

# CONG. DARCHEI NOAM

invites the community to a Shabbaton with

## Rabbi Eliyahu Stern

March 3-4, 2006

Shabbat P. Terumah

### **ONEG SHABBAT (FRIDAY NIGHT)**

#### The Biblical Challenge to Jihad and Fundamentalism

In recent years the Bible has been used by religious extremists to justify atrocities against humanity. We will re-read Biblical narratives to show how God's message in fact rejects political absolutisms, celebrates human dignity, and encourages individuals to challenge those who speak absolutely in the name of God.

*Friday (March 3), 8:45 p.m., home of Rafi and Alla Geretz, 4701 28th St., St. Louis Park*

### **SHABBAT MORNING**

#### The Great Debate over Life:

#### Judaism and Religion in the American Public Sphere

The question of what constitutes life is emerging as this generation's great dividing line. In a post-Musaf drasha, Rabbi Stern will explore the often conflicting Jewish responses to these great bio-ethical issues.

*Saturday (March 4), Shabbat tefillot:*

*9:00 a.m., home of Tom and Susan Palchick-Silver, 2608 Princeton Ave. S., SLP*

### **MELAVE MALKA (MOTZEI SHABBAT)**

#### The Founding Fathers of Modern Jewry

In the mid-eighteenth-century, three great Jewish figures emerged: Rabbi Elijah of Vilna (the Vilna Gaon), Moses Mendelssohn, and the Baal Shem Tov. In this class, we will explore why they became for many the fathers of Modern Judaism and what they have to say to us today.

*Saturday (March 4), 8:30 p.m., home of Mitch and Jan Burke, 2901 Ewing Ave. S., Minneapolis*

*Catered by Little Tel Aviv; suggested donation: \$7*

#### About Our Visiting Scholar

Eliyahu Stern received smicha and an MA (Talmud) from Yeshiva University. He is completing a Ph.D. in Jewish History at the University of California, Berkeley. Rabbi Stern is the founder of Lishmah, an organization promoting multi-denominational Jewish learning. He currently serves as scholar-in-residence at the Park East Synagogue (New York) and is also a staff writer for Beliefnet.com.