

Temple Emeth presents the
Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
with Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin
March 29 – 31, 2024
**MARTINI JUDAISM: FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE
SHAKEN AND STIRRED**



Pulpit rabbi, author, and podcaster, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin may be best known for his first book *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah* (first edition, 1992). He has published numerous books since then and has served as the rabbi of Temple Israel in West Palm Beach, Florida. Rabbi Salkin has discussed gender, politics, popular culture and the intellectual defense of Israel in essays and on his award-winning podcast, "Martini Judaism: for those who want to be shaken and stirred." According to Rabbi Salkin, "The role of Judaism is to shake us---to disrupt our usual ways of seeing the world---and to stir us---to deeper connection, affiliation, and meaning." His talks are designed to make us think deeply and act passionately. Rabbi Salkin was our Trachtenberg lecturer in 2012 speaking on "The Gods are Broken." His latest book *Tikkun Ha'am / Repairing Our People: Israel and the Crisis of Liberal Judaism* will be the basis of several of Rabbi Salkin's presentations.

Friday Night, March 29 – Shabbat Dinner* at 6:00 pm

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 pm

followed by Lecture (in-person and livestream):

"Is There a Future for Liberal Judaism in America?"

Yes, but you might be surprised what our possible futures could be. Our continued survival will require obligation, a sense of communal responsibility, and the ability to be a counter culture in America.

Saturday Morning, March 30 – Torah Study at 9:00 am

(in person in Social Hall and on Zoom):

"Sacrifice Play, or, can't we just skip Leviticus and go straight to Numbers?"

Smoke, fat, offerings — it turns out that there are deeper truths here than we had ever imagined. And many of them are about what it means to be Jewish in our time.

Shabbat Morning Services at 10:30 am (in Sanctuary and on livestream)

Saturday Afternoon, March 30 – Lunch* at 12:00 pm (in Social Hall)

followed by Presentation at 1:00 pm (in Social Hall):

"Fixing the Broken Hallelujah"

The late Leonard Cohen occupied a particular and specific place in American Jewish culture — mostly because he was simultaneously a rock star and a literary figure.

Join us for an encounter with his theology and poetry — through Christian, Jewish, and mystical imagery.

Sunday Morning, March 31 – Brunch* at 10:00 am (in Social Hall)

followed by Presentation at 11:00 am (in person in Sanctuary and livestream):

"Why Jews Don't Cancel"

Cancel culture---the silencing of unpopular opinions and the shunning of those who voice them — is now part of both American life and Jewish conversations. It need not be, and it must not be.

Rabbi Salkin will share a Jewish model for disagreement, showing how civil disagreement is an essential part of Jewish culture.

*Reservations are required for meals by March 15, 2024.

The lectures are all free and open to everyone.

Turn over for payment information and RSVP form. →

Contact David Fox or Marion Wolf at SIR@emeth.org for further information.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RSVP FORM

Sponsorships

I want to support the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend as:

Benefactor** ____ @ \$300 per person

Sponsor** ____ @ \$225 per person

Patron** ____ @ \$150 per person

*** All meals are included for Benefactors, Sponsors, and Patrons but please indicate below which meals and how many people will attend so we can plan accurately.*

I/we will attend (# of people):

Shabbat Dinner ____ Shabbat Lunch ____ Sunday Brunch ____

You can use this link to make a sponsorship donation online, as long as you indicate in the notes box that you want to be a Benefactor, Sponsor, or Patron: <https://www.emeth.org/payment.php>
Then you can sign up for your choice of meals by emailing: SIR@emeth.org

Donations

Even though I/we are not able to participate, I/we would like to make a donation of \$____ to the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Fund.

Please use this link to make a donation online: <https://www.emeth.org/payment.php>

Meals

Please reserve places for me/us (indicate the number of people):

Shabbat Dinner_ @ \$50 per person

Shabbat Lunch @ \$36 per person

Sunday Brunch @ \$36 per person

Reservations are required by March 15

Please use this link to reserve meals and pay online:
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Name (s) : _____

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Please return this form and your check, payable to: Temple Emeth
(note can be made in the memo which fund)

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