

Beit Oleh America Netanya AACI

Herzog Toynbee Debate 8.00pm Sunday 16 July

It's a familiar chain of events: A prominent scholar and public intellectual visits an elite college campus to speak to students. In his remarks, he shocks his audience and the Jewish community by questioning the right of the Jewish people to a state, and asserting that the Zionist treatment of the Palestinians is morally equivalent to the Nazi treatment of the Jews. Naturally, the address elicits strong condemnation from the local Israeli Ambassador.

But this is 1961, not 2017.



The setting is Montreal, where the famed British historian **Professor Arnold Toynbee**, a specialist in international affairs, delivered a controversial lecture to students at McGill University. Israel's Ambassador to Canada, **Ambassador Yaakov Herzog**, responded by challenging Toynbee to a public debate. Just five days after his initial comments, the two squared off at McGill's Hillel House for an exchange that was broadcast live across the country and later that evening in Israel. The topic of this debate is just as

pertinent today as it was 56 years ago. Shimon Peres described it as one of the most dramatic debates in the history of our people.

Join us to witness **David Feiler**, **Mervyn Leviton** and **Anthony Felix** present a re-enactment of the debate.

David Feiler made Aliyah from Syracuse, NY in 2013 after retiring from a career in consulting with the electric and gas industries. Prior to that, he worked as a researcher of emerging technologies at Tel Aviv University.

Mervyn Leviton, originally from London, is an educator, a retired teacher of Limmudei Kodesh and head teacher/principal of a Jewish School. He made Aliyah in 2007 with his wife and gives regular shiurim at the Young Israel Synagogue.

Anthony Felix made Aliyah from London with his wife Daphne in 1995. Following the sale of his publishing company he became involved in the reforms of the British health service and was chairman of a London NHS hospital. In Israel, Anthony has been very active in communal organisations and worked as a business consultant to start-up companies.

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