



Silk Road Theatre Project and  
The Petach Tikva Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International  
Present

## Petach Tikva Night at *Pangs of the Messiah*

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 4:00pm  
Followed by a special discussion  
with playwright Motti Lerner

Silk Road Theatre Project at  
The Historic Chicago Temple Building,  
First United Methodist Church  
77 W. Washington Street, Lower Level  
Chicago, IL 60602

Tickets are \$27 (\$5 off the regular price). Call 312-857-1234, ext. 201 or visit [www.srtp.org](http://www.srtp.org) and use the special discount code "PETACH" to purchase.

Set in 2012 amidst the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians, Motti Lerner's *Pangs of the Messiah* is an apocalyptic yet fiercely humane drama about eight West Bank Jewish settlers pitted against an Israel they feel betrayed by. The play focuses on a religious family that finds itself torn between fighting to stay in their settlement and obeying their government's decision to dismantle it. Left hanging in the balance is the legacy of their beliefs.

Motti Lerner is one of Israel's top playwrights. His work is celebrated as daring, beautifully written, and theatrically inventive. Besides Israel, his plays have been produced in the US, the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Australia. Lerner is the recipient of the Prime Minister of Israel Award for his creative work.

Don't miss this special opportunity to meet playwright Motti Lerner during the only performance he will be attending for this Midwest Premiere production. The event includes a performance of the play, followed by a special discussion with Motti Lerner and Silk Road Theatre Project Artistic Director Jamil Khoury. Friends of Chicago Sister Cities International receive a \$5 discount off of the regular ticket price of \$32 by using the discount code "PETACH" when they purchase online at [www.srtp.org](http://www.srtp.org) or by calling 312-857-1234, ext. 201. The code also applies to other performances during the run, through May 10<sup>th</sup>, but only Petach Tikva night on March 29<sup>th</sup> will include the post-show discussion with playwright Motti Lerner.

