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*Celebrated Jewish
Author and
Professor Rabbi
David Ellenson will
speak at a special
all-day seminar at
Monmouth Reform
Temple on Saturday,
February 29. The
public is welcome.*



MRT Hosts Seminar by Celebrated Jewish Author and Professor

Tinton Falls: On Saturday, February 29, Monmouth Reform Temple (MRT) hosts Rabbi David Ellenson for a series of lectures from 10:30 to 4:30 pm. The Shabbat Kallah event is sponsored by the MRT Adult Education Committee and also features a Friday, February 28, Shabbat at 7 pm when Rabbi Ellenson will be introduced. The rabbi is the Chancellor-Emeritus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he served as president from 2001 to 2013. MRT is located at 322 Hance Avenue in Tinton Falls. Non MRT members are welcome but asked for a donation of \$15 for the Saturday program which includes a complimentary lunch. All donations are welcome and support the continuation of adult educational programs at MRT. Interested parties are asked to call or email their RSVP to the MRT office at info@monmouthreformtemple.org; 732-747-9365.

The seminar is divided into three segments. From 10:30 am to 12 noon, Rabbi Ellenson will focus on “Sources of Jewish Spirituality. Following lunch, from 1:15 to 2:45 pm, Rabbi Ellenson will address the subject of “Peoplehood” considering what it means to be a Jewish people. At 3:00 to 4:30 pm, the program concludes with the topic entitled “Jews, Israel, and Power: Conflicting American Jewish Positons.” This session will explore differing opinions regarding Zionism as well as the historical concept of a Jewish state.

Rabbi Ellenson is also the director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies and is a visiting professor in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. A scholar of modern Jewish thought and history, Rabbi Ellenson is recognized for his writings and has authored or edited seven books and hundreds of article and reviews.

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