

*You are invited to an unforgettable,
in depth, multilayer evening with...*

GILAD ATZMON

Monday, Sept. 29, 8pm-10pm*

* Please arrive at 7:45pm

This truly rare and exciting evening will begin with award-winning jazz giant saxophonist **GILAD ATZMON** performing a selection of his memorable work. He has been called by critics, *'The best musician living in the world today.'* and *"...one of the most charismatic and focused reedsmen on the planet."*, and also *"(ATZMON's playing)...is always penetrating, expressive and full with passion."*

Following a short performance, Israeli-born Gilad Atzmon will lecture on **"The Biology of the Conflict: the Building of the Cognitive Elite Meritocracy Within the Jewish Ghetto, American Society, and Gaza"**. As he writes in his book, *"The Wandering Who?: A Study of Jewish Identity Politics"*, Jewish identity is tied up with some of the most difficult and contentious issues of today. Gilad believes that since Israel defines itself openly as the 'Jewish State', we should ask what the notions of 'Judaism', 'Jewishness', 'Jewish culture' and 'Jewish ideology' stand for. He examines the tribal aspects embedded in Jewish secular discourse, both Zionist and anti-Zionist; the 'holocaust religion'; the meaning of 'history' and 'time' within the Jewish political discourse; the anti-Gentile ideologies entangled within different forms of secular Jewish political discourse and even within the Jewish left. He questions what it is that leads Diaspora Jews to identify themselves with Israel and affiliate with its politics. The devastating state of our world affairs, he believes, raises an immediate demand for a conceptual shift in our intellectual and philosophical attitude towards politics, identity politics and history. Visit: www.gilad.co.uk

For an evening that will entertain you as well as challenge your thinking do not miss this rare and wonderful opportunity to see and hear GILAD ATZMON.

Admission: \$10 per person. Limited space.

RSVP strongly recommended: Phone: 212.879.3961

Location: 18 West 18th St., Between 5th & 6th Avenues, 6th Floor, Room 606, NYC