

**Anshai Torah's Arnie Sweet Scholar-in-Residence
Hosts Peace Doyen David Makovsky
January 26-27**

by Deb Silverthorn

As Jerusalem is named the capital of Israel, and the world looks again to the center of our Jewish lives; traditionally, spiritually, and politically, on January 26 and 27 Congregation Anshai Torah welcomes David Makovsky as its 2018 Arnie Sweet Scholar-in-Residence. His theme will be *Israel at 70—Promise and Peril*.

"The Arnie Sweet SIR weekend always gives us pause, reminding us of the spirit that defined Arnie. His constant attention to community, alongside his thirst for knowledge, and deep interest in the people of Israel compel us to follow in his footsteps," said Rabbi Stefan Weinberg. "Welcoming an individual of David Makovsky's stature serves as an ideal opportunity to honor Arnie's memory by pursuing some of the most important ideals that inspired him for a lifetime of dedication to the Jewish people and humanity at-large."

The Scholar-in-Residence weekend, presented by Janice and Dr. Art Weinberg, Cindy and Mitch Dr. Moskowitz, Cathy and Dr. Joel Brook, and Etz Chaim sponsors Debbie and Manuel Rajunov, will feature a Lunch & Learn on Friday at 12noon at Congregation Anshai Torah focused on *US-Israel Relations in the Age of Trump- Knowns and Unknowns*.

Friday night, Makovsky will speak during our Kabbalat Shabbat Service, which will begin at 6:15pm. His subject—*After More Than 125 College Visits, A Journey about Israel, BDS and Young American Jews*. He will also give a keynote address at dinner after services where he will address *The Potential and Limitations of Strategic Convergence in the Middle East*. On Shabbat morning he will provide the D'var Torah—*Succession in the Israel and Palestinian Arenas: What is Real?* with additional discussion during lunch. A dessert reception will be held Saturday evening in a private hom for sponsors and synagogue leadership.

"David Makovsky's voice, one that's been at peace talk tables and at the center with decision makers, is one we are lucky to hear. How incredible to have him here during this historical time for Israel and for all Jews," said Janice Weinberg. "Arnie loved our family Shabbat dinner table discussions and I know that the conversations that will come from our Anshai Torah family Shabbat table would make him proud."



Makovsky, a native of St. Louis, MO is the Ziegler distinguished fellow at The Washington Institute and director of the Project on the Middle East Peace Process. He is an adjunct professor in Middle East studies at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies and former senior advisor to the Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of State.

Makovsky, an award-winning journalist who covered the peace process from 1989 to 2000, is a former executive editor of the *Jerusalem Post*, diplomatic correspondent for *Haaretz*, and former contributing editor to *U.S. News and World Report* - for 11 years the magazine's special Jerusalem correspondent. He was the first journalist for an Israeli publication to visit Damascus. . .one of five trips to Syria, including when he accompanied then Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. In 1995, with assistance from U.S. officials, Makovsky was given unprecedented permission to file reports from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for an Israeli publication.

"We need to be humble and we need to take steps forward. There have been many noble efforts through the years and I hope we'll come to an overlap, but we're not there yet," said Makovsky, who has a BA from Columbia University and a master's in Middle East studies from Harvard University, having testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, and on multiple occasions before the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs Middle East Subcommittee.

Author of Washington Institute monographs and essays on issues related to the Middle East Peace Process and the Arab-Israeli conflict, he coauthored with Dennis Ross *Myths, Illusions, and Peace: Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East*. His maps on alternative territorial solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict were reprinted by the New York Times in the paper's first interactive treatment of an op-ed. He is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

"I talk to students and I'm speaking to tomorrow's future. I want millenials to not give up, to know about the good times and the handshakes, to learn of the reservoir I have in my mind as I can give hope," said Makovsky, former chairman of the World Union of Jewish Students, who has made more than 130 visits to American college campuses and a TEDx talk, to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"I was seven during the Six-Day War and 13 at the Yom Kippur War. I look back, a 'minute' ago to when I was watching Anwar Sadat in Jerusalem and this week I was at dinner to honor that occasion's fortieth anniversary," said Makovsky. "From when I spent a gap year in Israel after high school I wanted to be a part of 'peace,' I wanted to be 'on the ground,' and that's where I have lived my life and career. It's important moments that make our lives, that make a difference."

"David, considered *the* leading expert in U.S.-Israeli relations in academic, political, and personal realms, is certain to bring our weekend to a most in-depth level," said Warren Harmel, program chair. "When the conversations and decisions have happened, he's been there and we are honored to bring his astounding practical and theoretical experience to Anshai Torah."

For information or to RSVP (childcare will be provided Friday night and Shabbat morning) call 972-473-7718 or email receptionist@anshaitorah.org. Friday night dinner tickets are \$30/Anshai Torah members, \$38/nonmembers, and \$8/children. There is no charge for Friday lunch or evening services or for Saturday's events. For sponsorships, email warrenharmel@gmail.com.

