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**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES**  
**ISRAEL AND THE US:**  
**A NEW ERA?**

**How Western Policies are Heading for Disaster in the Middle East**

**Prof. Barry Rubin**

**Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, 7:45 pm**

Barry Rubin will look into the future and provide insight into the impact of the Obama administration policies, particularly in regard to Iran. Professor Rubin is Director of the Global Research for International Affairs (GLORIA) Center; editor of the *Middle East Review of International Affairs (MERIA) Journal*, and writer for the *Jerusalem Post* Middle East column. Professor Rubin is author of many publications i.e. *The Truth About Syria* and *The Future of the Middle East*.

**The Words Israelis Want to Hear from President Obama**

**Rabbi Abraham Cooper**

**Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, 7:45 pm**

Rabbi Cooper is Associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and its Museum of Tolerance, a leading Jewish human rights organization. He has been a longtime activist for Jewish and human rights causes on five continents. For three decades, Rabbi Cooper has overseen the Wiesenthal Center's international social action agenda - from worldwide anti-semitism and extremist groups, to Interfaith Relations and the struggle to thwart campaigns to de-legitimize Israel. He regularly meets with world leaders, including Pope Benedict XVI, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, presidents, prime ministers and diplomats.

**Reflecting on the Post-Bush Mideast**

**Dr. Martin Peretz**

**Monday, Nov. 9, 7:45 pm**

Martin Peretz will give insight into the current era of U.S. – Israel relations. Dr. Peretz is Editor-in-Chief of *The New Republic*, a Washington-based journal of politics and culture. He has taught Social Studies at Harvard University, focusing on the classics of social thought and on issues of nationalism, ethnicity and political identity. Peretz is co-founder of TheStreet.com, a subscription-based financial daily and writes the blog "The Spine" for TNR online.



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