

*A note from Guardian of Democracy Dinner Co-Chairs
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Dear SALUTATION,

We proudly invite you to help honor our friends **Rabbi Amy Eilberg and Professor Louis Newman**, and support the New Israel Fund at its *17th Annual Guardian of Democracy Dinner* on **Wednesday, September 21** at San Francisco's Four Seasons Hotel. We approach this dinner with excitement and great anticipation. You won't want to miss hearing our keynote speaker, prominent journalist and author **Peter Beinart**, one of the most vibrant new voices on engagement with Israel. At an unprecedented moment in history—with international attention on Israel and its neighbors intensifying—it is all the more essential to come together with NIF to learn about and voice your support for a democratic and pluralistic Israel. **Please join us as a member of the Honorary Dinner Committee and help honor our friends and support NIF at this critical time.**

We have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with two truly significant figures in the American Jewish community. Amy Eilberg has been a pioneer in countless ways: as the first woman rabbi ordained in the Conservative movement, as co-founder of the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, as a leader in Jewish hospice work and spiritual direction, and as a bridge-builder—between Israelis and Palestinians, between Jews, Christians and Muslims, and among Jews across the ideological spectrum. Louis is among the country's leading scholars of Jewish ethics and a celebrated professor at Carleton College, where he has taught for nearly three decades. Louis has also been a devoted community leader, serving as president both of the community Day School and of his synagogue in Saint Paul, as well as being a longtime member of NIF's International Council. Amy and Louis live in Minnesota, but Amy remains deeply connected to the Bay Area, where she has many colleagues, friends and her daughter, Penina. We are thrilled to pay tribute to this incredible duo who are enormous contributors to NIF and to Jewish life.

NIF is the recognized leader in Israel's flowering social change arena. It supports Israeli non-profit organizations dealing with the most pressing social issues, from women's rights to the status of the Arab minority, from LGBT rights to expanding religious pluralism. Today, with NIF's help, Israel boasts a vital community of activists and organizations that pursue social justice and equality, and give voice to the disadvantaged.

Please join us as a member of the Honorary Dinner Committee, which simply entails an early commitment to attend or support the dinner. Return the enclosed response form by **July 21, 2011** so that we may list your name on the invitation and in the tribute journal distributed the evening of the dinner. Help to make this a most memorable and extraordinary experience for our honorees, speaker, and the whole NIF family. In this crucial moment, we ask that you join us to celebrate and strengthen all that NIF does to nurture a vibrant and democratic Israel.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours truly,



P.S. Gifts at or above the \$1,000 level include an invitation to a special reception with the honorees and featured speaker prior to the dinner.