

Reflections from Rabbi . . .

Spring in our Dallas Jewish community is an extremely busy time. We celebrate the holidays of Purim and Passover, and there are numerous events that we are called upon to support. My hope is that, as a shul, we can support the work of every one of these fantastic organizations that need our communal support. Our community is stronger due to the tremendous work of each and every one of these organizations. One of these vital organizations is AIPAC. In addition to Policy Conference in Washington, DC on March 20-22, (there is still time to join us), AIPAC is hosting a Dallas Event on February 28 at the Winspear Opera House.

In the ever-changing Middle East, it is imperative that we help ensure a strong America-Israel alliance. Both countries benefit from the relationship and this bond needs to remain unbreakable. In a Presidential election year, it is imperative our voices are heard. The new president of the United States of America must know that the relationship between America and Israel is not up for debate. Only by coming together can we ensure that our voices are heard and our elected officials understand the importance of this relationship.

The Dallas Annual event will feature Dr. Daniel Gordis, Vice President of Shalem College. Dr. Gordis is a phenomenal speaker and one of the world's most influential Jews. He is regarded as one of the top experts on Israeli Society and challenges facing Israel. Before moving to Israel in 1998, Dr. Gordis held numerous leadership positions in the American Jewish community; he was the founding dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, which ordains Conservative rabbis in the Los Angeles area. As an American who now lives in Israel, Dr. Gordis shares the unique understanding of the need for a strong American-Israeli Alliance and its effect on both countries.

There are few opportunities throughout the year where the entire Dallas Jewish community comes together in one place. The power of all of us standing together will be palpable as we walk into the Winspear Opera house, which will be packed with the Dallas Jewish community and others who recognize the important work of ensuring a strong America-Israel relationship.

Please do not miss this very special opportunity. . .help ensure the next leader of our country understands that the bond between America and Israel is unbreakable.

Register at www.aipac.org/DallasAnnualEvent16 or by calling 214-741-6759.

Shalom,

Rabbi Michael Kushnick

ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY

MARCH 20, 2016

SAVE THE DATE!!