

Thumin Bet Midrash

Jewish Responses to Extremism and Global Religious Conflict with Rabbi Mark Robbins

Religion is again a decisive factor in global affairs. Religious extremism seeds the world's most dangerous and violent conflicts, including the challenge of radical political Islam. Religious moderation and inter-religious engagement shape the alternative -- an environment grounded in positive, reciprocal and fraternal relationships between the faiths.

- What role can Judaism play in combatting extremist ideology beyond the Jewish community and shaping the alternative to global religious conflict?
- What hurdles does Jewish tradition need to overcome to play a constructive role?
- Are there new alliances that need to be formed and, if so, with whom and how?
- What kind of leadership is needed to guide these efforts?

More broadly, we will explore the tradition's central messages to the world and their applicability to current global conflicts.

Four Sessions:

March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Fee - \$25 for series

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Rabbi Robbins served as Rabbi of Congregation Ohev Shalom in Wallingford, PA from 2002 to 2009. Prior to that, he served as Jewish Chaplain at Georgetown University between 1999 and 2002. Rabbi Robbins completed a tenure as director of the Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey Regional Office of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) in 2013. He began his career on the campaign trail in Texas, and then in AJC's Government and International Relations office in Washington, DC.

Rabbi Robbins and his family made aliyah to Israel in 2009, where he founded jewishlifestory.com, a personal history-writing service. He and his wife Amy have two children – Adina, 13, and Coby, 11. He is a native of Providence, RI.

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