



2018

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FEATURING

**RABBI DR. DANIEL ROTH**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**9 ADAR:  
THE JEWISH DAY  
OF CONFLICT  
RESOLUTION**

*Come study with an internationally  
acclaimed teacher and expert on  
Jewish approaches to healing conflict*

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## GET TO KNOW RABBI DR. DANIEL ROTH



Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth is the director of the Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution. He holds a PhD from Bar Ilan University's Program for Conflict Resolution, Management and Negotiation writing on Jewish models of conflict resolution, peacemaking, and reconciliation. Rabbi Roth has been teaching advanced rabbinics, Bible, conflict resolution and other subjects at Pardes for over ten years. He is also a lecturer at Bar Ilan's Program for Conflict Resolution, a senior research fellow at George Mason University's Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution and an Israeli certified court mediator. He holds a MA in Talmud from Hebrew University, a B.Ed in Jewish Philosophy and Talmud from Herzog Teachers' College, and studied for eight years in Yeshivat Har-Etzion, during which time he received rabbinic ordination. Daniel is married with four children and lives in Jerusalem.

### OUR THEME FOR THE WEEKEND: **9 ADAR: THE JEWISH DAY OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

In the Talmud, the 9th of Adar was declared a fast day because on this day the two great schools of Jewish thought, the House of Hillel and the House of Shammai, lost their ability to engage in civil discourse (machloket l'shem shamayim). The Pardes Center of Jewish Conflict Resolution has revived the memory of 9 Adar and transformed it into a day for the Jewish people to commit ourselves in new and creative ways to conflict resolution in our community and in the world.

### FEES TO ATTEND

**Friday, February 23 - Shabbat Dinner**

\$15 per person

**Saturday, February 24 – Kiddush Luncheon**

Complimentary (RSVP requested)

**Sunday, February 25 – Breakfast**

\$5 per person



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## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 6:00 PM Services with D'var: **Commemorating the 9th of Adar: The Day Jewish Argument Turned Ugly**
- 7:15 PM Shabbat Dinner
- 8:00 PM Rabbi Roth teaching: **Want to Avoid Groupthink? Try Disagreeing the Sanhedrin Way!**

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 10:00 AM Services with Rabbi Roth teaching: **Can We Make Peace with Our Sworn Enemy?**
- 12:15 PM Kiddush Luncheon
- 1:00 PM Rabbi Roth teaching: **Mordecai: Sharansky or Shylock? When Do We Define a Conflict Between Jew and Non-Jew as Anti-Semitic?**

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 9:15 AM Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Special Feature Session: **Can We Create a Civil Discourse on Israel: A Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Perspective** with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth, Aziz Abu Sarah, and Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Friday Evening

(Registration required for dinner)

**Commemorating the 9th of Adar:  
The Day Jewish Argument Turned Ugly**

*Friday, February 23, during Shabbat services (6:00 PM)*

An introduction to Rabbi Roth's after dinner teaching (see below).

**Want to Avoid Groupthink? Try Disagreeing the Sanhedrin Way!**

*Friday, February 23, after Shabbat dinner (8:00 PM)*

When we are surrounded by people who agree with us, are we certain we have arrived at the Truth or perhaps trapped in a bubble, known as groupthink? What can we do about it? In this session we will explore some of the core guidelines used by the ancient Sanhedrin (Jewish court or parliament in Jerusalem some 2000 years ago) that were designed to ensure critical thinking, constructive disagreement, and avoid groupthink. What can we learn from these ancient guidelines for engaging in more constructive disagreements today and for strengthening our communal and national civil discourse? *Please note that this topic has changed from what was originally printed in the brochure.*

### Saturday Morning & Afternoon

(Complimentary, but RSVP requested)

**Can We Make Peace with Our Sworn Enemy?**

*Saturday, February 24, during Shabbat services (10:00 AM)*

This Saturday, in preparation for the Holiday of Purim, Jews around the world mark Shabbat Zachor, the day we remember what Amalek did to us and the subsequent eternal commandment to annihilate every last Amalekite. Can we nevertheless reconcile with Amalek? The answer may depend upon who is Amalek.



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### **Mordecai: Sharansky or Shylock? When Do We Define a Conflict Between Jew and Non-Jew as Anti-Semitic?**

*Saturday, February 24, after lunch (1:00 PM)*

Next week Jews around the world will be celebrating the Holiday of Purim, reading the story of a seemingly small local conflict between Mordechai and Haman that escalates into a large scale violent conflict between two peoples. This session will explore the root causes of the conflict between the two as portrayed in various commentaries and discuss if we would identify it as anti-Semitic or not.

### **Sunday Morning**

*(Registration required)*

### **Can We Create a Civil Discourse on Israel: A Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Perspective,** with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth, Aziz Abu Sarah, and Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon

*Sunday, February 25, after breakfast (10:00 AM)*

This conversation on how we can promote more constructive dialogues about the Israeli–Palestinian conflict joins Rabbi Roth together with Aziz Abu Sarah, CEO and co-owner of MEJDI Tours - a multi-narrative tour company, and Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP).

Each speaker will share some of their experiences and methods for encouraging such conversations both within and between their respective faith communities.

*“We promote space for constructive conflict that can help lead to a comprehensive resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Guided by deep faith, religious commitments, and humanitarian principles, we are committed to peace and justice for all people, including Palestinians and Israelis.*

*As speakers of different faith traditions - Jewish, Christian, and Muslim - we care deeply for people who are marginalized and living in poverty. We take seriously their protection in times of conflict. Our message emphasizes compassion while upholding justice in pursuit of security, freedom, and dignity for all the people of the Holy Land.”*

## ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SPEAKERS



**Aziz Abu Sarah** is an entrepreneur, speaker, peace builder and author. Aziz has spoken at countless international organizations and universities, including the United Nations, Nexus, TED, BMW, European Parliament, Georgetown, Yale and Harvard. Aziz is the recipient of the Goldberg Prize for Peace in the Middle East from the Institute of International Education, the European Parliament's Silver Rose Award, the Eisenhower Medallion, and the Eliav-Sartawi Award for his Middle Eastern Journalism. He was named one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the World by the Royal Strategic Centre in Jordan for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.



**Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon** is the executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace and is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). Cannon holds an MDiv from North Park Theological Seminary, an MBA from North Park University's School of Business and Nonprofit Management, and an MA in bioethics from Trinity International University. She received her doctorate in American History with a minor in Middle Eastern studies at the University of California (Davis) focusing on the history of the American Protestant church in Israel and Palestine. Her work has been highlighted in CNN, Chicago Tribune, Christianity Today, Leadership Magazine, The Christian Post, Jerusalem Post, EU Parliament Magazine, Huffington Post and other international media outlets.

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LOOKING AHEAD:



# ISRAEL CIVIL DISCOURSE SERIES

Sunday evening, April 8 - Wednesday evenings, April 11 & 18

We live in an increasingly polarized society. Across America, friends and family have stopped speaking with each other over political differences. In the American Jewish community, Israel once galvanized and united us. In recent years, Israel has been a source of increasingly contentious debate among us. Jews have always disagreed about important moral issues. This is our strength. But, lately, the disagreements about Israel have become intensely personal and increasingly destructive.

## How can we change the level of our discussion?

In this series, we invite members of our community from across the political spectrum to discuss our feelings about Israel in an atmosphere of mutual respect. In addition to the content of what we believe, we will also focus on the process of how we can learn to speak more civilly to each other and listen more openly.

Our goals are to increase our empathy for one another, to identify common ground where we can work together and to strengthen our community by learning that there is value in understanding each other more deeply even if it doesn't lead to agreement.

## AMONG THE QUESTIONS WE WILL EXPLORE:

- What does Israel mean to us?
- When we think about Israel today:  
What inspires us? What are we most proud of? What concerns us?
- What is the nature of the conflict between Israel and its neighbors?
- What are the boundaries of legitimate criticism of Israel within the American Jewish community?
- How should we respond to criticism of Israel from outside the Jewish community?
- What would we like Israel's future to look like? What gives us hope?

For more details and registration, visit [h-nt.org/israel-cd](http://h-nt.org/israel-cd)



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