

# Miri Gold, Trailblazer of Israeli Religious Identity, to Speak at Temple Beth El

Female, Reform, and a Rabbi – of Rabbi Miri Gold, who is fighting and she wants equal rights. Come hear about the incredible journey of becoming the first non-Orthodox rabbi recognized by the



Rabbi Miri Gold

receive the recognition and funding given her male, Orthodox counterparts in the Gezer Regional Council.

From her beginnings as a Reform Jewish kid growing up in Michigan, with Zionist genes in the family (her mother was a lifelong Hadassah member) to working on Kibbutz Gezer and ultimately becoming its rabbi, Miri Gold's story is significant, timely, and filled with unique insights into contemporary Israel. She will share with us the challenges and triumphs of religion, politics, and life in the Jewish state.

**When:** Wednesday, May 20 at 7 PM

**Where:** David Silverman Social Hall at Temple Beth El  
No cost for this event.

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state of Israel.

Rabbi Gold is leader of Congregation Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer, the sister congregation of Temple Beth El. She is a beloved congregational rabbi, a trailblazing activist, and one of the founders of Reform Judaism in Israel. She is currently the subject of a case in the Israeli Supreme Court, in which she is suing to

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*Brian Emery, Rabbi Michah Streiffer, and Rob Abramowitz attend the Men's Seder at Temple Beth El on April 5.*