

Rabbi Abraham Cooper  
Associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center  
Will speak at Temple Beth El  
Wednesday, February 3, at 7:00 pm

Rabbi Abraham Cooper is the associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a leading Jewish human rights organization with over 400,000 family members.

Abraham Cooper has been a longtime activist for Jewish and human rights causes on five continents. His extensive involvement in Soviet Jewry included visiting refuseniks in the 1970s, helping to open the first Jewish Cultural Center in Moscow in the 1980s, and lecturing at the Soviet Academy of Sciences and the Sakharov Foundation in the 1990s.

Rabbi Cooper regularly meets with world leaders, including Pope Benedict XVI, presidents and foreign ministers to defend the rights of the Jewish people, combat terrorism and promote intergroup relations.

For three decades, Rabbi Cooper has overseen the Wiesenthal Center's international social action agenda ranging from worldwide anti-Semitism and extremist groups, Nazi crimes, to Interfaith Relations and the struggle to thwart the anti-Israel Divestment campaign, to worldwide promotion of tolerance education. He is widely recognized as a pioneer and international authority on issues related to digital hate and the Internet.

Rabbi Cooper is the editor-in-chief of *Response* magazine. His editorials appear in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *the Los Angeles Times*, the *Miami Herald*, *USA Today*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Globe and Mail*, *National Post*, *Le Monde*, the *Japan Times*, *The Straits Times* and *Midstream* magazine.

In 2007, Rabbi Cooper was listed by *Newsweek* among the top most influential Rabbis in the United States. His talk at TBE is presented by the Israel Support Committee.