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Correction

In the Fall 2007 issue there is an incomplete footnote on page 111. The complete text of note 111 is as follows:

“While Heschel engaged mainly in dialogue with Christianity, he may have already been aware of the potential help that may come to Judaism from engagement with eastern traditions. See Kasimow’s (Abraham Joshua Heschel and Interreligious Dialogue, p. 430) paraphrase of Heschel’s God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism (New York: Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1955), p. 15. Kasimow, however, has taken Heschel’s words a step beyond their original intention. See also Hartman, “Heschel: A Heroic Witness,” p. 191, n. 1.”

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