



# Israel: Then and Now

## Historical & Contemporary Conversations

Presented by Sinai Temple's Israel Center and Sinai Akiba Academy, join us for a new program for all ages, exploring the historical context and contemporary implications around Israel's most pressing issues, and how to speak with our children and grandchildren about them.

**8:00-9:00am**  
Light Breakfast Provided

**FREE FOR ALL**

**Tuesday, September 10**

### **Israel as a Democracy**

Understanding Key Issues in Israel's Upcoming Elections

**Speaker: Dr. Tomer Persico**

Research Fellow and Scholar-In-Residence of the Shalom Hartman Institute and Koret Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish and Israel Studies at U.C. Berkeley

**Tuesday, November 12**

### **Historical and Contemporary Jerusalem**

United, Divided and What's to Come

**Speaker: Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz**

Rabbi of Adat Shalom and producer of *Roadmap Jerusalem*

**Tuesday, December 17**

### **How to Have a Productive Dialogue About Israel in the Age of Social Media**

**Speaker: Yoni Saadi**

AIPAC Southern Pacific Regional Synagogue Initiative  
Director, Southern Pacific Region

**Tuesday, January 14**

### **What is the BDS Movement and How Do We Address this Issue with our Children?**

**Speakers: Dr. Saba Soomekh**

Assistant Director of Interreligious and Intercommunity  
Affairs at the American Jewish Committee

**Zev M. Hurwitz**

Director of Campus Affairs at the American Jewish Committee

**Tuesday, February 25**

### **History of Anti-Semitism in U.S. Congress**

**Speaker: Rick Richman**

Lawyer and author of *Racing Against History:  
The 1940 Campaign for a Jewish Army to Fight Hitler*

**Tuesday, March 24**

### **Arab Leaders of Yesterday and Today**

Who to Learn From and Who to Watch

**Speaker: Dr. Saba Soomekh**

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