



Rabbi Arthur Green

A Rabbi's Prayer

IN EARLY OCTOBER RABBI ARTHUR GREEN CAME TO THE PRIORY for a rich and meaningful visit. His gift of love and trust as well as his insight into the Neo-Hasidic renewal movement within Judaism made for a lively exchange.

Our common search for God was most beautifully expressed in a moving time of shared prayer. The psalms are the heart of our monastic prayer. As we sing the psalms each day, they become part of ourselves—truly sink into our bones. They really are a gift that comes from the Jewish people who wrote the psalms and have sung them for many centuries before the Church came into being.

During our Morning Prayer, after we sang each psalm in English using our contemporary melodies, Rabbi Green sang the psalm in the original Hebrew with the traditional melody of the Synagogue. It was a poignantly moving experience for all of us!

The exchanges with Rabbi Green touched on faith, values, vision and our own experience—a real nourishment that continually opens new questions and meanings in our common quest for God. As we rejoice in the deep friendship his teacher, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, and our founder, brother/Abbot Leo, had together, we recognize Rabbi Arthur as a true friend to our community, indeed a brother to us! ■



Weston brothers in conversation with Rabbi Green