



## **Rabbi Lawrence Seidman, PhD**

### **Speaking On**

### ***The Integration of Church & State***

**Saturday, June 18th at 2:00 pm**

**Irvine Ranch Water District<sup>1</sup>**

**15600 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks), Irvine, CA 92618**



We have as our mission the preservation of the separation of church (religion) and state. Rabbi Seidman will challenge us to examine the two faces to religion. One side is within us. It deals with our personal values and how we lead our lives. The other side drives for conformity and dominance in the world. The two aspects are in tension with each other.

He will look at a few bible stories from the book of Numbers, and from the book of First Kings. These stories show the ancient conflicts between those who want to see God as the source of terrestrial authority vs. those who see God in their personal lives not in regulation. Today, this conflict is in the growth of religious movements which support diversity as well as those supporting dominance.

How can religion help us to develop the values we hold dear?

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Rabbi Larry Seidman, Ph.D., aka the Rational Rabbi, brings a unique perspective to the role of a religious leader. He is both an ordained rabbi, and the holder of a Ph. D. in Electrical Engineering from UC Berkeley. He believes that the practices of Judaism, and the understanding of God's role in the world, can guide and enhance all our lives. The rabbi believes that Judaism is fully compatible with science and rational thinking. Science and religion are not enemies; rather, with proper understanding, they are fully compatible.

Rabbi Seidman has served as a rabbi from coast to coast. He frequently officiates at Jewish and Interfaith services and has taught about spirituality and rational views of religion from California to Kathmandu. He is well known in Orange County for his column titled God, Religion and You. It appears every Sunday in the local section of the Orange County Register: [OCRegister.com/link/religion](http://OCRegister.com/link/religion). For more information about the rabbi, check his web site at [www.RationalRabbi.com](http://www.RationalRabbi.com).

Our doors open at 1:30 for snacks and socializing; seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis.

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