

Weekend Scholar-in-Residence Programs

RABBI SID SCHWARZ

Bring one of American Jewry's most creative and dynamic figures to your community.



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*"One of America's 50 most influential rabbis"
Newsweek*

Choose from two thematic topics. Feel free to mix and match.

Jewish Megatrends

Friday night - Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future

This talk identifies the social trends challenging today's Jewish institutions, and then offers a formula that can lead to a Jewish Renaissance.

Shabbat morning – Judaism, Justice and Holiness

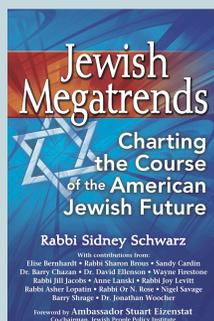
What is the purpose of Judaism? We often focus on the "how to" of Judaism, but rarely on the "why?" This talk suggests ways to enrich our lives by engaging with Judaism's core mission.

Shabbat afternoon- Text Study

Explore classical texts on *tzedek* and *kedusha*

Fourth Session – Israel: Between Solidarity and Conscience

Once the most unifying force in Jewish life, today Israel is a source of polarization in the American Jewish community. Some parts of the community spare no effort to advocate on Israel's behalf. Others feel that certain policies of the Israeli government can and must be criticized. This session explores the dilemma and offers ideas on how the community might navigate this divide.



Re-visioning the American Synagogue

Friday night - Re-imagining the Synagogue

The last decade has witnessed much new thinking and innovation around transforming the American synagogue. Explore these exciting ideas with one of the leaders in the field.

Shabbat morning- Davenning "Out of the Box"

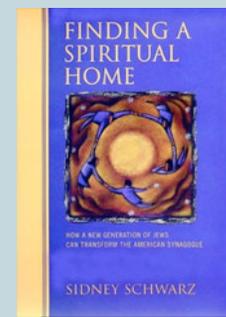
A prayer experience unlike any other. Through discussion, song, movement and sharing, participants, young and old, will walk away with a new appreciation for the Shabbat liturgy and the transformative power of prayer.

Shabbat afternoon - Text Study

Study rabbinic sources on the *keva* and *kevannah* (fixed liturgy vs. spiritually spontaneous prayer) and discuss the morning davenning experience

Sunday morning - Board Workshop (optional)

Unleash new energy and creativity in the leadership of your congregation, leading to a more empowered membership and a higher level of commitment to the synagogue and Jewish living.



RAVE REVIEWS

“Rabbi Sid Schwarz moved every demographic cohort of our congregation closer to prayer and closer to finding their spiritual home in the congregation where they already belong. Over the course of one Shabbat, Rabbi Schwarz connected with our eight year olds and our eighty year olds, our teenagers, our parents and grandparents as well as our singles, and in turn connected them to one another, to our community and to God. Remarkably, Sid found a way to, simultaneously, connect with our Classical Reformers, our New Agers, our Hasids, our Litvaks, and even our Apikorases. I never dreamed that so much could be accomplished in one weekend by one teacher.”

Rabbi Mark Mahler, Temple Emanuel, Pittsburgh, PA

“Sid’s three presentations during his scholar-in-residence weekend with us were each deeply thought-provoking, well-crafted, and engaging. He has a wealth of information at his fingertips, marvelous anecdotes, passionate commitments, and a sparkling sense of humor. He had everyone on the edge of their seats!”

Rabbi Steve Cohen, Congregation B’nai B’rith, Santa Barbara, CA

“Rabbi Sid Schwarz is a dynamic and engaging speaker who challenged our congregation with provocative ideas, always deeply rooted in Jewish text and tradition. He was generous with his time and was as expert in handling questions from the congregation as he was in making his core presentations. Rabbi Schwarz’s Scholar in Residence program had an impact on our thinking long after the Shabbat was over.”

Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation, Mercer Island, Washington

“Sid Schwarz is a master teacher with experience across the denominational spectrum. When we wanted to create a community wide Tikkun to celebrate Shavuot, we knew to turn to Rabbi Sid for his expertise and his vast understanding of Jewish history and the diversity of Jewish life. He had us at "hello" and engaged us until the end of the evening.”

Rabbi Yael Ridberg, Congregation Dor Hadash, San Diego, CA

Rabbi Sid Schwarz founded and led PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values for 21 years, an organization dedicated to inspiring, training and empowering Jewish youth to a life of leadership, activism and service. Dr. Schwarz previously served as the executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington D.C. where he oversaw the public affairs and community relations work for the Jewish community. Currently, Sid serves as a senior fellow at Clal: The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership where he is involved in training the next generation of rabbis to be visionary spiritual leaders. Sid is the founding rabbi of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Bethesda, MD where he continues to teach and lead services. Dr. Schwarz holds a Ph.D. in Jewish history and is the author of numerous articles and two groundbreaking books--*Finding a Spiritual Home: How a New Generation of Jews Can Transform the American Synagogue* (2000) and *Judaism and Justice: The Jewish Passion to Repair the World* (2006). His newest book, *Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future* (2013), promises to become one of the most talked about books of the year. In 2002 Sid was awarded the prestigious Covenant Award for his pioneering work in the field of Jewish education. He has also been named by *Newsweek* as one of the 50 most influential rabbis in North America.

For more detailed information about the Weekend Scholar program or to schedule a visit, please email Rabbi Schwarz at rabbisid2@gmail.com