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THOMAS FRIEDMAN
Sun, September 14, 7:30 PM
New York Times foreign-affairs columnist Thomas Friedman discusses “Geo-Greenism,” an ambitious national strategy he claims can help to save the planet from overheating, and make America healthier, richer, more innovative, more productive and more secure. Friedman is a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and the author of From Beirut to Jerusalem; The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization; Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World after September 11; The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century; and now, Green is the New Red, White and Blue.

ELIE WIESEL 80th Birthday Celebration
A Day of Humanity and Peace in Celebration of Elie Wiesel
Thu, October 2, Early Afternoon – 9:30 PM
Join luminaries, venerated public figures and citizens from across the globe for an afternoon and evening, multimedia celebration of Elie Wiesel’s 80th birthday. In an age of conflict and oppression, the Nobel Peace Prize winner’s message of peace and inherent worth and dignity of all humans grows more relevant, and his mission to honor our collective history and look forward with hope grows more inspiring. With readings, personal reflections and musical performances, celebrate the milestone of a man whose victory over death and oppression led to a life of extraordinary contributions to justice and peace.

ED KOCH, WILLIAM KRISTOL & RABBI MICHAEL LERNER
Thurs, October 30, 8:15 PM
Hear some of the most provocative, popular and often contentious pundits and politicians as they express their unbridled opinions on issues ranging from regime change to climate change, Tibet to Darfur, and Israel to Iran. Discover which presidential candidate is the frontrunner for the “Jewish” vote. Koch was the mayor of New York City from 1978 to 1989. His most recent book is The Koch Papers: My Fight Against Anti-Semitism. Lerner is the rabbi of San Francisco’s Beyt Tikkun synagogue, the author of The Left Hand of God: Taking Our Country Back from the Religious Right and the editor of Tikkun magazine, a bimonthly Jewish critique of politics, culture and society. Kristol is the founder and editor of The Weekly Standard, a regular panelist on Fox News Sunday and a columnist for The New York Times. He is the co-author of the best-selling book The Was Over Iraq.
The Sistine Chapel’s Art: Michelangelo’s Hidden Messages
RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH and ROY DOLINER
Monday, November 3, 8:15 PM
Two top scholars reveal the secret messages of protest that Michelangelo hid in his Sistine Chapel masterpiece — right under the nose of the Pope. Learn why the largest fresco painting on earth, located in one of the holiest places in the Christian world contains not a single Christian image, and how Michelangelo embedded messages of brotherhood, tolerance and free-thinking in his work to encourage people to challenge the repressive Roman-Catholic church. Blech is a religious leader, author and lecturer. He has been a professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University since 1966 and has written for The New York Times, Newsweek and Newsday, in addition to a large number of scholarly publications. Doliner’s studies span the spectrum of the humanities, including languages, comparative religion, art history and Judaica. He often acts as a docent for scholars and international visitors to Rome and the Vatican museums.

DAVID WOLPE: Why Faith Matters
Tues, November 25, 8:15 PM
One of today’s leading voices of contemporary religion, Rabbi David Wolpe, discusses his personal journey through life-threatening illness, from the depths of darkness to the illuminating life of faith. With provocative personal stories, Wolpe tackles issues such as science and religion, atheism, whether religion causes war and how to read the Bible as a modern behavior. Wolpe is the senior rabbi of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, and the author of Why Faith Matters.

Radical Islam and the Nuclear Bomb:
Understanding Contemporary Genocidal Anti-Semitism
DR. CHARLES SMALL and BRET STEPHENS
Mon, December 1, 8:15 PM
As Iran emerges as a regional power with a nuclear program that most experts agree includes a weapons component, it is a major exponent of genocidal anti-Semitism. The goal to wipe Israel off the map is an overt objective of radical Islam. What should be done to confront this threat, which is diametrically opposed to values of citizenship, human rights and basic notions of democracy? Small is the founder and director of the Yale University Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Anti-Semitism. He is a lecturer of ethics, politics and economics at Yale. Bret Stephens is a writer and news commentator for the Wall Street Journal. He was Editor In Chief of The Jerusalem.
HENRY PAULSON
in Conversation with STEPHEN J. ADLER
Thurs, December 18, 8 PM
Nominated by President George W. Bush, Henry M. Paulson, Jr. became the 74th Secretary of
the Treasury. Paulson is the president’s leading policy advisor on a broad range
of domestic and international economic issues. Before coming to Treasury,
Paulson was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Goldman Sachs since
the firm’s initial public offering in 1999. He joined Goldman Sachs Chicago
Office in 1974 and rose through the ranks holding several positions including,
Managing Partner of the firm’s Chicago office, Co-head of the firm's
investment Banking Division, President and Chief Operating Officer, and
Co-Senior partner. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Paulson was a member of
the White House Domestic Council, serving as Staff Assistant to the President
from 1972 to 1973, and as Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon
from 1970 to 1972. Adler is Editor in Chief of

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