



AN AFTERNOON OF DIALOGUE THROUGH TEXT

SUNDAY, AUG. 23, 2026, 1-5

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH, WALNUT CREEK

ZOOM & LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: Torah, Sovereignty, and Coexistence

RECLAIMING A HUMANISTIC ZIONISM:

The legacy of Ahad Ha'am, Buber, Rav Amiel, and Rav Amital

Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Director Emeritus, UCLA Hillel

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BECOMING WHO WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN

Throughout Jewish history, our people have left familiar places and set out to build a new future. Can these journeys of future-building teach us to fashion a Jewish sovereign nation that also respects human rights?

Rabbi Allan Berkowitz

Conservative rabbi, respected community builder known for inspiring people to think, rethink, and engage meaningfully in social justice.

Sessions will include the presentation followed by havrutah (paired learning) and group discussion.

Biblical narratives about God's promise of the Land shape our collective imagination and influence how many Jews, Christians, and others understand Israel, Jewish peoplehood, and sovereignty. Yet Jewish tradition also teaches that every person is created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God, and calls upon us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Join us for an afternoon of learning, reflection, and conversation as we explore how these teachings, and the tensions between them, might inform our understanding of Israel, Jewish sovereignty, security, and the possibility of coexistence.

For more information or to register, email Rabbi Jamie Hyams @rabbijamie1@gmail.com
Minimum donation: \$18

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