

Live Talks Los Angeles Hosts Ehud Barak at Wilshire Boulevard Temple

Former PM of Israel Discusses New Memoir and His Search for Peace

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, US, March 22, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Live Talks Los Angeles, in association with Wilshire Boulevard Temple, presents former Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Barak in conversation about his upcoming memoir "My Country, My Life: Fighting for Israel, Searching for Peace." This event takes place Thursday, May 17, 2018, 8pm at Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles. In addition, Live Talks Los Angeles will host Mr. Barak the next morning, Friday, May 18, 2018, 8am for a Live Talks Business Forum in downtown Los Angeles at Gensler. Ehud Barak's powerfully honest memoir, on sale May 8, 2018, is the story of Israel – its battlefield triumphs and tragedies, its political accomplishments and the huge challenges it faces today – as told by one of its preeminent military and political leaders: a man whose life has been entwined from the beginning with his country's.

"We've welcomed dozens of distinguished figures from a variety of fields over the years," noted Live Talks Los Angeles founder and producer Ted Habte-Gabr, "and we are delighted to bring such an eminent statesman as Ehud Barak to discuss his memoir in front of what we know will be an enthusiastic audience."

Rabbi Steven Z. Leder, Senior Rabbi of Wilshire Boulevard Temple says of Mr. Barak's upcoming visit, "Soldier, statesman, classical pianist, unabashed advocate for peace; Prime Minister Barak is a man of extraordinary courage and intellect. We are honored to welcome him to Wilshire Boulevard Temple's sanctuary—a fitting place to hear one of the most important Jewish leaders of this century."

In the summer of 2000, the most decorated soldier in Israel's history—Ehud Barak—set himself a challenge as daunting as any he had faced on the battlefield: to secure a final peace with the Palestinians. He would propose two states for two peoples, with a shared capital in Jerusalem. He knew the risks of failure. But he also knew the risks of not trying: letting slip perhaps the last chance for a generation to secure genuine peace. It was a moment of truth. It was one of many in a life intertwined, from the start, with that of Israel. Born on a kibbutz, Barak became commander of Israel's elite special forces, then army Chief of Staff, and ultimately, Prime Minister.

"My Country, My Life" tells the unvarnished story of his—and his country's—first seven decades; of its major successes, but also its setbacks and misjudgments. He offers candid assessments of his fellow



Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak talks about his new memoir at two separate Los Angeles events. Photo credit: Nili Priell

Israeli politicians, of the American administrations with which he worked, and of himself. Drawing on his experiences as a military and political leader, he sounds a powerful warning: Israel is at a crossroads, threatened by events beyond its borders and by divisions within. The two-state solution is more urgent than ever, not just for the Palestinians, but for the existential interests of Israel itself. Only by rediscovering the twin pillars on which it was built—military strength and moral purpose—can Israel thrive. This captivating memoir is an unprecedented and frank account of both Israel's history and Barak's own.

Tickets to the evening event on May 17, 2018 can be purchased at the [Live Talks Los Angeles website](#) beginning Friday, March 23, 2018 at 10am and range from \$20-\$95. Presale tickets are available for Citi cardmembers at [Citi Private Pass](#). This event takes place at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, 3663 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010.

Tickets to the morning Live Talks Business Forum on May 18, 2018 can be purchased on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 10am at the [Live Talks Business Forum page](#) and range from \$20-45. That event takes place at Gensler, 500 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

Since 2010 Live Talks Los Angeles has presented over 250 talks featuring authors, actors, filmmakers, artists, musicians, comedians, chefs, scientists, and business thought leaders in various venues in Los Angeles. Videos and podcasts of its events are available on its website [livetalksla.org](#).

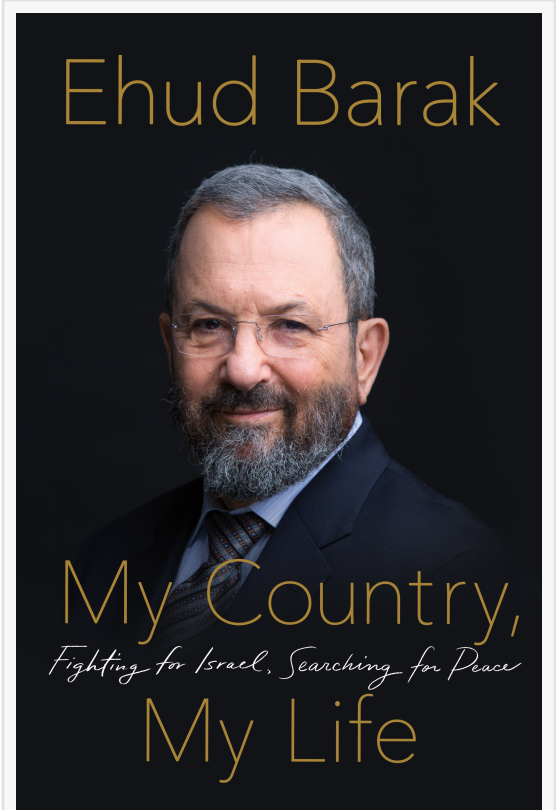
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