

# I. L. Peretz

## Quotes

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Teacher, Heart, Worst, Eden, Might, Bricks, Dog, Garden, Hate, Benediction,  
Prayer*

Many refined people will not kill a fly, but eat an ox.

~I. L. Peretz

[About the diaspora] Canaan is too small for God's children. The Land of Israel will spread through all lands!

~I. L. Peretz

A people's memory is history; and as a man without a memory, so a people without a history cannot grow wiser, better.

~I. L. Peretz

In the second and third exiles we have served as a living protest against greed and hate, against physical force, against "might makes right"!

~I. L. Peretz

[About Jews] By nature we are like all other human beings, yet our people is unlike others, because our life is different, our history is different, our teacher is the Exile.

~I. L. Peretz

In this world it is very dangerous to be weak.

~I. L. Peretz

A letter depends on how you read it, a melody on how you sing it.

~I. L. Peretz

Prosperity may be found in small as in big business.

~I. L. Peretz

Ugliness is the greatest of all sins.

~I. L. Peretz

Youth is fair, a graceful stag, Leaping, playing in a park. Age is gray, a

toothless hag, Stumbling in the dark.

~I. L. Peretz

Don't look up to heaven, for what will you see in the sky, except stars, luminous but cold, wholly insensitive to pity?

~I. L. Peretz

Time is change, transformation, evolution.

~I. L. Peretz

A heap of bricks is not yet a house.

~I. L. Peretz

The worst dog gets the best bone.

~I. L. Peretz

To be of the eternal, you must be of the earth.

~I. L. Peretz

We take a drink only for the sake of the benediction.

~I. L. Peretz

If the husband sits on a chair in the Garden of Eden, his wife is his footstool.

~I. L. Peretz

It is not only individuals peoples too cannot live merely for themselves. The whole world must be redeemed.

~I. L. Peretz

A stranger's rose is but a thorn.

~I. L. Peretz

Prayer sometimes dulls the hunger of the pauper, like a mother's finger

thrust into the mouth of her starving baby.

~I. L. Peretz

Purim is the birthday of the first Schutz-Jude , the first Jewish toady to foreign royalty.

~I. L. Peretz

At the Throne of Glory it is not the nobly-born that are beloved, but the nobly-risen.

~I. L. Peretz

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