

# THE 2006 GOLDBER INTERFAITH LECTURE SERIES

Enjoy an enlightening weekend of exploration and discourse as we look at how to achieve harmony among those of divergent religious beliefs.

## “WHEN LOVE IS SHARED”

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 • 8:00 P.M.



Rabbi  
David Nelson



Associate Director of ARZA  
(Association of Reform  
Zionists of America)

As a people, Jews' love for the land of Israel stretches back many millennia and speaks to our sense of identity and connection to Israel today. It is *our* land, *our* dream and the source of *our* history. But love of Israel does not belong to Jews alone. Two other communities, Christian and Muslim, also claim Israel as their heritage.

How can we understand and cope with these people's love of the land? Rabbi Nelson will lead an interactive process at our Shabbat Service that explores Jews' connection to Israel and how it is impacted by those of other faiths.

Rabbi Nelson lectures in the United States and Canada on Jewish leadership, spirituality and pluralism. He is the author of *Judaism, Physics and God: Searching for Sacred Metaphors in a Post-Einstein World* and is currently working on a project involving Judaism and the science and philosophy of consciousness.

## “THE CHALLENGE TO ISLAM TODAY”

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## IRSHAD MANJI



Bestselling author of  
*The Trouble with Islam Today:  
A Muslim's Call for Reform in  
Her Faith* and an award-  
winning TV personality

A young, faithful Muslim, Ms. Manji will assess the likelihood of a liberal reformation in Islam, one that promotes competition of ideas and respect for human rights. Along the way, she will offer key insights into the struggles and expectations of a new generation of Muslims from the West and Islamic world.

As the author of the international bestseller, *The Trouble with Islam Today*, Ms. Manji unearths the troubling cornerstones of mainstream Islam - tribal insularity, deep-seated anti-Semitism and an uncritical acceptance of the Koran as the final, and therefore superior, manifesto of God.

Ms. Manji offers a practical vision of how the United States and its allies can help Muslims undertake a reformation that empowers women, promotes respect for religious minorities, fosters a competition of ideas and revives Islam's lost tradition of independent thinking.

In Ms. Manji's words, *The Trouble With Islam Today* is "about why my faith community needs to come to terms with the diversity of ideas, beliefs and people in our universe, and why non-Muslims have a pivotal role in helping us get there." A feature-length documentary based on the book is in the works.

Described by *The New York Times* as "Osama bin Laden's worst nightmare" (she takes this as a compliment!), Ms. Manji has engaged various groups in supporting the reformation of Islam, including the Oxford Union, United Nations Press Corps and the Pentagon.

Ms. Manji is the host of "Big Ideas," a television program showcasing innovative thinkers from science to spirituality. She also sits on the interfaith editorial board of *Seventeen* magazine and is launching the world's first leadership center for reform-minded Muslims.



Ms. Manji with  
Judea Pearl,  
Daniel Pearl's father

The recipient of Oprah Winfrey's first "Chutzpah Award," Ms. Manji was selected by *Ms.* magazine as "Feminist for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" and has received the Simon Wiesenthal Award of Valor.

## STANLEY C. GOLDER INTERFAITH LECTURE SERIES

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*Previous speakers have included Mitch Albom, John Callaway, Bruce Feiler, Father Andrew Greeley, William Safire and Terry Waite.*

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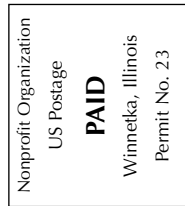
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