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THE JEWISH LEGAL HERITAGE SOCIETY (JLHS) aims to inculcate the Jewish nation with the ideals, ethics and values of Jewish law, by encouraging the Israeli public to recognize the relevance of Jewish law to modern society. For example, the Society shows how Jewish sources contend with issues—such as ecology, human rights, business ethics, privacy, and medical ethics—and provide proper solutions for contemporary dilemmas.

The JLHS's work infuses Jewish identity with profound content by providing a broad and embracing common base for the observant and non-observant alike. This platform serves as fertile ground for dialogue amongst divergent groups and aims at achieving Jewish unity. Providing access for all to the rich treasures of the Jewish legal tradition generates a renewed and meaningful sense of Jewish pride.

The Society creates this atmosphere by organizing seminars in which Jewish legal sources are studied and by conducting educational workshops in high schools throughout Israel. These workshops expose participants to classical Jewish sources bearing upon contemporary dilemmas.

Additionally, the Society undertakes research and publication on topics of Jewish law. The Society's publications include reference works, research tools and in-depth studies. To date, almost forty titles have been published with several already translated to English.

As a result of these studies, the Knesset has adopted principles of Jewish law in its legislation, and the Israeli courts have based numerous decisions on Jewish sources.

We believe that the Society could do much more to enhance the influence of Jewish values on Jewish society if only it had the financial wherewithal to do so. The nation of Israel can thus reach spiritual heights rooted in the wealth of Jewish law and become "a light unto the nations".

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