

Beit Oleh America Netanya AACI

Dr. David Hirsh

Contemporary



Anti-Semitism in the UK

7.30pm Monday 6 November

David Hirsh BSc MA PhD is a Lecturer in Sociology at **Goldsmiths College, University of London**, and the founder of **Engage**, a campaign against academic boycotts of Israel. He is a graduate of City University and holds an MA in Philosophy and Social Theory and a PhD from Warwick University.

In his youth, David was an activist in the National Organization of Labour Students, but he has recently played a leading role in exposing contemporary anti-Semitism in the UK, which often masquerades behind commonplace criticism of Israel. His particular interest is in challenging “the ways that people on the left, people who consider themselves to be liberals and anti-racists, trade unionists, are thinking about Zionism and Jews.”

He has written that he was shocked when academic colleagues in his own union not only voted to boycott Israel but failed to understand why it was wrong to single out Israeli Jews and no-one else for exclusion. He has dedicated his website Engage to encouraging and educating Jews and non-Jews to recognize and oppose anti-Semitism, whenever and wherever it appears.

David will give an overview of anti-Semitism in British Institutions and will talk about his new book Contemporary Left Anti-Semitism.

Program takes place at Netanya AACI, 28 Shmuel Hanaziv, Netanya.

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