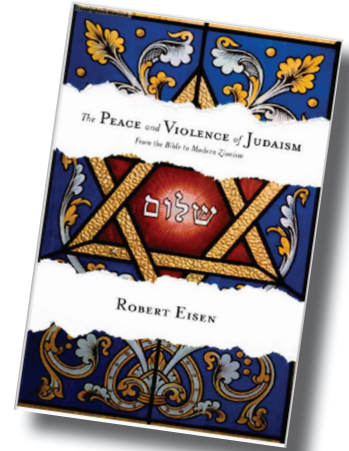


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## Scholar-in-Residence January 11 - 12, 2013



PROFESSOR ROBERT EISEN  
*presenting*  
"The Peace and Violence  
of Judaism: From the Bible  
to Modern Zionism"



Robert Eisen is Professor of Religion and Judaic Studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. His areas of interest include medieval and modern Jewish philosophy, biblical interpretation, religious ethics, and comparative religion. He has authored three books, the most recent of which is *The Peace and Violence of Judaism: From the Bible to Modern Zionism*.

Professor Eisen is also active as a consultant on issues of religion and international conflict with a particular interest in fostering better relations between the West and the Islamic world. He has participated in a number of high-level dialogues and consultations in Washington and abroad concerning this issue.

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

5:45pm Minyan & Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
6:45pm Shabbat Dinner \*  
7:45pm Prof. Eisen presents, "*The Peace and Violence of Judaism: The Example of Laws of War*"  
Is Judaism a religion of peace or violence? Some of our classical sources seem to express a peaceful attitude toward outsiders, while others seem quite violent on this issue. The same tradition that teaches us that all humans are created in the divine image also commands us to annihilate the Canaanites and the Amalekites. We will examine this duality by focusing on the laws of war in Judaism, in particular, a look at the most famous treatment of this issue, which is contained in Maimonides' great halakhic compendium, the Mishneh Torah.

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

9:00am Shabbat Service - Prof. Eisen delivers the D'var Torah: "*The Wrath of God: A Model for Human Behavior?*"  
3:30pm Torah Study - Prof. Eisen presents: "*Hawks and Doves: The Complexities of Religious Zionism*"  
**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!**  
This talk will continue to explore the theme of ambiguity in Judaism regarding peace and violence with the focus on modern times. Religious Zionism is often perceived as the most violent branch of Zionism due to its association with the settler movement on the West Bank and its extremist elements. We'll examine the veracity of this perception and demonstrate that while religious Zionism can certainly be violent, the reality is far more complex.  
4:30pm Mincha, followed at 5:00pm by Seudah Shlesheet (Third Meal), Ma'ariv and Havdallah

\* Fee and reservations needed by Jan. 7 for Shabbat dinner only.  
CAI members: adults \$14, children \$8; Guests: adults \$18, children \$12.  
(After Jan. 7, additional \$5 per person)

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