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What makes a hero?

We use the word 'hero' quite often in our daily lives - we happily apply the term to Superman and Batman and Hogwarts attendees, even to regular people who do extraordinary things: Firefighters, those from the armed forces, policemen and women, brain surgeons, inventors and nurses. But do we really know what attributes one needs to be a true hero?

As part of Patron's 'Greatness Lecture Series' we were delighted to welcome Rabbi Joseph Dweck to speak on the seven attributes of a hero. The thought-provoking talk explored ancient teachings and how the Jewish faith perceives a hero – breaking it down to the following points. A true hero:

- Protects and cultivates human life;
- Takes responsibility for their actions understands kindness can be dangerous;
- Knows presentation matters – their message must be readily understood and appropriately received;
- Fights for what is right even if they are likely to lose;
- Doesn't wait for justice but actively chases it down;
- Knows some things are more important than they are;
- Understands the importance of context.

Rabbi Joseph Dweck is a highly respected Talmudic scholar, a recognised halakhic authority worldwide, and comes from an ancient rabbinic family. Since 2013, he has been the Leader and the Senior Rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish community, founded in 1657 as a consequence of a famous petition to Cromwell in the prior year, which reversed the expulsion of the Jewish community, by Edward I in 1290. Rabbi Dweck is a highly accomplished speaker. People of all faiths and cultures have enthusiastically received his deeply intellectual yet highly accessible and warmly inclusive lectures across the UK.

If you would like to listen to the full talk, please click [here](#).

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