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Left v. Right: The Battle for Israel's Soul
A moderated discussion with J.J. Goldberg and Jonathan Tobin

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin— Two respected thought leaders with opposing viewpoints on Israel will take part in a moderated forum this Thursday night.

J.J. Goldberg, editor-at-large of *The Forward* and former U.S. bureau chief of the Israeli news-magazine *The Jerusalem Report*, will present a liberal viewpoint. Jonathan Tobin, senior online editor and chief political blogger of *Commentary Magazine*, will present a conservative one. Local radio personality Ben Merens will moderate the discussion.

Is Israel locked in a tragic dispute between two peoples claiming the same land – or a global conflict between Western democracy and Islamist terrorism? Is partition into two states the only way to ensure Israel's survival – or is it the surest path to ever-increasing bloodshed and possibly even endangering Israel's survival? Tobin and Goldberg will debate these and other critical suppositions about the State of Israel.

This forum is part of the Let's Talk Israel series, a comprehensive, yearlong project to increase opportunities for thoughtful and civil conversations about Israel.

Held at Congregation Shalom, 7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd. 7-9 p.m. Free. RSVP required to guarantee a seat at MilwaukeeJewish.org/LeftRight or call Allison Hayden at (414) 390-5735. Sponsored by Milwaukee Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council with several co-sponsors.

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About the Jewish Community Relations Council: *Founded in 1938, the Jewish Community Relations Council, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, advocates for the rights and values of Jews individually and collectively, here and abroad. The Council implements a coordinated program of education, action, and advocacy for the Jewish community. For more than one hundred years, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has been dedicated to building a strong Jewish community. The agency distributed nearly \$19 million last year to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations locally and around the world.*

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