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www.womenstorah.com

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Manya Fox, Salvation Mountain Chair

SEATTLE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL & HOWARD HOUSE CONTEMPORARY ART PRESENT:

**tikkunim: jewish roots, ecological art
on view at Howard House now through May 2**

The Seattle Jewish Film Festival is extending and deepening its "SJFF 14, Go Green!" theme through תיקונים | *tikkunim*, a gallery show of work by ten artists informed by the Jewish experience who work in ecological paradigms. From photographs examining Americans' relationship with nature, to sculptures reminiscent of vessels of antiquity but composed of recycled plastic bottles and sustainable sukkahs made from salvaged materials, tikkun olam (repairing the world) is addressed for its environmental and artful meanings. Curated by Tamar Benzikry-Stern. Howard House (604 Second Ave., Seattle) / www.howardhouse.net.

THE SEATTLE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL IS UNDERWAY AND CONTINUES THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 3.

Visit www.seattlejewishfilmfestival.org to select films and venues.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AND BAT MITZVAH OF DANA KEYES-GIBBONS

Saturday May 16, 10 am

Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church

14727 First Ave NE in Shoreline

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SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AND BAR MITZVAH OF LEVI MACNAIR CAIN

The Kadima Community is invited to attend as

Levi Macnair Cain

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, May 30th, 2009

at ten o'clock in the morning.

Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church

14724 First Avenue N.E.

Shoreline, Washington

Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

RSVP by May 8th to:

Lois Gaylord at ljgaylord@quidnunc.net / (206) 933-0759

KADIMA SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

Kadima Sundays, May 3, 17 and 31

Sunday, May 3

10:00-12:30 *Extended Morning!*

Honor our Teachers and Volunteers, Welcome our New Members, Celebrate Israel with music, song, dance and food! A Kadima Community Breakfast/Brunch — Mark your calendars, make plans to attend!

Kadima Monday Hebrew & B'nei Mitzvah Classes: May 4, 11, and 18

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 ADULT PROGRAMMING IN MAY

at the Sand Point Education Center: 6208 60th Ave. NE, Seattle

(NE 62nd & 60th NE; northbound on Sand Point Way, turn right at the Center's sign at NE 62nd)

MAY 3, 10:00-12:30: EXTENDED MORNING!

Honor our Teachers and Volunteers; Welcome our New Members, Celebrate Israel with music, song, dance and food! A Kadima Community Breakfast/Brunch

MAY 17, 10:30 AM - NOON: "JEWS AND CARTOONING"

What reasons explain the prominence of so many Jews in the history of American cartooning? What makes a cartoon offensive or "positive"? What's (continued)

happening with Jews and comics now?

Leonard Rifas teaches courses in comic books and graphic novels at Seattle Central Community College and at the University of Washington, Bothell. He is a cartoonist and the proprietor of an educational comic book company, EduComics. He has an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Communications from the University of Washington.

**MAY 31, 10:30 AM - NOON: "IS GOD REAL?
Exploring the Terrain of Belief, Faith,
and the Reality (or Non-Reality) of What We Call 'God'"**

Beginning with some background teachings about Jewish understandings of the reality of God's Presence in people's (and the Jewish People, in particular) lives, this promises to be a thoughtful and thought-provoking conversation about God, and God's reality or non-reality in our real lives.

Ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1991, Rabbi Zari Weiss was trained as a Spiritual Director at the Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA, and has worked one-on-one and in groups as a Spiritual Director since 1993. She also teaches and writes about the nature of our relationship with God, from a Jewish perspective.

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!

KADIMA B'YACHAD CLASS FOR PARENTS and TOTS TOGETHER

Come to visit, learn, make new friends.
Next class meets this Saturday, May 2nd.
([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 (continued)

(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



WTP Torah Crowns, by Aimee Golant

WOMEN'S TORAH PROJECT FACEBOOK PAGE: www.Facebook.com/Womens-Torah-Project

If you're on Facebook, sign up as a fan at the WTP's non-profit page, and forward it to your network! See photos of the sofrot (scribers), the women artists creating beautiful embellishments for the Women's Torah, the artwork that has been created thus far, and the WTP committee members. Kadima's Women's Torah Project is creating, celebrating and learning from the first sefer Torah written and embellished by an international community of women.

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 wendyq@seanet.com to find out more.

PLACES TO TURN IN TOUGH TIMES -

COMMUNITY RESOURCE SURVIVAL GUIDE TO TODAY'S ECONOMIC CRISIS

With the whirlwind of uncertainty all around us, Jewish Family Service wants to be sure that you are well aware of the vast array of community resources and services that are available to ease the burden. As always, JFS is a 'first responder' in meeting the most pressing and emerging needs of family, friends and neighbors here at home. It was that way in 1892; it's that way today; it will be that way for generations to come. With this sentiment in mind, JFS has created a Community Resource Survival Guide to Today's Economic Crisis. The Guide is a jumping off point from which to find additional resources if you or someone you know is struggling. www.jfsseattle.org/Resources

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TEEN PHILANTHROPY PROGRAMS LAUNCHING AT THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER SEATTLE

We want our teens to care about the world in which they live. But in truth they already do. They just need a way to express how much they care. The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle is launching a teen philanthropy program that will give teens the tools to begin a life of giving. The programs will combine Jewish teachings on philanthropic giving, nonprofit agency research and site visits, hands-on volunteer service, group discussions, and grant-making. This multi-faceted approach will help develop a community of young leaders and connect them to the organized Jewish community.

J. Team

J. Team involves approximately 20 teens from grades 9-12. Teens are selected after a short application process. They will meet monthly over the school year, participate in non-profit agency site visits and reviews, and engage in hands-on community service projects while they learn about Jewish values of giving. Finally, the J. Team will decide as a group where to donate over \$7,000 of community-donated funds. The teamwork approach to philanthropic giving makes this program a win-win for our community's teens and non-profit agencies. J. Team will start this fall. Applications are due June 30.

Youth Mitzvah Fund

Youth Mitzvah Fund is for teens ages 12-14. Teens open personalized accounts in their names at the JFGS with money donated by friends and family. Teens can grant a portion of the funds each year to the charities of their choice. Teens who have opened a Youth Mitzvah Fund account are invited to attend three programs (in 8th grade), which include nonprofit visits, community service opportunities, and discussions on Jewish values of giving. They can continue to donate money and make grants each year until they graduate high school.

For More Info

For more info about these programs, please contact Marla Goldberg, Teen Philanthropy Program Manager, at (206) 774-2230 or MarlaG@JewishInSeattle.org. Visit the web site: www.JewishInSeattle.org/TeenPhilanthropy. The Youth Mitzvah Fund page is www.jewishinseattle.org/JF/About/Community/YMF.



GET YOUR CAMP ON! CAMPERSHIPS UP TO \$1800

AVAILABLE!

Parents of current 5, 6 and 7th graders! Do you want 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.

The JWest Campership Program aims to send 1,000 new campers from the (continued)

13 Western States to camp this summer at extremely reduced costs. Here's how: 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 fund your camper to return to camp the summer of 2010! If your child received \$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. Please help us spread the word to friends or relatives! If you have any questions, contact Michele Yanow at (206) 708-7518 or myanow@jewishcamp.org.

ARABIC, URDU AND PERSIAN SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMPS

The Associates in Cultural Exchange will be offering Arabic, Urdu and Persian Summer Language Camps for kids ages 6-12. The camps will be at Northgate Elementary School from July 13 to 24. The camps will run Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. If you're interested in registering your child for camp, contact Maka Janikashvili by email at makaj@cultural.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

••The **Seattle Jewish Film Festival** is in progress and continues through Sunday, May 3. www.seattlejewishfilmfestival.org



An Evening with Riane Eisler: A Conversation on Compassionate Action presented by Mount Zion's Social Justice Ministry and the Compassionate Action Network

Saturday, May 2, 6:30 pm

Mount Zion Baptist Church (1634 19th Ave., Seattle)

Dr. Riane Eisler is an educator, attorney, historian, activist, author and inspiring leader. Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu says of her most recent book, "*The Real Wealth of Nations* gives us a template for the better world we have been so urgently seeking. This brilliant book shows how we can build economic systems that meet both our material and spiritual needs."

For more information regarding the event, contact John Hale at (continued)

je hale@earthlink.net. For more about Dr. Eisler, visit www.rianeeisler.com.



Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

Friday, May 8, 8:15 pm

Saturday, May 9, 8:00 pm

St. James Cathedral (804 9th Ave. - Ninth and Marion in Seattle's First Hill neighborhood)
Mendelssohn composed his monumental *Elijah* in homage to his Baroque predecessors, Bach and Handel—the result is one of the most dramatic oratorios ever written. This intensely theatrical setting for chorus, soloists, and orchestra brings the Hebrew prophet Elijah vividly to life. Seattle Pro Musica is a critically acclaimed, nationally recognized choral ensemble.
Purchase tickets: www.seattlepromusica.org/order-form.

•• **“And when you meet G-d it will be asked, 'Have you been ethical in your business?’”**

The Community High School of Jewish Studies and the Washington Jewish Historical Society present:

“Jewish Business Owners Panel Discussion on Ethics”

a discussion featuring prominent Jewish business owners from Washington State

Wednesday • May 13 • 7:00 - 8:00 pm

In this Hour you will discover: • The real ethical questions Jewish business owners have faced • Current Jewish ethical issues within business • How Jewish entrepreneurship differs from secular entrepreneurship. For more information contact Amy Hiltzman-Paquette at AmyHP@JewishInSeattle.org or (206) 774-2237.



Professor Yael Zerubavel

Director, The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life
Professor of Jewish Studies and History at Rutgers University

34th Annual Stroum Lectures in Jewish Studies 2009

Encounters with the Past: Remembering the 'Bygone' in Israeli Culture, with Yael Zerubavel

May 17, 19, and 21

All lectures held in 220 Kane Hall, UW Seattle Campus

Sunday, May 17 - Bridges to Antiquity* - 6:30 pm

Moderator: UW Prof. Gad Barzilai, Chair, Jewish Studies; JSIS; LSJ (continued)

Please join us for a kosher dessert reception honoring Mrs. Althea Stroum and celebrating the naming of the Samuel & Althea Stroum Jewish Studies Program following the first lecture. RSVP requested for only the first lecture because of the special nature of this event. (206) 543-4370; jsis@u.washington.edu

Tuesday, May 19 - Mirrors of Galut (Exile) in the Homeland - 7:30 pm

Moderator: UW Prof. Joel Migdal, JSIS, Jewish Studies

Thursday, May 21 - When the New Becomes Old - 7:30 pm

Moderator: UW Prof. Paul Burstein, Sociology, Political Science, Jewish Studies

Questions: (206) 543-0138; jewishst@u.washington.edu.



[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.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS

[MUSSAR LIGHT OF TORAH - Practical guidance for manifesting our finest selves](#)

Sunday, May 3, 12:45 - 5:30 pm

Congregation Beth Shalom

Contact Carol Benedick (206) 524-0075 ext 4, or email: CarolBenedick@bethshalomseattle.org.

[Maintaining Dignity: Balancing Parent Safety and Independence Later in Life](#)

Part of the JFS Caring for Our Aging Parents Series.

Gain perspective on how to maintain respect for your parents' dignity and independence, while you also look out for their safety.

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Co-sponsored by and held at Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th St., Seattle

Pre-registration encouraged. \$10/person. Scholarships are available; please ask if interested.

Contact Adam at (206) 861-8784 or familylife@jfsseattle.org

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[Helping Children Cope with Family Changes](#)

Part of the JFS Thoughtful Parenting During Stressful Times Series

Learn to recognize signs of stress, get new ideas, and be more prepared to help your child through the ups and downs of family life.

Wednesday, May 6, 7 – 9 pm at JFS, 1601-16th, Seattle

Advance registration required, as space is limited. \$10/person. Scholarships are available. A limited amount of babysitting may be available by advance request.

Contact Marjorie Schnyder at (206) 861- 3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org.

[Financial Literacy Basics](#)

Part of the JFS Living with Uncertainty Workshop Series.

6 – 8 pm at JFS. (1601-16th, Seattle)

Thursday, May 7: Understanding and building credit

FREE. Advance registration required, as space is limited. Baby sitting may be available by advance request. Feel free to bring your brown bag dinner with you.

Contact Lauren Fabella at (206) 861-3175 or lfabella@jfsseattle.org.

[JFS Community of Caring Luncheon](#)

Tuesday, May 19

Contact Gail Pollack at (206) 861-3151, e-mail gpollack@jfsseattle.org.

[Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at JFS](#) (1601 - 16th Avenue, Seattle)

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

•• Alternatives to Addiction

The JFS Alternatives to Addiction Program is designed specifically to increase awareness, further understanding and, at the same time, offer a culturally sensitive response to the disease of addiction within the Jewish community. Contact Eve M. Ruff at (206) 861-8782 or emruff@jfsseattle.org.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES EVENTS - FOR THE 50+ SET!

Presented by Jewish Family Service in partnership with Temple De Hirsch Sinai

[How to Fix the Patient: Health Care Reform](#)

with **Robbie Stern**, Chair of the Healthy Washington Coalition

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Robbie will share up-to-the-minute information about health care reform efforts on the state and federal level. He will also share ideas of how we can influence the process. The Healthy Washington Coalition includes labor groups, business leaders, health care providers, hospitals, consumer groups and public interest groups. Temple De Hirsch Sinai-Foyer (1441 - 16th Ave, Seattle). RSVP: Ellen Hendin at (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org

[Jewish Mothers: Historic Impact, Myth & Memories](#)

with **Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg**

Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg, from Temple B'nai Torah, will trace the image of the (continued)

Jewish mother through Jewish history and culture. She will begin with the Matriarchs of the Torah and follow through to contemporary times. We will get new perspectives through stories, folklore, jokes, text, and our own memories.

Temple De Hirsch Sinai-Social Hall (3850 156th Ave SE, **Bellevue**)

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



[Outing to the Union Bay Natural Area \(Seattle\)](#)

Thursday, May 14, 10:00 am - Noon

The Union Bay Natural Area is a 74-acre wildlife oasis in the city and the site of intensive ecological restoration research. Learn the fascinating history of this former garbage dump, where over 200 species of birds have been observed. Docents will identify the many birds and their songs, and explain the purpose of the Herbarium. Wear appropriate shoes, dress for the weather - and bring binoculars for bird-watching.

McVay Courtyard at the Center for Urban Horticulture (3501 NE 41st St., Seattle)

Ample parking available, or use one of these convenient bus routes: #25, 65, & 75.

For directions, call the gardens at (206) 543-8616 or go to depts.washington.edu/urbhort.

Tour admission \$4.00 per person. **RSVP required by May 1** to: Ellen Hendin at (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org.

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