

RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Ushpizin are exalted guests invited into the sukkah during Sukkot. Each guest's life teaches a unique lesson expressing the spirit of the day. For Share Sukkot: Grow The Vote, our honored guests include Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Their lives differed greatly—Heschel was born in Warsaw in 1907, King in Atlanta in 1929—yet the impact of their work for social justice bridged that gap, inspiring the world. These friends and allies often spoke of each other as prophets. You may have seen R. Heschel quoted as saying that when he marched with Dr. King in Selma, Alabama, "I felt my legs were praying." He characterized the struggle for civil rights as "the test of our integrity, a magnificent spiritual opportunity." But did you know that Dr. King was invited to attend his first Passover seder at R. Heschel's home in April, 1968? He was murdered less than two weeks before Passover began. In this 1965 photo, R. Heschel is presenting the Judaism and World Peace award to Dr. King. May their memories be a blessing for all who love justice.

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