

RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS

PERSONAL DETAILS

- Born: 8 March 1948 (London, England)
- Married: Elaine
- Children: Joshua, Dina, Gila
- Grandchildren: Noa, Ari, Elisha, Gedalia, Zev, Ariella, Natan

ADDRESS

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EDUCATION (Secular)

- 1981: PhD (London)
- 1972: MA (Cantab)
- 1970-71: Research in Moral Philosophy, New College, Oxford (Supervisor – Philippa Foot)
- 1969-70: Rhonda Research Fellowship, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, Research in Moral Philosophy (Supervisor – Prof Bernard Williams)
- 1966-69: Moral Science (Philosophy) Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge - 1st Class Honours - awarded scholarship and Paton-Taylor prize

EDUCATION (Rabbinic)

- 1976: Semikhah (Rabbinic Ordination), Yeshivat Etz Hayyim, London
- 1976: (Rabbinic Ordination), Jews' College, London
- 1973-76: Jews' College, London
- 1969: Yeshivat Tomhei Temimim, Kfar Habad, Israel

APPOINTMENTS

- 2013-present: The Kressel and Ephrat Family University Professor of Jewish Thought, Yeshiva University, New York, USA
- 2013-present: The Ingeborg and Ira Rennert Global Distinguished Professor of Judaic Thought, New York University, USA
- 2013-present: Professor of Law, Ethics and the Bible, King's College, London
- 1998-2013: Visiting professor of theology and religious studies at King's College, London
- 2008-2013: Visiting professor at Birkbeck College, University of London
- 1998-2004: Visiting professor of Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 1996: Cook Lecturer, Universities, Oxford / St. Andrews and Edinburgh
- 1996: Honorary fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge
- 1993: Riddell Lecturer, Newcastle University
- 1991-2013: President, London School of Jewish Studies
- 1991-2013: President, Council of Christians and Jews
- 1989-90: Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Essex
- 1989: Sherman Lecturer, University of Manchester
- 1985-90: Recognised Teacher in Rabbinic Literature and Jewish Philosophy, University of London

- 1984-90: Principal, Jews' College, London
- 1984-87: Member, Theology & Religious Studies Board, CNA
- 1983-90: Director, Rabbinic Faculty, Jews' College, London
- 1982-90: Member, Board of Studies in Theology & Religious Studies, London University member, Philosophy Board, London University member, Board of Studies in Oriental Languages & Literature, London University
- 1982: First incumbent, Chief Rabbi Lord Jakobovits' Chair in Modern Jewish Thought, Jews' College, London
- 1973-76: Lecturer, Jewish Philosophy, Jews' College, London
- 1971-73: Lecturer, Moral Philosophy, Middlesex Polytechnic

APPOINTMENTS (Rabbinic)

- 1991-2013: Chief Rabbi, United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth
- 2000: Associate President, Conference of European Rabbis
- 1983-90: Rabbi, Marble Arch Synagogue, London
- 1978-82: Rabbi, Golders Green Synagogue, London

BROADCASTING

- Frequent radio and television broadcaster including on BBC Radio 4's *Thought for the Day*. The Chief Rabbi also broadcasts annually on BBC TV to mark the Jewish New Year (and has done this for the past 21 years).

HONOURS

- 2013: Honorary Doctorate, University of Salford
- 2013: Honorary Doctorate, Liverpool Hope University
- 2011: Honorary Doctorate, Aberdeen University
- 2011: Delivered the Invocation Prayer in the U.S. Senate
- 2011: Honorary Doctorate, Ben Gurion University
- 2010: Honorary Doctorate, Basel
- 2009: Made a Life Peer in the House of Lords as Baron Sacks of Aldgate in the City of London
- 2009: Honorary Doctorate, Roehampton University
- 2006: Doctor of Divinity, Heythrop College
- 2006: Made a Freeman of the City of London and the Borough of Barnet
- 2005: Knighted for his services to the community and to interfaith relations
- 2004: Honorary Doctorate, Leeds Metropolitan University
- 2004: Honorary Doctorate, Bar Ilan University
- 2001: Honorary Doctorate, Glasgow University
- 2001: Doctorate of Divinity conferred on the Chief Rabbi in September at Lambeth Palace by The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt. Hon Rev George Carey
- 2001: Honorary Bencher of Inner Temple
- 1998: Honorary Doctorate, St. Andrews University
- 1997: Honorary Doctorate, Yeshiva University, New York
- 1997: Honorary Doctorate, Liverpool University

- 1996: Honorary Doctorate, Haifa University, Israel
- 1996: Freeman of the Borough of Barnet
- 1993: Honorary Doctorate of Middlesex University
- 1993: Honorary Fellowship of King's College, London
- 1993: Honorary Fellowship of Gonville and Caius College
- 1993: Honorary Doctorate of Cambridge University

MAJOR LECTURES

- 2014: Delivered inaugural lecture at King's College London on "The Relevance of the Bible to Law and Ethics in Society Today" in London
- 2014: Delivered keynote address "In Defence of Religious Liberty" upon receiving The Canterbury Medal from The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty in New York
- 2014: Delivered keynote address at The American Jewish Committee's Global Forum on "The State of the Jewish World" in Washington D.C.
- 2014: Delivered the Eugene McDermott Lectures entitled "The Future of Faith: The Judeo Christian Ethic in the 21st Century" and "To Heal a Fractured World: The Challenge to Faith in the 21st Century" at the University of Dallas
- 2014: Delivered Inaugural Fritz Weitzmann Owens Memorial Lecture entitled "Dignifying Difference: The Next Generation of Multifaith Leadership" at the Of Many Institute for Multifaith Leadership at New York University
- 2013: Delivered address on "A Judaism Engaged with the World" at The Great Synagogue, Jerusalem
- 2013: Delivered address entitled "Religion and the Common Good" at The Agora Institute for Civic Virtue and the Common Good, part of the Templeton Honors College at Eastern University, Pennsylvania
- 2013: Delivered keynote address at the Jewish Federation of North America's General Assembly on "Vision-Driven Leadership in the 21st Century" in Jerusalem
- 2013: Delivered the Erasmus Lecture entitled "On Creative Minorities" for First Things in New York
- 2013: Keynote address at Jewish community 'Closer to Israel' rally in Trafalgar Square, London
- 2013: Delivered keynote address entitled "The Will to Life" at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2013: Delivered address at The Woolf Institute entitled "Trust and Trustworthiness", University of Cambridge
- 2013: Delivered address entitled "The 21st Century Challenge for Jews and Israel" at Tel Hai College, Israel
- 2012: Delivered the Robbins Collection Lecture in Jewish Law and Thought entitled "The Future of Judaism" at Berkeley Law, University of California
- 2012: Delivered keynote address at Princeton University entitled "Religion and Science"
- 2012: Delivered the Humanitas lectures entitled "Making Space: A Jewish Theology of the Other" at University of Oxford
- 2011: Delivered keynote address entitled "Has Europe Lost Its Soul?" at the Gregorian University, Rome

- 2011: Keynote address at the International Conference of Lubavitch-Chabad Shluchim, New York
- 2011: Delivered the Ebor Lecture on biblical insights into the good society
- 2011: Delivered the inaugural Pope Benedict XVI lecture at St Mary's University College, Twickenham
- 2011: Participated in President's Conference "Facing Tomorrow 2011" in Israel
- 2010: Delivered keynote welcome address at interfaith meeting on behalf of all faiths in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI as part of the Papal visit to the UK
- 2010: Lecture series on Difference and Democracy in the Post-Secular World, Institute of Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia
- 2010: Interfaith Summit on Happiness (with the Dalai Lama), Emory University, Atlanta
- 2009: Delivered the keynote Annual Lecture at Theos (think tank)
- 2009: World Economic Forum as part of the meeting with global religious leaders
- 2009: Address to Nexus Institute Amsterdam
- 2008: Address to plenary session of Lambeth Conference
- 2008: Address to the European Parliament
- 2008: Gifford Lecture, University of Edinburgh
- 2007: Nexus Lecture, Holland
- 2007: Kenan Distinguished Lecture in Ethics, Duke University
- 2002: Inter-Parliamentary Committee against Antisemitism, Foreign Office
- 2001: Faith Lectures
- 2001: Samuel Gee Lecture, The Royal College of Physicians
- 2000: Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious Leaders, United Nations
- 2000: Mais Lecture, City University
- 2000: St George's Lecture, Windsor Castle
- 1999: Address to a national Sikh conference at the Royal Albert Hall to mark the spring festival of Vaisakhi
- 1998: The Hayek Lecture, The Institute of Economics
- 1997: St Georges Lecture, Windsor Castle
- 1996: Cook Lectures, University of St. Andrews, University of Edinburgh and University of Oxford
- 1993: Warburton Lecture, Lincoln's Inn
- 1990: BBC Reith Lecturer entitled *The Persistence of Faith*
- 1989: Sherman Lecture, University of Manchester

PRIZES

- 2014: The Guardian of Zion Award for contribution to Diaspora Jewish life (Israel)
- 2014: The Katz Prize for contribution to the practical analysis and application of Jewish law in modern life (Israel)
- 2014: The Canterbury Medal for work in support of religious liberty from The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (USA)
- 2014: American National Jewish Book Award for *The Koren Sacks Pesach Machzor* (USA)
- 2013: The Sandford St Martin Trustees' Personal Award for advocacy of Judaism and religion in general (UK)

- 2011: Keter Torah Award, Open University (Israel)
- 2011: The Ladislaus Laszt Ecumenical and Social Concern Award, Ben Gurion University (Israel)
- 2010: The Abraham Kuyper Prize, Princeton Theological Seminary (USA)
- 2010: The Norman Lamm Prize, Yeshiva University (USA)
- 2009: American National Jewish Book Award for *Covenant & Conversation Genesis: The Book of Beginnings* (USA)
- 2004: The Grawemeyer Prize for Religion for *The Dignity of Difference* (USA)
- 2000: American National Jewish Book for *A Letter in the Scroll* (USA)
- 1995: Jerusalem Prize (Israel)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The following are Rabbi Sacks' books thus far:

- *The Koren Sacks Pesach Mahzor* (Koren, Jerusalem, March 2013)
- *The Koren Sacks Yom Kippur Mahzor* (Koren, Jerusalem, 2012)
- *The Koren Sacks Rosh Hashana Mahzor* (Koren, Jerusalem, 2011)
- *The Great Partnership: God Science and the Search for Meaning* (Hodder & Stoughton, London, 2011; Schocken, New York, 2012)
- *Covenant and Conversation: Exodus* (Koren, Jerusalem, 2010)
- *Future Tense* (Hodder, London, 2009; Schocken, New York, 2010)
- *Covenant and Conversation: Genesis* (Koren, Jerusalem, 2009)
- *The Koren (Sacks) Siddur* (Koren, Jerusalem, 2009)
- *The Home We Build Together* (Continuum, London, 2007)
- *The Authorised Daily Prayer Book* (HarperCollins, London, 2006)
- *To Heal A Fractured World* (Continuum, London; Schocken, New York, 2005)
- *From Optimism to Hope* (Continuum, London, 2004)
- *Rabbi Jonathan Sacks's Haggadah* (Harper Collins, London, Continuum, New York, 2003)
- *The Dignity of Difference* (Continuum, London / New York / Toronto, 2002)
- *Radical Then, Radical Now* (Continuum, London, 2001) - published in the USA as: *A Letter In the Scroll* (The Free Press, New York, 2000)
- *Celebrating Life* (Continuum, London, 2006)
- *Morals and Markets* (Occasional Paper 108) (Institute of Economic Affairs, London, 1998)
- *The Politics of Hope* (Vintage, London, 2000)
- *The Persistence of Faith* (Continuum, London, 2005)
- *One People: Tradition, Modernity and Jewish Unity* (The Littman Library, London, 1993)
- *Community of Faith* (Peter Halban, London, 1995)
- *Faith in the Future* (Darton, Longman and Todd, 1995)
- *Will We Have Jewish Grandchildren?* (Vallentine Mitchell, 1994)
- *Crisis and Covenant* (Manchester University Press, 1992)
- *Arguments for the Sake of Heaven* (Jason Aronson, 1991)
- *Tradition in an Untraditional Age* (Vallentine Mitchell, 1990)

In addition he has edited:

- *Orthodoxy confronts modernity* (Ktav, New York, 1991)
- *Tradition and Transition* (Jews College Publications, 1986.)
- *Torah Studies* (Kehot, New York, 1996)

In addition, a collection of essays has been published as a tribute to Rabbi Sacks. This book is *Radical Responsibility: Celebrating the Thought of Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks* (Maggid, 2013)

PUBLICATIONS (Articles – Selected List)

Numerous articles and pamphlets, a weekly article on biblical scholarship - Covenant & Conversation, plus a regular *Credo* column and comment pieces in *The Times*. His speeches in the House of Lords are published in Parliament's Hansard records. Some other recent articles include:

- On Creative Minorities (First Things, January 2014)
- If I Ruled The World (Prospect Magazine, July 2013)
- Atheism has failed; only religion can defeat the new barbarians (The Spectator, June 2013)
- What makes us human? (The New Statesman, April 2013)
- Published interview with The Carnegie Council for their Thought Leaders Forum (The Carnegie Council, March 2013)
- The Moral Animal (*The New York Times*, December 2012)
- The Jewish community could not exist for a day without its volunteers (*The Daily Telegraph*, October 2012)
- It is the end of a dangerous moral experiment (*The Times*, July 2012)
- The Europeans' skewed view of circumcision (*The Jerusalem Post*, July 2012)
- Seven principle of Jewish leadership (*The Jerusalem Post*, June 2012)
- The Queen is defender of all Britain's faiths (*The Times*, May 2012)
- The Limits of Secularism (*Standpoint*, January 2012)
- Has Europe lost its soul to the markets? (*The Times*, December 2011)
- The 9/11 attacks are linked to a wider moral malaise (*The Times*, September 2011)
- Ten years on (*Standpoint*, September 2011)
- Reversing the Decay of London Undone (*The Wall Street Journal*, August 2011)
- We've been here before and there is a way back (*The Times*, August 2011)
- Passover tells us: Teach your children well (*Huffington Post*, April 2011)
- Is academic freedom still honoured in British Universities (*The Jerusalem Post*, March 2011)
- Having pride in Britain protects all cultures (*The Times*, February 2011)
- The Pope will find more glory without power (*The Times*, September 2010)
- Even great science tells us nothing about God (*The Times*, September 2010)
- The Pope is right about the threat to freedom (*The Times*, February 2010)
- Self restraint is the essence of a free society (*The Times*, June 2009)
- Morals: the one thing markets do not make (*The Times*, March 2009)

- Giving and Belonging: The lesson Jews can offer new immigrants (*The Times*, October 2005)
- Why the highest form of charity is to find someone else a job (*The Times*, May 2005, book extract from *To Heal A Fractured World*)
- Holocaust survivors can remember without hating (*Daily Telegraph*, January 2005)
- Why does God allow terrible things to happen to His people? (*The Times*, January 2005)
- The BBC is listening (*The Jerusalem Post*, February 2004)
- Confronting evils of anti-semitism (*The Times*, January 2004)
- The true path to inner happiness (*Daily Mail*, December 2003)
- Israel has the right to live without fear and terror (*Evening Standard*, October 2001)
- The future of religion is at stake today, as much as the future of the West (*The Times*, October 2001)
- Human rights and wrongs (*The Jerusalem Post*, August 2001)
- Reproductive cloning is no substitute for humanity's perfect flaws (*The Times*, August 2001)