

Adas Yeshurun Herzlia's 6th Annual Distinguished Lecturer Series May 7th

Adas Yeshurun Herzlia's 6th Annual Distinguished Lecturer Series is coming up, featuring Israeli human rights activist and civil rights attorney **Nitsana Darshan-Leitner**, president of **Shurat HaDin - Israel Law Center**, the Tel Aviv based civil rights organization recognized as a world leader in combatting terror through lawsuits. Founded in 2003, Shurat HaDin has successfully prosecuted governments that sponsor terrorism, terrorist organizations, financial institutions supporting terror funding, and charities aiding and abetting terrorists worldwide. Victims of terror and their families have been awarded more than \$1 billion in civil lawsuits around the world, of which \$300 million has been collected.

A group of Israeli American citizens recently was awarded \$111 million in damages by a federal court in Brooklyn, NY after Shurat HaDin sued Hezbollah under the US Anti-Terrorism Act for physical and emotional injury during the 2006 war.

Israel's campaign to target the finances fuelling international terrorism started in the 1990s and evolved to become the blueprint for US strategy to combat ISIS and drug cartels. In 2017, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner and Samuel M Katz co-authored *Harpoon – Inside the Covert War Against Terrorism's Money Masters*. Samuel M Katz observed "... the team at Shurat HaDin are very much on the front lines of the war on terror, fighting tirelessly for the rights of everyday people whose lives were devastated by extraordinary evil."

Shurat HaDin has been involved in the fight against antisemitism and terror incitement hosted by social media providers since 2015. The Community Decency Act Section 230 protects social media platforms from liability for third-party content, and internet platforms have refused to accept responsibility for the content they carry. Shurat HaDin and other groups have filed lawsuits claiming that international technology companies can no longer avoid responsibility for actions resulting from online terrorist content that incites violence, and the United States Supreme Court heard Shurat HaDin's arguments last month. A decision is expected in June.

Please join us on May 7th at 12:30 pm when Nitsana will share her, and Shurat HaDin's, remarkable story *live via Zoom*. Guests can participate from the comfort of their homes or attend a public Zoom event at Adas Yeshurun Herzlia which will be followed by a dessert reception.

Adas Yeshurun Herzlia is Winnipeg's modern Orthodox congregation, and your support enables traditional synagogue services and holiday celebrations, community Kashrut and Eruv supervision, children's and youth programming, and Torah learning with Rabbi Yosef Benarroch. Please contact Adas Yeshurun Herzlia for more information by email reception@adasyeshurun.ca or phone (204) 489 6262.