

The 2019 Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Program
“Being the Hands of God: Jewish Social Justice at a Time of Crisis and Opportunity”
With Rabbi David Saperstein – April 12 to 14, 2019

Schedule of events

Friday Night, April 12 – Shabbat Dinner* at 6:00 pm
Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 pm followed by Lecture:
**“Tough Choices: Jewish Perspectives on America’s
 Social Justice Challenge”**

The Jewish people have always been inspired by the Bible’s prophetic writings, but in America we have articulated them in the halls of power unlike in any other country. In his sermon at Friday night services, Rabbi Saperstein will offer an overview of the Jewish social justice imperative and how the values of the prophets and other sacred texts should be applied to contemporary social justice issues.

Saturday Morning, April 13 - Torah Study at 9:00 am:
**“The Jewish Response: Economic Justice – Testing the
 Morality of our Nation”**

For 3,000 years, Judaism has developed a powerful religious imperative, for both individuals and societies, to transform the world for the good. How does the Jewish tradition view religion's role in shaping the Jewish community’s view on economic justice policies? This session will focus on primary text sources.

Shabbat Morning Services at 10:30 am
Saturday Afternoon, April 13 – Kiddush Lunch* at 12:15 pm
 followed by **Presentation at 1:00 pm:**
**“Religious Persecution and Religious Freedom
 Across the Globe”**

Rabbi Saperstein served for two years as President Obama’s Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom. During that time the world witnessed the resurgence of anti-Semitism and the growth of Islamophobia. ISIS and other non-state actors persecuted religious minorities, while some countries infringed on freedom of speech and conscience by enforcing anti-blasphemy laws. Having had a large role in the 2014 and 2015 State Department reports on this topic, Rabbi Saperstein will offer insights on the future of religious freedom.

Sunday Morning, April 14 – Bagel Breakfast* at 10:00 am
 followed by **Presentation at 10:30 am:**
**“Racing with God: The Use and Abuse of Religion in
 American Elections”**

In the past 30 years, we have seen religious issues and rhetoric used by candidates in our elections. Often this use has a divisive impact; occasionally it can have an inspiring and unifying impact. Are there rules about the proper use of religion in elections that can garner bipartisan support so that such use will be good for both religion and for American democracy?

**Reservations for meals are required by March 29, 2019 (All meals are included for Benefactors, Sponsors, and Patrons). All lectures are free and open to everyone.*



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 Sponsor/s** _____@ \$200 per person
 Patron/s** _____@ \$125 per person

**ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED.

Please indicate the number of people who will attend:

Dinner _____
 Luncheon _____
 Brunch _____

Please reserve places for me/us
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Shabbat Dinner _____@ \$36 per person
 Shabbat Luncheon _____@ \$25 per person
 Sunday Brunch _____@ \$25 per person

Even though unable to participate, I/we would like to make a donation of \$ _____ to the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Fund.

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