



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

Weekend Scholar-in-Residence Programs

Rabbi Sid Schwarz

- Covenant Award Recipient
- Named by *Newsweek* as one of America's 50 most influential rabbis
- Innovator, thought-leader, teacher

Re-visioning the American Synagogue

FRIDAY NIGHT
Reimagining the American 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
"Davening Out of the Box"

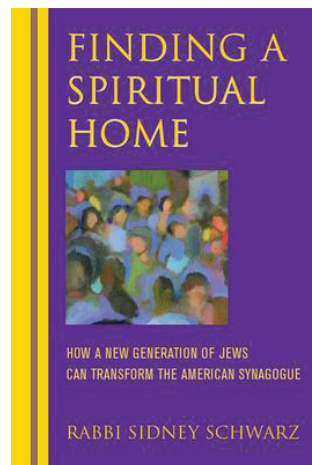
A prayer experience unlike any other. Through discussion, song, movement and sharing, participants, young and old, will walk away with a new appreciation for the *Shabbat* liturgy and the transformative power of prayer.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON
What is Prayer?—Text Study

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



Jewish Megatrends

FRIDAY NIGHT
Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future

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

SHABBAT MORNING
Judaism, Justice and Holiness

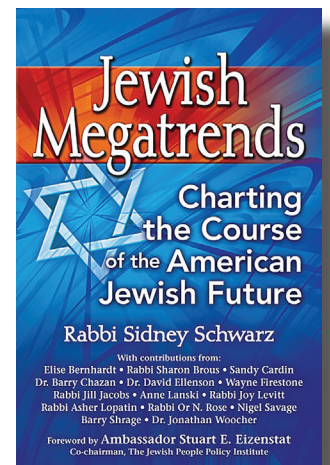
What is the purpose of Judaism? We often focus on the "how to" of Judaism, but rarely on the "why?" This talk suggests ways to enrich our lives by engaging with Judaism's core mission.

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 to navigate this divide.



Customize Your Event—Select a thematic topic or mix and match!



Rabbi Sid Schwarz is a social entrepreneur, author and teacher. He is currently a Senior Fellow at Hazon.

Rabbi Sid founded and led PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values for 21 years. He is also 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 two groundbreaking books—*Finding a Spiritual Home: How a New Generation of Jews Can Transform the American Synagogue* (Jewish Lights, 2000) and *Judaism and Justice: The Jewish Passion to Repair the World* (Jewish Lights, 2006).

Rabbi Sid directs the Clergy Leadership Incubator (CLI), a program that trains rabbis to be visionary spiritual leaders. He also created and directs the *Kenissa: Communities of Meaning Network* which is building the capacity of emerging spiritual communities across the country.

Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, founder of Clal and one of American Jewry's most notable leaders, has written about Sid: "Rabbi Sid Schwarz' life and career embody a unique mix of religious vision and an ability to implement that vision in the real world."

Sid was awarded the prestigious Covenant Award for his pioneering work in the field of Jewish education and was named by *Newsweek* as one of the 50 most influential rabbis in North America. Sid's most recent book is *Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future* (Jewish Lights, 2013).

Reviews

"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 STEVEN COHEN, CONGREGATION B'NAI BRITH, SANTA BARBARA, CA

"We hosted Rabbi Sid in our community to kick off a congregational visioning-for-the-future process. His presentation was the perfect mix of wisdom, innovative thinking, experience and humor. We could not have hoped for a more terrific kick-off to this important, congregation-wide process of thinking, exploring, learning, questioning together!"

CYNTHIA GREENBERG, PRESIDENT KOLOT CHAYENU, BROOKLYN, NY

"At a time when Jewish religious institutions need to be dramatically transformed, Rabbi Sid Schwarz offers the kind of vision and clarity of thought that comes from years of being both a practitioner and a thinker. His keynote address to our national convention of Jewish renewal rabbis brought everyone to their feet in a standing ovation, a testimony to his ability to inspire excitement and passion from those who are our klei kodesh, agents for sacred transformation."

REB ZALMAN SCHACHTER-SHALOMI, Z"l, AUTHOR, WISE ELDER AND FOUNDER OF THE JEWISH RENEWAL MOVEMENT



For more detailed information about the Weekend Scholar Program, or to schedule a visit, email rabbisid2@gmail.com.