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## **EXCEPTIONALISM VS NORMALISM: THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS**

**ZOOM CLASS WITH RABBI EDLESON**

*based on class given by Dr. Micah Goodman in  
July 2019 at Hartmann Institute, Jerusalem.*



**MONDAY MARCH 23 7 PM**

**THURSDAY MARCH 26 11 AM**

**ZOOM LINK:**

<https://zoom.us/j/270992124?pwd=V1lCTVhMRGUyaW5BVDRYLOhYTUIFdz09>

Meeting ID: 270-992-124

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Are Jews a people like any other? Or do we have a special purpose and duty? Are we a 'light unto the nations' or simply a nation like all others with our own languages, culture, foods, and

religious practices? Should the State of Israel as a Jewish nation aspire to higher ethics and practices than the nations around it, or is the purpose of the Jewish state to simply allow Jews to have self-determination and be a nation-state with all the good and bad of that?

These questions go back to Torah and Tanakh, (Hebrew Bible) and they continue passionately in our community to this day. In this 90-minute class, based on a class given last July by Dr. Micah Goodman, a Senior Research Fellow at the Hartmann Institute in Jerusalem. We will explore some Biblical texts, some early Zionist views, and consider how this question plays out in the Jewish community and among Jewish organizations, touching on issues from interfaith marriages to BDS to how we should teach our children.

*Join us!*