

UCSD's Judaic Studies to celebrate 10th anniversary

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Samuel Popkin, a political pollster and professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego, will be the speaker Oct. 18 at the 10th anniversary dinner of UCSD's Friends of Judaic Studies. The cocktail and buffet supper will be held at University House, La Jolla Farms Road.

Reservations may be made with Laurel J. Mannen, Judaic Studies Program representative, at 534-4551.

A popular speaker, particularly during political campaign seasons, Popkin will discuss "Religion and Politics in 1996." He has been a participant and academic analyst during the past several presidential elections, and at one time served as consultant to CBS News.

His book, "The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Elections," is considered by many to be a classic text of how to run a presidential campaign. Political consultant James Carville wrote, "If you're preparing to run a presidential campaign and only have time to read one book, make sure you read Sam Popkin's 'The Reasoning Voter.' If you have time to read two books, read 'The Reasoning Voter' twice."

The Friends of Judaic Studies has been responsible through the years for an extensive series of lectures, seminars and special programs for its members and the community.

The programming supplements the more formal and academic public lectures of Judaic Studies, providing a broader level of topics and covering a wide range of subjects.

Meetings are usually held on the UCSD campus and most presentations are open to the public. Each year one gathering is limited to members and held in a private home.

Occasionally the program is presented off campus, such as the recital by composer Myron Fink of his new opera, *El Conquistador*, held at the Athenaeum in La Jolla. It will have its debut with the San Diego Opera in 1997.

Over the years, the Judaic Studies faculty, as well as faculty members from other disciplines, have presented programs on a wide variety of subjects.

Professor Richard Noel Friedman has lectured on "The Dead Sea Scrolls -- Fact and Fancy" and on other occasions has spoken on "Jonah and the Big Fish." Following the fall of the Berlin Wall, Professor Sanford Lakoff reported on his observations following a visit to Eastern Europe in a talk titled, "Antisemitism After Auschwitz: Decline or Metamorphosis?"

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