

Jews Tolerant of All Religions, Says Rabbi Lebendiger

"The Jew is tolerant of all religions," said Rabbi Israel Lebendiger in a sermon, "Judaism and Christianity," at the Adas Israel synagogue last night. "He looks upon Christianity and Mohammedanism as means by which God makes Himself known to mankind. At the same time he believes that he has the purest vision of God, unadulterated by any pagan elements."

"Christmas is the greatest compliment that the Christians could have bestowed upon the Jews. On that day they celebrate the birth of a Jew who brought us into contact with some of the important messages of Judaism. It is an irony of fate that one Jew should be worshipped by the world as the son of God while the rest of his race should be oppressed and persecuted."

"The death of Jesus is looked upon by Christian theologians as a necessary link in the scheme of things by which salvation was brought to mankind. The Jews look upon their martyrdom as a necessary feature in their assigned task of being the custodians of pure Monotheism."