

Two days after we elect a new President of the United States, this panel discussion will occur. Americans are facing somber spiritual and economic challenges, and continuing turbulence in the Middle East. There is no greater time for American Jews and all Americans to seek common ground and unity.

This historic roundtable discussion “Three Movements – One Future: Challenges Facing American Jews,” is an unprecedented public dialogue featuring the heads of the three leading institutions training the next generation of Jewish leadership. **Rabbi Joshua Hammerman** of Temple Beth El, who is also a journalist and author, will moderate the conversation.

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The current event is the 24th annual lecture in the prestigious Harold E. Hoffman Memorial Lecture series, which has brought to Fairfield County leading national and international thinkers. It is sponsored by the family of the late Harold E. Hoffman, a former member of the Stamford community who was dedicated to many civic and Jewish causes.

Some past speakers in the lecture series include: Elie Weisel, Abba Eban, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, Rabbi Robert Gordis, Edgar Bronfman, A.M. Rosenthal, Rabbi David Hartman, Thomas L. Friedman, Ambassador Collette Avital of Israel, Rabbi Avi Weiss, Daniel Goldhagen, Anne Roiphe, Michael H. Steinhardt, Ambassador Dennis Ross, Dore Gold, and Michael Oren.

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The 24th Annual Harold E. Hoffman Memorial Lecture



THREE MOVEMENTS ONE FUTURE: CHALLENGES FACING AMERICAN JEWS

- **Dr. David Ellenson, President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion**
- **Richard Joel, President of Yeshiva University**
- **Dr. Arnold Eisen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary**

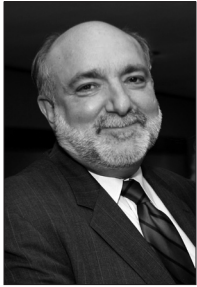
**A Roundtable Conversation moderated by
Rabbi Joshua Hammerman**

NOVEMBER 6, 2008, 7:30 PM

**Free and open to the public
Reception will follow**

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Dr. David Ellenson is President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), and is I. H. and Anna Grancell Professor of Jewish

Religious Thought. He is a distinguished rabbi, scholar, and leader in the Reform Movement.

He is internationally recognized for his publications and research in the areas of Jewish religious thought, ethics, and modern Jewish history. Dr. Ellenson received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1981 and was ordained a rabbi at HUC-JIR in 1977. He is a Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem and is a Fellow and Lecturer at the Institute of Advanced Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Ellenson is a prolific author. His most recent book, *After Emancipation: Jewish Religious Responses to Modernity*, was published by Hebrew Union College Press in 2004.



Richard M. Joel, a leader in the Orthodox Jewish community, was inaugurated on September 21, 2003 as Yeshiva University's fourth

president in its 118-year history. Yeshiva University (YU) is America's oldest and most comprehensive institution combining Jewish scholarship with academic excellence and achievement in liberal arts, sciences, medicine, law, business, social work, Jewish studies and education, and psychology.

He received his BA and JD from New York University where he was a Root-Tilden law scholar, and has received honorary degrees from Boston Hebrew College and Gratz College. Richard Joel was an Assistant District Attorney in New York, Deputy Chief of Appeals in the Bronx, and Associate Dean and Professor of Law at YU's Benjamin Cardozo School of Law.

President Joel is renowned nationally and internationally as a talented leader and gifted speaker.



Dr. Arnold M. Eisen, a product of the Conservative Movement, is the seventh chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is one of

the world's foremost experts on American Judaism, and has worked closely with synagogues and federation leadership around the country to analyze and address the issues of Jewish identity, the revitalization of Jewish tradition and the redefinition of the American Jewish community.

Chancellor Eisen received a PhD in the History of Jewish Thought from Hebrew University, a BPhil in the Sociology of Religion at Oxford University, and a BA in Religious Thought from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was Koshland Professor of Jewish Culture and Religion at Stanford University, and previously served as senior lecturer in the Department of Jewish Philosophy at Tel Aviv University.