

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

MARCH 24-25, 2023

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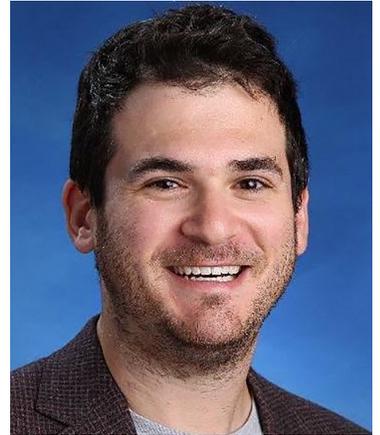
WE WELCOME DR. MATT REINGOLD!

Scholar-in-Residence weekend is Friday–Saturday, March 24–25, 2023. Our Scholar will be **Dr. Matt Reingold**, co-departmental head of Jewish History at the **Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT)**. He is also involved in experiential educational programming including volunteering with the school's Ambassador program. He is the author of *Jewish Comics and Graphic Narratives* (Bloomsbury) and *Reenvisioning Israel Through Political Cartoons* (Lexington) and has written many academic journal articles about Jewish graphic narratives and Israel Education.

Shabbat lunch and Saturday evening sessions are free of charge.

Reservations are requested by Thursday, March 16, 2023 to

the Beth El Synagogue Office: office@bethel.net or 609-443-4454



SHABBAT DINNER • FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 2023

After 6 p.m. services, approximately 7:15 p.m. (*Dinner by reservation only*)

Mizrahi Identity - Balancing Ethnic and National Tensions – The last decade has seen a considerable rise in publications by 3rd generation Mizrahim whose creative outputs document identities in flux. On the one hand, their works show a considerable frustration with Israeli society and this reflects historical Mizrahi frustration with how Israel absorbed and integrated Mizrahi culture into its national fabric. At the same time, however, a noticeable disappointment with their own families is also seen for the ways that second-generation Mizrahim sought to have their children become more "Israeli" by not learning Mizrahi heritage and culture. This session will explore how Asaf Hanuka, Ayelet Tsabari, and Adi Keissar have forged a new Mizrahi identity that tries to balance their ethnic and national tensions.

DINNER COST: RSVP by March 9: \$26/Adult, \$15/Child (12 & under). RSVP March 10-16, \$28/Adult, \$17/Child (12 & under)

Please specify if vegetarian, gluten free, vegan, etc.

SHABBAT KIDDUSH • SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

After 9 a.m. services, approximately 12:15 p.m. (*Lunch & Learn - Free, RSVP requested*)

Teaching Israel's Complex Narratives – With the rise of on-campus groups like BDS and increased presence of antisemitism and anti-Israel rhetoric on social media, it is natural and understandable that we want our children to feel strongly and positively towards Israel. Drawing upon recent research in Israel Education by Sivan Zakai, Jonah Hassenfeld, and our scholar, this session adopts a stance that suggests that only by actively engaging with anti-Israel accusations and teaching students that Israel is not perfect can a more robust, thoughtful, and nuanced Israel education emerge that helps prepare our children and students to have lifelong relationships with the country.

Saturday late afternoon meet and greet with the Scholar – Sponsors only



SATURDAY EVENING • SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

8:15 p.m. (*By Zoom only- all welcome.*)

Srulik – The Cartoon Personification of Israel - When the Hungarian Holocaust survivor Kariel Gardosh created Srulik in 1956, little did he know that his cute character would become Israel's national personification. Much like the American Uncle Sam, Srulik embodies what it means to be Israeli and his likeness symbolizes the state, its people, and the country's values. In recent years, Israeli cartoonists have begun to deconstruct Srulik by aging him, harming him, and even torturing him in dozens upon dozens of cartoons. Doing so challenges the country's foundational narratives and suggests a national identity that is deeply contested and in flux.

We are always happy to have sponsors for this program. A donation of \$250 includes 2 dinners on Friday night and inclusion in an exclusive meet & greet with our scholar on Saturday afternoon. Donations can be made in honor of anyone you like, or in memory of a loved one. Contributions to the Scholar-in-Residence Fund in any amount are appreciated. All donations received by March 15, 2023, regardless of the amount, will be acknowledged on table tents during the program.

Please contact Danna Livstone at drlivstone@gmail.com with questions about sponsoring this event.



Mark your calendars for this exciting and important weekend. We look forward to seeing you there!