

Sunday Adult Forums

11:15 am in Assembly Room



May 17

TWO ELECTIONS-U.S. & ISRAEL

RABBI DAVID FORMAN



Two Elections – the U.S. and Israel: and their Impact on Middle East Peace-making. In the past six months, there are new administrations in the United States and Israel: one (America) liberal and progressive and the other (Israel) conservative and protective. How engaged should the United States be in the Middle East Peace process? Will there be a clash of interests between these two historic allies?

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Rabbi Forman moved to Israel thirty-five years ago. As the former director of the Israel office in Jerusalem of the Union for Reform Judaism, he has been instrumental in building programs that bridge the Israel-Diaspora divide. Rabbi Forman has been active in human rights and peace movements in Israel. He was the founding chairperson of the Jerusalem Council for Soviet Jewry (1973), was chairperson of Interns for Peace (1984-1986) and founding chairperson of Israeli Rabbis for Human Rights (1988-1992), on whose behalf he accepted the prestigious Knesset Peace Prize (1993). He served as a deputy commander in the Israeli artillery corps, receiving a medal for distinguished service. Writing regularly for both the Israeli Hebrew and English press on social, political and religious issues (he is a columnist for the *Jerusalem Post*), he has lectured internationally on Human Rights and Social Justice (Sweden, Norway, Senegal, England, Jordan, Canada, Ukraine, Russia, Bylerussia, Greece, Japan, United States), including as the keynote speaker at the Nobel Institute in Oslo. A frequent scholar-in-residence, he has authored four books: *Over My Dead Body—Some Grave Questions for God* (2005), *Fifty Ways to be Jewish* (2002), *Jewish Schizophrenia in the Land of Israel* (2000) and *Israel—On Broadway; Diaspora Jewry, Off-Broadway: Jews in the New Millennium* (1998).



Coffee and light refreshments served.

