

WHAT IS ALL THIS?!

UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT DEMOCRACY CRISIS IN ISRAEL

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:00PM – 8:30PM VIA ZOOM

For over 3 months, hundreds of thousands of Israelis have been taking to the streets in weekly demonstrations against the current Israeli ruling coalition's proposals to overhaul a number of key Israeli laws. As many as 1 in 5 Israeli citizens have participated in protests, in an effort to convince the government to scrap a package of laws that would, among other things, eliminate the ability of Israel's supreme court to serve as a check on the legislature. Israelis are also objecting to proposed laws aimed at removing civil rights protections from women, LGBTQ people, and non-Jewish Israeli citizens.

In this session, **Rabbi Maurice Harris, Israel Affairs Specialist at Reconstructing Judaism**, will offer some insight into why this is happening now, what it means for the relationship between the American Jewish community and Israel, and ways that Jewish-Americans can help support democratic institutions in Israel during this crucial time.

Rabbi Maurice recently returned from spending 3 weeks in Israel during which he attended the World Union for Progressive Judaism's biennial convention and spoke with many Israelis and diaspora Jewish leaders from different countries about current issues involving Israeli democratic institutions.

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