

**BJ BETH JACOB**

*invites you to*

*May*  
**MANIA!**

**Exciting  
Learning  
Opportunities**



**Looking Ahead & Looking Beyond  
with Rabbi Topp**  
7 Part Series  
Tuesday Evenings at 8:00 pm  
May Dates: May 5, 12, 19

**Modern Minds on  
Jewish Matters Returns!**



**Ambassador Norman Eisen**  
Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 pm

**Congressman Eliot Engel**  
Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 pm



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Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, **Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis**,  
**Shabbat Scholar in Residence**

**May 1-2**

**Friday Night Inspire**  
**May 8, 6:45 pm**



**Shabbat  
Yerushalayim**  
**May 15-17**

**Shavuot Scholar in Residence**  
**Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Rosenblatt**  
**May 23-25**



**Friday Night Dinner for  
Young Professionals**  
**May 29, 7:35 pm**

**Perek on the Lawn**  
**May 30, 5:30 pm**



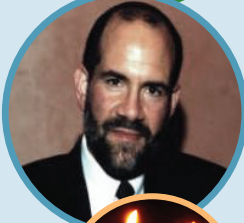
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# May MANIA at Beth Jacob!

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**Friday Night Inspire, May 8, 6:45 pm.** An uplifting Kabbalat Shabbat Tefilah at the home of Ruchie & Steven Fried, 1124 S. Wetherly Drive. Kiddush will follow davening. For more information: rabbisufrin@bethjacob.org.

**Shabbat Yerushalayim, Friday May 15 through Sunday, May 17.** A weekend of celebration, in honor of Yom Yerushalayim.

- **A Musical Journey to Jerusalem in Jacob's Garden, Friday, May 15, 6:00 pm.** Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:45 pm in Shapell Sanctuary.
- **Shabbat Morning Tefilah** featuring the music of Jerusalem, Shapell Sanctuary, 9 am. Davening led by Chazan Wollheim. Drasha by Rabbi Topp entitled *Yerushalayim: History & Destiny*.
- **Seudah Shlishit** with Guest Speaker Tzachi Dvira, archaeologist & director of the Temple Mount Sifting Project.
- **Yom Yerushalayim, Sunday May 17.** Shacharit Minyanim with Hallel: 7 am, 8 am, 9 am. Celebrate Israel Festival & Walk at Rancho Park. Walk commences at 10 am. To join the Beth Jacob delegation, please contact Melissa.gruenfeld@gmail.com or annastrauss0@gmail.com.

**Shavuot Scholar in Residence Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Rosenblatt, Shabbat May 23 through Monday, May 25.** Shabbat Morning Drasha • Leil Shavuot All Night Learning Program • Shavuot Afternoon Shiurim May 24 & 25 • Yom Tov Morning Drasha, May 25. *Rabbi Dr. Rosenblatt is the Senior Rabbi at Riverdale Jewish Center in New York, and is a brilliant scholar who is a "rabbi's rabbi."* **Generously sponsored by: Carrol & Jack Fenigstein; Rina Scott Cowan, in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. Esther Weinberg <sup>a'h</sup>; Fela Shapell, in loving memory of her husband, David Shapell <sup>a'h</sup>; Sharon & Dr. Morris Silver.**

**Friday Night Dinner for Young Professionals, May 29, 7:35 pm** (Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:45 pm). \$28 per person. Reserve at bethjacob.org or call 310-278-1911.

**Perek on the Lawn, May 30, 5:30 pm.** Learn, connect with friends, and see Pirkei Avot in a new light. Shiur given by Dr. Hindi Posy on *The Timeless Messages of Pirkei Avot*, at the home of Shelley & Dr. Steven Weinstock, 9424 Kirkside Road. Upcoming Shiurim on June 27, July 18 & August 22.

## Exciting Learning Opportunities



**Looking Ahead & Looking Beyond with Rabbi Topp, Tuesday Evenings, 8:00 pm.**

Upcoming topics: *Olam Haba - The World to Come* • *Will Sacrifices be Reinstated in the Third Temple?* • *Schlissel Challah, Red Bendels & other Segulot and Superstitions* • *Ayin Hara - The Evil Eye* • *Dreams in Halacha and Jewish Thought* • *The Endeavor: Torah in Outer Space*.

**Remaining Class dates: May 5, May 12, May 19, June 2, June 9, June 16.**



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Former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic. Served previously as President Obama's "Ethics Czar," instituting reforms in areas including campaign finance, whistleblower protections and financial regulation.



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***The State of Relations Between the United States and Israel.***

Represents New York's 16th Congressional District in the US House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Has worked hard to ensure that bipartisan support for Israel in Congress is truly unwavering.

## For Kids!



**Lag B'Omer Celebration, Thursday, May 7 in Jacob's Garden.**

5:00 pm drop off, 7:00 pm pick up. Kids ages 5-12, enjoy hot dogs, s'mores and a visit from Rabbi Akiva! \$7 per child; \$18 max per family. RSVP to rabbieli@bethjacob.org.

**Open to the Community. All programs at Beth Jacob unless otherwise noted.**