

# OUR VALUES, OUR ASPIRATIONS

A Jewish Communal Conversation



## THE MORAL TRIBES OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE: Conflict and Community in an Age of Polarization

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In many of the issues dividing the Jewish people today – whether Israel, American politics, or others – conflicting viewpoints are often seen not as part of healthy community debate, but as moral lines which separate loyalty from betrayal, creating a battlefield of intensifying tribal conflict. The result is a zero-sum dynamic, which threatens civil discourse, delegitimizes compromise, and undermines our sense of Jewish community and peoplehood. Is there an alternative to this partisan dynamic, when the issues at stake touch our sense of identity and our moral convictions so deeply?



**November 19, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Dessert reception to follow  
*Kosher dietary laws observed*



**Washington Hebrew  
Congregation**

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Washington, DC

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