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University of St. Thomas Holds Inaugural Herzstein Lecture in Judaism

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas presents the Inaugural Herzstein Lecture in Judaism featuring a lecture by Rabbi Roy Walter titled "Abraham Joshua Heschel: A Philosopher for All Faiths." Abraham Joshua Heschel's life exemplified his belief that the relationship between God and humanity was at the heart of moral living. His life, along with his depth of learning, remarkable insight, graceful style of writing and universal message makes him one of the most widely read 20th century philosophers. This lecture will explore why his message continues to live into the 21st century and remains worthy of study.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2008; reception to follow lecture

WHERE: Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon (lecture);
Doherty Library, 1100 W. Main (reception)
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: Rabbi Roy Walter has served as the Senior Rabbi at Congregation Emanu El in Houston since 1978. He was president of Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, Inc. from 1996-1998 and also served as president of the Houston Rabbinic Association. In addition, he has served on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, Houston Metropolitan Ministries, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. Rabbi Walter is an adjunct faculty member at the University of St. Thomas, where he holds the position of Herzstein Lecturer, and currently sits on the board of the Institute for Religion and Health, the Dominic Walsh Dance Troupe and the AIDS Foundation. A native of Memphis, Rabbi Walter received a Bachelor of Arts from Tulane University and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

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The Herzstein Foundation continues the work of Albert and Ethel Herzstein by providing grants to charitable efforts that offer individuals opportunities for advancement through education and enrichment of the human spirit.

A reception will follow the lecture in the Doherty Library, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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