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Unlearned Lessons from the Bible

Bible Stories: Episode 3, Part 2 of American Jewish Music from the Milken Archive with Leonard Nimoy now streaming

Whether you take the Bible literally, see it entirely as metaphor, or any point in between, its enduring presence in culture is undeniably linked to its strong allegorical ability to teach lessons and resonate in every age.

We continue our streaming series of radio broadcasts with <u>Part 2 of Episode 3: "Bible Stories"</u> with another master work: <u>The Eternal Road</u>, a biblical story of expulsion, captivity and centuries of suffering as a not-too-veiled allegory of the Nazi efforts in Germany and throughout Europe.

Composed by Kurt Weill with book by Franz Werfel and directed by Max Reinhardt—three masters of the performing arts impacted by Nazi Germany's tightening grip over Jewish life—*The Eternal Road* served as a both metaphor for Jewish redemption and a warning of the looming threat in Europe. An epic in virtually every sense of the word, the production lasted more than three hours, required a five-tier stage with at least 245 actors and, by the end of its run, left its **impresario** Meyer Weisgal bankrupt.

Hear the saga behind the saga as told by Artistic Director Neil Levin and listen to excerpts from the Milken Archive's recording, all hosted by the venerable Leonard Nimoy.

This program is only available for two weeks, so tune in now.

