

2018 North Peninsula Jewish Community Scholar-in-Residence DR. YEHUDA KURTZER • January 18 – January 24, 2018

All programs free (with the exception of Shabbat Dinner)

The Israel We Imagine: Five Zionist Visions and their Consequences

Thursday, January 18

7:00 pm • Ronald C. Wornick Jewish Day School
Ulam Gadol

Often our relationship to Israel is defined as much by what we imagine Israel *ought to be* as what it actually is. What are the major visions for what the State of Israel was and is supposed to be? How are each of these visions succeeding and failing? How does the "Israel of imagination" compare to "the real Israel?"

This PJCC program requires pre-registration. Visit the Welcome Desk or pjcc.org/scholar.

Israel at 70: Messianism, Pragmatism and the Future of Jewish Politics

Friday, January 19

7:30 pm • Peninsula Sinai Congregation

Many of Israel's urgent political challenges – in its democratic character, in its relationship to the Palestinians, in its place in the international community – invite dramatically different responses by diaspora Jews. What does a mature "Jewish politics" look like for Israel and for us?

Israel and American Jewish Dissent: How Can We Be Pluralistic with our Politics?

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am • Peninsula Temple Sholom

Israel has gone from being the strongest organizing force in American Jewish life to the site of intra-Jewish conflict. How are we to understand this breakdown? How might we repair a relationship that is critical both to modern Israel and to American Jewish identity?

Zionism in Tension with Other Values: The Challenge of Coalition Building

Monday, January 22

7:00 pm • Peninsula Temple Beth El

Jews engaged in progressive causes often find themselves conflicted or challenged by others about the relationship between their attitudes towards Israel and their other political commitments. Can we support moral causes that engage in anti-Israel rhetoric? How might we sustain a commitment to Zionism while working in coalition with others?

Peoplehood in Crisis: What do American and Israeli Jews "Owe" One Another?

Tuesday, January 23

7:00 pm • Congregation Beth Jacob

The implicit contract between American and Israeli Jews has given way in the past few years to enormous frustration and suspicion on both sides. What are the roots of this covenant, and what strategies might we use to rehabilitate the relationship?

American Jews at Home: How the Jewish American Experience Challenges and Informs Zionism [Presented in Hebrew]

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 pm • Peninsula Jewish Community Center

This lecture is in Hebrew and requires pre-registration. Visit the Welcome Desk or pjcc.org/scholar.

The 20th century provided the Jewish people with not one but two profound experiences of "being-at-home" – the story of the creation of the State of Israel, and the story of the Jews thriving in America. In what ways has the American Jewish success story challenged the core Zionist principle of the negation of the exile? What are the ways in which the experiences of these two communities might enrich and support each other?

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COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, January 19

6:00 pm Services; 6:45 Dinner
Peninsula Sinai Congregation

Enjoy a festive kosher dairy
Shabbat dinner with Dr. Kurtzer.

\$30 per person.

Reservations required:

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