

Temple Beth El Presents its 19th Annual Comparative Religion Series

Politics and Religion: Where is the Line?

Tuesday Evenings January 26 - March 1, 7-9 PM, Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El's Comparative Religion Committee invites the entire Charlotte community to attend the 19th Annual Comparative Religion Series, "Politics and Religion: Where is the Line?" From January through March, the series will examine current and historical perspectives regarding religious beliefs and political activities and whether religious viewpoints have any role in our political debate. Religious leaders representing several Charlotte area faiths; politicians sharing conservative, moderate, and liberal viewpoints; and legal counselors providing various legal perspectives on religion and politics will discuss how religious institutions have approached political issues within their congregations, what key judicial decisions have set the boundaries for that political involvement, and how the legal lines have changed across the decades. Our guest lecturers will provide compelling answers to such questions as: How can religious institutions be effective in creating political and social change within the confines of the law? What judicial decisions have had the most impact on religious institutions? Should per-

sonal religious beliefs of elected officials influence their behavior in carrying out their duties?

Rabbi Judith Schindler, Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth El, will provide an introduction to the Series on January 26 which will deepen our understanding of the course of study, and will encourage us to engage in thought-provoking discussions with our guest lecturers.

The series will take place at Temple Beth El (5101 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226). Sessions will run from 7-9 PM on six consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning January 26. Educators and religious leaders representing Judaism, Buddhism, Conservative Protestantism, Liberal Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Islam, and Baptist faiths will offer their points of view. Throughout the course of the six week series, they will be joined by panels of guests who will add journalistic, political, and academic assessments in response to your questions on the topic "Politics and Religion: Where is the Line?"

For a full schedule of speakers, visit <http://templebethel.org/events/comparative-religion-series/>

The series is offered at no cost to the public by the Temple Beth El Comparative Religion Com-

mittee through the Ted and M.E. Hessberg Endowment which supports community outreach programs and the Sandra Gold Weinstein Hospitality Fund which provides refreshments for community-wide programs.

The annual Comparative Religion Series was established 19 years ago with the intent to educate our community, promote understanding and respect for all faiths, and reveal the commonalities in our differences. For more information, please visit www.templebethel.org or call Temple Beth El at 704-366-1948. ✪



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