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## **"RETHINKING JUDAISM" PREMIERES ON SHALOM TV**

**Rabbi Donniel Hartman begins series from the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem**

Fort Lee, NJ -- An exclusive, exciting, and provocative series entitled "Rethinking Judaism" begins airing this week on Shalom TV. Produced by the Shalom Hartman Institute, one of the leading sources of pluralistic Jewish thought in the State of Israel, "Rethinking Judaism" features a number of brilliant rabbinic minds addressing a range of issues critical to Jewish life today.



Rabbi Donniel Hartman, president of the institute and son of its founder, Rabbi David Hartman, kicks off the series with a challenging look at how the Jewish tradition directs Jews to treat non-Jews--or what Donniel Hartman calls "The Other." The program has clear implications for Jewish ethics today and Jewish relations with Palestinians.

"Our viewers devour programs in our Jewish Studies category," says Rabbi Mark S. Golub, president of Shalom TV. "Adding the thoughtful and entertaining presentations of scholars at the Shalom Hartman Institute enriches the breadth of understanding for our viewers and may well strengthen their commitment to the Jewish tradition."

Others participating in the series include Dr. Micah Goodman (professor of Jewish philosophy at Hebrew University) and Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi (vice president of SHI) addressing such topics as "Contemporary Challenges for Jewish Women" and "Debate and Pluralism in the Jewish Tradition."

Speaking from Jerusalem, Rabbi Hartman explains, "Our goal at the Shalom Hartman Institute is to elevate and deepen the quality and meaning of contemporary Jewish life, its institutions, and thinking. We are pleased with this partnership with Shalom TV and the important platform that it provides to convene this new and important conversation."

The series, "Rethinking Judaism," is part of Shalom TV's free Video On Demand network available on virtually every cable system in the United States. The series is produced by Rabbi Beit-Halachmi, Alan D. Abbey, and Doron Tashtit for the Shalom Hartman Institute which has offices in the United States at One Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1606, New York, NY 10019. For more information on the Shalom Hartman Institute or on the series "Rethinking Judaism" please call 212-268-0300.

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