

## Hebrew Universalism: The Future Vision of Rav Kook

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In the late 19th century and early half of the 20th century, the world experienced significant ideological transformations, with the rise of both nationalist and universalist sentiments and their subsequent impact upon broader Jewish consciousness. Whereas most contemporary Orthodox rabbis at the time avoided or condemned such foreign influences on Jewish thought, Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook saw them as a Divine message and provided a theological framework to reconcile these two seemingly rival camps. Utilizing one of his most monumental texts,

Ch. 18—which expounds upon the

that exists within the Jewish nation—Rav Kook introduces a remarkable understanding of how one

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