



2016

DAVIS LECTURES SERIES

Grace Baptist Church Statesville, NC www.gracestatesville.org

October 23-24, 2016

7-8:30 p.m. - Lecture & Discussion

Guest Lecturer:

Rabbi Judith Schindler



Rabbi Judith Schindler is Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte. She was named Rabbi Emerita of Temple Beth El in Charlotte, North Carolina after serving as Senior Rabbi from 2003-2016 and as Associate Rabbi from 1998-2003. On behalf of Temple Beth El, Rabbi Schindler envisioned and led the creation of four social justice documentaries being utilized across the country addressing diversity in schools, urban education and the value of creating affordable housing. Three of the documentaries earned Telly Awards. Rabbi Schindler has contributed chapters and articles to more than ten books and is currently researching and co-authoring a book entitled *Recharging Judaism: How Civic Engagement Helps Synagogues, Jews and America*.

Oct. 23: The 5 Steps to Loving Your Neighbor: Moving Churches from Volunteerism to Advocacy

The Jewish commandment to 'love your neighbor,' known by the interfaith world as the Golden Rule, is found in fourteen religious traditions. In Judaism, its fulfillment requires more than emotion; it requires action. She will share religious and pragmatic cases that lay out additional benefits to congregations engaged in community issues as institutions, share multiple models of best practices for congregations seeking to plug into advocacy, and share research on diverse congregations responding to today's critical social justice issues.

Oct. 24: Simchat Torah - A Celebration of Torah

On this night, the traditional Jewish world is celebrating the festival of Simchat Torah. In celebration of the sacred text that has inspired billions of people throughout the millennia, Rabbi Schindler will help us to see the beauty of Torah both literally and intellectually. She will explore the many meanings of the word Torah and the op teachings of this text that can inspire our lives. From environmentalism to compassion to business ethics, the Torah has eternal teachings that can move us to make a difference.



The Davis Lectures Series is a time of serious inquiry and honest dialogue for those willing to stretch their faith. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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