



**Congregation Beth Mordecai**

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# Scholar~in~Residence

Sunday ~ May 22 ~ 10am ~ Beth Mordecai ~ Free to the Public

## Brunch & Special Presentation: 175 Visits to the Jews of Russia

Personal experiences, stories, images and insights from  
175 visits to the then-Soviet Union and Russia since 1965

For those who descend from the Soviet Union: Explore where you  
came from and what Jewish life was like in the former USSR

**Please RSVP by May 14 to the synagogue**



## Rabbi Jonathan Porath

Rabbi Jonathan Porath comes to Beth Mordecai from Israel, where he has lived with his family for the past 32 years. He is the 18th generation of rabbis in his family. An inspiring speaker and educator who makes Jewish texts come alive and teaches Torah and Jewish values with passion, he specializes in conveying Jewish pride and passion; he always speaks from the heart and inspires.

Rabbi Jonathan Porath visited the Jews of the Soviet Union and Russia more than 175 times during the past 50 years. From his first student visit in 1965, through Simchat Torah in Moscow after the Six Day War, to leading Jewish student tours of the USSR in the 1970's, to receiving thousands of Russian Jews to Israel in the 1990's, through working for 15 years [from 1993-2008] in helping Jews in the Former Soviet Union rebuild Jewish life--he is one of the most knowledgeable and expert voices in understanding Jewish life behind the Iron Curtain.