



Kadima Reconstructionist Community
Seattle's oldest progressive Jewish Community

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PESACH! PESACH! PESACH!

**Kadima Reconstructionist Community invites you to,
A PROGRESSIVE, INCLUSIVE & PARTICIPATORY GATHERING THAT "BREATHS HISTORY":**

COMMUNITYPASSOVER SEDER

5 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 11 (continued)

UNIVERSITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ([MAP](#))

6556 35th AVENUE NE, SEATTLE

FLEISHIG (kosher chicken) AND PAREVE (vegetarian/dairy-free) DINNER

You are welcome to bring kosher-for-Pesach sweets to share

CATERED BY THE KADIMA KITCHEN KHAVERIM!

\$22 ADULTS / \$14 CHILDREN / CHILDREN 4 & UNDER FREE

NO ONE TURNED AWAY

RSVPs required by midnight, Monday, April 6

RSVP NOW! at PlanItJewish.com (secure site), or

RSVP NOW! Download a registration form: [Kadima Seder 2009](#), and return it to Kadima, 2366 Eastlake Ave East, Suite 424, Seattle WA 98102, or

RSVP NOW! Contact office@kadima.org / (206) 547-3914 ([see below for the info needed to complete your RSVP](#)).

VOLUNTEER NOW! Contact office@kadima.org / (206) 547-3914.

A TASTY MEAL CATERED BY YOUR KADIMA COMRADES! Expect chicken soup or a vegetarian soup with knaidlach, roast chicken, savory potatoes, vegetables and a fruit dessert. Vegetarians won't go hungry! If you love to cook and want to help, please contact us!

KADIMA IS COOPERATIVE: VOLUNTEERS RULE! All fees are meant to cover the costs of rentals, ritual foods, child care if needed, printing and more. Volunteers are absolutely essential to the success of a community Seder. Please indicate how you can help! Please note that we will be stewards of the earth and will be washing our dishes rather than sending them to the dump. Volunteers to bus dishes and use the dishwasher are needed and appreciated!

KADIMA IS INCLUSIVE, REGARDLESS OF INCOME: All fees are meant to cover the costs of rentals, the catered meal, ritual foods, child care if needed, printing and more. If you need to pay less than the above costs due to income limitations, we have a moderate quantity of scholarship funds. If you can pay more and indicate that it's to help others, that's a mitzvah!

WHAT ABOUT CHILD CARE? We will provide child care for the non-meal segments of the evening based on demand. Child care will be provided to those who have reserved it and is meant for young children who cannot sit through the Seder. In/out privileges!

RSVP DEADLINE. Yes, we know the deadline is at the stroke of midnight at day's end April 6. HOWEVER: The earlier you reserve your spot, the easier it is for us to calculate food purchases and other budget items. Please try to RSVP early and often -- and tell your friends!

WHAT SORT OF SEDER IS THIS? THE KADIMA HAGGADAH represents many years of evolution as a progressive Jewish community. It respects tradition while (continued)

making the story of Passover accessible and meaningful for modern Jews who want and need inspiration as workers for a just and peaceful world. Interweaving song, inspiration from our own and others' histories of standing up for justice, appreciation of the crucial role of women in our liberation, and commitment to a just, viable peace for Israelis and Palestinians, a Kadima Seder is refreshing relevant and empowering.

RSVP information needed:

Name / Phone / Email

Other adults' names

Child/ren name/s ('X' if need child care/include age)

\$22 x adult = \$ _____ \$ 14 x child = \$ _____ # of children 4 and under (free) _____

of children who need child care _____

I/we need to attend at a reduced rate and can afford: \$ _____

I/we can make an additional donation to help reduced-income attendees: \$ _____

TOTAL: _____

• Payment by check (make payable to Kadima) • Credit card • Visa • MC Exp. Date
_____/_____/_____ Credit card Number _____

of attendees who are strictly vegetarian and do not eat chicken: _____

I CAN VOLUNTEER: • ___ ritual foods prep • ___ Dinner cooking • ___ singing • ___ set-up
• ___ decorating • ___ clean-up • ___ pre-event shopping or schlepping

Other ways I can help: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: Kadima, attn. Seder, 2366 Eastlake Ave. East, Suite 424,
Seattle WA 98102

ADULT PROGRAM:

BLESSING THE SUN, BLESSING THE MOON

How do "Jewish Astrology" and Honoring Nature Shape the Jewish Calendar?

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Sunday, April 5, 10:30-Noon

Sand Point Education Center

6208 60th Avenue NE, Seattle

(One block east of Sand Point Way NE: turn east (right if northbound) at
the sign at NE 62nd Street) ([MAP](#))

The Sun and Moon are replete with Jewish symbolism; the Jewish calendar is deeply connected to the seasonal cycle and natural world. Learn about Birkat HaChamah, the blessing of the sun. (April 8 this year; the rabbis of the Talmud tell us that once every 28 years, the sun returns to the same place, same time of day and same day of the week as at the moment of its creation. Not a moment to be overlooked in the rabbinic imagination.) Learn how the cycles of the moon shape the Jewish Calendar, and discuss the logic of the holiday sequence, including why Passover is basically

(continued) a New Year -- along with 2 others! Discuss how seemingly esoteric topics like these can be made relevant to our modern lives.

KADIMA SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

Kadima Sunday, April 5 and 19

10:00-12:00: Sunday School

April 5: 10:00-10:30 Music Enrichment Program for students. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate too!

Kadima Monday Hebrew & B'nei Mitzvah Classes: April 6, 13, 20 and 27

4:30-5:30 - Advanced-Beginner Hebrew

5:30-6:30 - Intermediate Hebrew

6:30-6:45 - B'nei Mitzvah Students pizza-social

6:45-7:45 - B'nei Mitzvah class

KADIMA WOMEN'S SEDER

We invite all Kadima women and girls to Kadima's Third Women's Seder.

Celebrate Passover from a woman's viewpoint.

Share our history and varied experiences, rejoice in our strengths, celebrate our futures, and enjoy a wonderful traditional dinner.

Saturday, April 18, 6 pm (time, and only time, subject to confirmation!)

Call (206) 633-1969 for more information and to **RSVP** (deadline Tuesday, April 14th).

At the home of Suzanne Hellerstein
2912 South Washington St., Seattle, 98144
(206) 324-9250 (call for driving directions)

KADIMA SHOPS - GIVE IT A TRY! <http://www.kadima.org/news/kadima-shops/>
Shop at your favorite stores through Kadima's website, and the stores will give a portion of the sales to Kadima at no cost to you!

Amazon.com ♦ **iTunes** ♦ **kosher.com** ♦ **cooking.com** ♦ **Starbucks**

The link is <http://www.kadima.org/news/kadima-shops/>. Or click on the Kadima Shops button on the www.kadima.org home page.

Support Kadima just by doing your regular shopping!

Thanks for your support.

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KADIMA B'YACHAD CLASS FOR PARENTS and TOTS TOGETHER

There is still time to enroll...or just come to visit, learn, make new friends.

Next class is on Saturday, April 4th

[\(click here for more info\)](#)

Contact the office at (206) 547-3914 or office@kadima.org for the host family's address if you would like to meet the other families and visit this class.

For tots ages 1-4 and pre-K to 5-year-olds (no charge for siblings 0-1 year old) with single parents, inter-faith parents, same-sex parents...for all parents raising Jewish children.

For Jewish and non-Jewish parents, this parent-tot program will serve as an introduction to Jewish songs, stories, traditions, and progressive Jewish values, supported by Kadima's Reconstructionist values-based curriculum developed in partnership with parents.

BULLETIN BOARD



INTERNET-SAVVY VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ONE-TIME PROJECT!

Looking for an eBay-savvy Kadimanik to help with an art auction to support the Women's Torah Project. This is a one-time, short-term commitment where you can play on eBay and fulfill some of your volunteer hours for Kadima. Please contact Wendy Graff at wendyg@seanet.com to find out more.



GET YOUR CAMP ON!

Parents of current 5, 6 and 7th graders! Have you always wanted to send your child (and/or grandchild) to Jewish summer camp? There's never been a better summer to send first-time campers to B'nai Brith Camp, Habonim D'ror Camp Miriam, or to one of 18 other non-profit Jewish residential camps throughout Western North America.
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The JWest Campership Program, now in its second year, aims to send 1,000 new campers from the thirteen Western States to camp this summer at extremely reduced costs. Here's what you do: enroll your child in a Jewish camp that has a three-week session, and if s/he is entering 6, 7 or 8th grade in Fall 2009, has never been to Jewish overnight camp before and is not currently a day school student, s/he will qualify for a campership of up to \$1800! It's that easy!

For campers who would prefer to try out a shorter session, JWest awards \$1000 to campers attending two-week sessions at Colorado camps Camp Mountain Chai or JCC Ranch Camp only.

To make the deal even sweeter, the JWest Program will even fund your camper to return to camp the summer of 2010! If your child receives \$1800 in the first year, s/he will receive up to \$1000 for the second camp season.

To learn more or to apply, visit www.onehappycamper.org.

If you have friends or relatives who also meet the eligibility requirements, please help us spread the word! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Michele Yanow at (206) 708-7518 or email her at myanow@jewishcamp.org.

It's never too early to begin thinking about your child's summer plans, and there is really nothing comparable to spending a summer with Jewish friends at camp.



THE PJ LIBRARY: AN EARLY START TO BUILDING A JEWISH FUTURE

Help kick off this new program by joining us at The PJ Library Storytime. Sunday, April 5 at 10 am at Mockingbird Books (7220 Woodlawn Avenue NE, Seattle -- a few blocks from Green Lake). Wear your pajamas and come for bagels, story time and to make new friends!

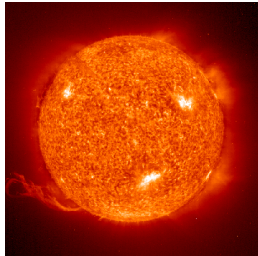
PJ Library is a joint effort being launched by the JFS, local philanthropists and The Harold Grinspoon Foundation to provide Jewish content books or music on a monthly basis to Seattle area families with children ages 6 months to 5-1/2 years. The subscription is free for 2 years. The PJ Library is available in more than 100 communities and Seattle is one of the newest cities to have this opportunity.

When you sign up for The PJ Library (PJ -- pajamas!), the PJ Library will send you a (continued)

FREE, high-quality book or CD each month. Regardless of your level of observance or affiliation, the gift of stories and song is sure to enrich your entire family's Jewish journey. Book topics include holidays, traditions, family values, Jewish identity and Jewish heroes. The books are carefully selected by top national Jewish educators, with an eye on books that are joyful, highly engaging, and representative of the best Jewish children's literature available.

Space is limited, so register today:

<http://www.jewishinseattle.org/JF/About/Community/PJLibrary.asp>!



IT HAPPENS ONLY ONCE EVERY 28 YEARS!

BIRKAT HaHAMMAH - BLESSING THE SUN

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

The year 5769 (2008-2009) will be the little known Jewish year of “Birkat HaChammah” the “blessing of the sun.” Every 28 years, the ancient rabbis demarked a time in the Jewish calendar that celebrates the ceremonial return of the sun to its original place in the cosmos during Creation.

Here are some links to info about Birkat HaHammah, in case you want to mark this rare event during the day of April 8 (Passover begins at sundown on April 8):

See www.blessthesun.org and the [Birkhat HaHammah blog](#), and

[Traditional sources and the complete ritual service](#)

[Enjoy a song for the Sun performed by Rabbi Shawn Zevit](#) and

[Calculate the timing for your local gathering for the ritual and education about solar energy](#).

This info about Birkat HaHammah comes from the April 2009 of issue of *Ma-Nishma*, the monthly JRF newsletter: jrf.org/ma-nishma-april-09. JRF is part of a national coalition that will use this rare event to focus on solar power and energy stewardship.

JRF NORTH AMERICAN TEEN KALLAH IN CHICAGO

WHEN: April 17-19, 2009

WHERE: Chicago, Illinois

WHO: 8th - 12th graders from Reconstructionist communities. For more info visit

www.noarhadash.org.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Leonard Cohen

Thursday, April 23, 8 pm

WaMu Theater at Qwest Field complex. Purchase tickets [online](#) or at the Qwest Field box office.

- **Jami Sieber, electric and acoustic cellist, vocalist and composer in concert to benefit the [SE Seattle Senior Center](#) Saturday, April 25, 7:30 - 9:30 pm SE Seattle Senior Center (4665 So. Holly at the corner of South Rainer) Hors d'oeuvres served / No host bar / Tickets \$20 / call (206) 722-0317 or email Ruth Egger at ruth@seniorservices.org**

“Jami Sieber plays music on electric and acoustic cello with a passion that translates into soul-baring poetry.” – Richard Klecka, *Conscious Choice Magazine*. Space will be limited, so get your tickets early. Please let your friends and relatives know about this extraordinary event. Jami’s website is www.jamisieber.com.

•**Seattle Jewish Film Festival 14, GO GREEN!**

April 23 - May 3. Sustaining community and global identity through film, promoting energy independence for the planet. Tickets on sale on now.

www.seattlejewishfilmfestival.org.



32 Yarmulkes Signed by Celebrities

Now to April 30

at the Odegaard Undergraduate Library, University of Washington, Seattle campus

Jonathan Chalett is an emergency room pediatrician with an unusual hobby -- collecting autographs on his yarmulkes. And he's sharing his collection of 32 yarmulkes at the University of Washington Odegaard Undergraduate Library.

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[Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: American Art from the Yale University Gallery, 1660-1893](#)

Now – May 25

Drawn from Yale University's collection of American art, this exhibit explores the diverse and evolving ways America defined itself from the colonial era to the Gilded Age. This major exhibition offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn American History through iconic objects from what is considered to be one of the finest collections of American art ever assembled. Many of the works in the exhibit have never left New Haven, Connecticut. They are only permitted to travel for a brief period while Yale's galleries are being renovated.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS

[Our Jewish Families: A Parenting Workshop for LGBTQ Parents](#)

Connect with other LGBTQ parents in this interactive workshop facilitated by Rabbi Beth Singer and Dr. Suzanne Engelberg. Jewish and Interfaith parents welcome to attend!

Sunday, April 19; 12:30 - 2:30 pm. *Co-sponsored by and held at Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th Street, Seattle.*

Advance registration required. \$10/person, scholarships available. Contact Adam Halpern at (206) 861-8784 or familylife@jfsseattle.org.

• Mothers Circle

A class for moms from other backgrounds who are raising Jewish children. Get support, learn about Jewish rituals, practices and values, and get connected to the Jewish community. Sundays at Whole Foods Roosevelt Square. Contact Marjorie Schnyder at (206) 861-3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org.

JFS ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMS -- FOR THE 50+ SET!

• Update on Transportation: The Big Projects and Their Costs

Tuesday, April 14, 10-11:30 am.

Speakers from both Sound Transit and METRO will address some of the major transportation issues in the area. How were the decisions made and coordinated between agencies? How will new regional transit choices be paid for? What are the costs?

Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Foyer (1441 16th Ave., Seattle)

RSVP: Ellen Hendin at (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org. (continued)

• **Sephardic Music with Hazzan Isaac Azose**

Tuesday, April 21

10-11:30 am

Hazzan Isaac Azose is well known around the country as well as in Seattle for his continuous contributions to the preservation of Sephardic traditions and music. A Hazzan with Congregation Ezra Bessaroth for 35 years, he recorded their liturgy for posterity and completed the Sephardic Siddur, which has become a standard prayer book. He will sing some of the music so dear to him. We are in for a treat!

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