

Rabbi Brant Rosen

Rabbi Brant Rosen, a congregational rabbi in Evanston, Illinois shares his journey through the volatile issues of Jewish faith, values and the traditional homeland narrative of Israel in his new book, *Wrestling in the Daylight*. He listens to his dissenters with respect and challenges with integrity. He provides a model that enables a remarkable civil conversation where great divergence exists in ideas and beliefs. Rabbi Rosen's journey and his example of honest, rigorous, and civil discussion within his own congregation can be a model for our own Seattle communities.

Rabbi Brant Rosen has been Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation's spiritual leader since 1998. A graduate of UCLA and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Rosen is a past President of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association and currently serves as the co-chairperson of the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council. In 2008, Rabbi Rosen was honored by Newsweek magazine as one of the Top 25 Pulpit Rabbis in America.

Rabbi Rosen is also a long-time activist for peace, social justice and human rights, and has traveled on delegations to such countries as the former Soviet Union, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, and Iran. In 2010 he was awarded the "Inspiration for Hope Award" by the American Friends Service Committee - Chicago for his activism on behalf of peace and justice in the Middle East. He lives in Evanston with his wife Hallie and his sons Gabriel and Jonah. In 2009, Rabbi Rosen was the recipient of Chicago Magazine's Green Award for his environmental leadership.

Rabbi Rosen will give a talk and there will be time for questions and answers.

The cornerstone value of my religious tradition commands me to stand in solidarity with all who are oppressed. It would be a profound betrayal of my own Jewish heritage if I consciously choose not to stand with the Palestine people...I believe my Jewish liberation to be intrinsically bound up with Palestinian liberation.

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