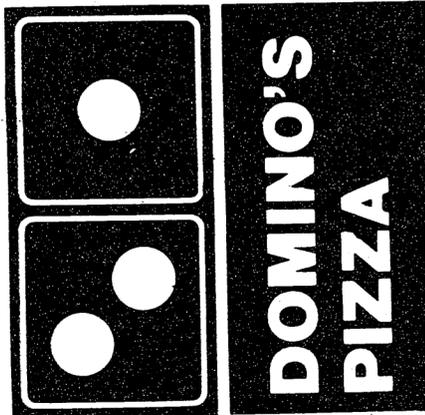
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