Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills **Living Judaism**

Looking Forward: Beyond the Crisis in Israel An Update on the Current Situation with Gaza and a Focus on Religious Pluralism within Israel

Temple Emanuel is hosting a conversation about religious pluralism in Israel, featuring Consul General David Siegel and prominent Los Angeles rabbis.

Monday, November 26
7:00–9:00 PM
Corwin Family Sanctuary
300 N. Clark Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90211

Anat Hoffman arrest at Western Wall
Photo by Michal Fatta

Consul General David Siegel will open the evening with an update on the current crisis with Gaza and then focus on religious pluralism in Israel. He will then be joined by Los Angeles' leading rabbis: **Rabbi Judith HaLevy**, President of the Board of Rabbis of Los Angeles, **Rabbi Laura Geller**, Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, **Rabbi Nicole Guzik**, Director of the Sinai Temple Israel Center, and **Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky** of B'nai David-Judea.

It is important at this time of crisis with Gaza that Americans connected to Israel continue to be engaged with the important work of celebrating Israel's democratic traditions and think creatively about the challenges Israel faces from within.

This public forum is sparked by the October 16th arrest of Anat Hoffman at Jerusalem's Western Wall for disturbing the peace by leading a prayer service and for singing the ***Sh'ma*** prayer out loud. This incident has raised concerns and confusion in many Diaspora Jewish communities, and led to calls from organizations and leaders of the American Jewish Community to change the policy that prevents women from participating as a group in public prayer at the Western Wall.

This community meeting is an opportunity for the Los Angeles Jewish community to discuss the issue of religious pluralism in Israel. The discussion will be moderated by Rob Eshman, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Tribe Media Corp/***Jewish Journal***. Shep Rosenman of LimmudLA will also participate.

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