

The “Tribes” of Israel

with Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman

Thursday, November 1, 7:30pm

A challenge to a more unified world Jewry is the perception that Jewish life in Israel and North America reflect radically different Judaism's and “tribal” affiliations.

Israel's perceived secular-religious divide feels distant and alien to North America's multi-denominational and pluralistic communities. This narrative fails to reflect the reality of contemporary Judaism in Israel, which mirrors the diversity and complexity of North American Jewry far more than is usually appreciated. It also fails to consider the significant transformations in North America whereby classical denominational divides are softening. Setting aside conventional wisdom, the picture is emerging of two dynamic Jewish communities undergoing profound identity changes. By understanding the diversity of Judaism's in Israel and in North America, we may create a new framework and new possibilities for mutual understanding, interconnection, and partnership.

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