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2014 Scholar in Residence **ISRAEL AND AMERICAN JEWRY: EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ISRAEL, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!**

September 12-14, 2014

No charge to attend!

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - Temple Emanuel

7:00 p.m. Service

7:45 p.m. Lecture following by Oneg

Topic: Why should American Jews care about Israel?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - Congregation Ahavas Israel

12 p.m. Lunch (RSVP for lunch required – 616-942-5553)

1:00 p.m. Lecture

Topic: What does it mean for a state to be Jewish in 2014?

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – Temple Emanuel

10:00 a.m. Bagels & Schmooze

10:30 a.m. Lecture

Topic: How can we reconcile humanitarian values with media reports on the treatment of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip?

Books available for sale on Sunday: *The Political Psychology of Prime Ministers: When Israeli Hard Liners Opt for Peace*

Yael Aronoff (PhD in Political Science, Columbia University, M.I.A. Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, B.A. Princeton University) is the Director of Jewish Studies and the Michael and Elaine Serling Chair in Israel Studies at Michigan State University. The Serling chair is sited in James Madison College, where Dr. Aronoff is associate professor of International Relations. Her research and teaching interests include Israeli cultures, politics and society, Israeli foreign policy, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and negotiated efforts to resolve it, and Israel's asymmetric wars with Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah.

Dr. Aronoff's book *The Political Psychology of Prime Ministers: When Israeli Hard Liners Opt for Peace* was published in May 2014 and compares and contrasts six Israeli Prime Ministers and their decision-making toward resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Dr. Aronoff has also published in *Israel Studies*, *Israel Studies Review* and the *Political Science Quarterly*. One of her recent publications is "Predicting Peace: The Contingent Nature of Leadership and Domestic Politics in Israel," chapter in *Democracy and Conflict Resolution: the Dilemmas of Israel's Peacemaking*. Dr. Aronoff is the book review editor for the journal *Israel Studies Review* and is on the Board of Directors of the Association of Israel Studies. Dr. Aronoff has taught in the Government Department at Hamilton College, and has served as Assistant for Regional Humanitarian Programs in the Pentagon's Office of Humanitarian and Refugee Affairs and in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as a Jacob K. Javits Fellow. She also served as Senior Associate at Columbia University's Institute of War and Peace Studies.

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