



Kadima Reconstructionist Community

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KADIMA ANNUAL AUCTION! Sunday, March 8, 5 - 9 pm

KADIMA SHOPS online retail links - earn money for Kadima while you shop!

KADIMA SUNDAYS and MONDAYS

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AND BAR MITZVAH OF DANIEL BROESKE, March 14, 10 am

KADIMA B'YACHAD CLASS: Tots and Their Parents Have Jewish Fun! Meets next on February 7

BULLETIN BOARD: Snow Procedure ♦ Teaching Our Children through Literature (one-day conference) ♦ JRF North American Teen Kallah Gathering in Chicago this Spring

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A very wonderful opportunity for the Kadima community
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE WITH SPECIAL GUEST RABBI ISAAC SAPOSNIK

Saturday, February 7th 10 am - 1 pm

"Oh, What A Day!" -- Recognizing Moments of Song and Celebration in Our Lives

1210 18th Avenue East, Seattle [MAP](#)

Between East Highland and Galer Streets, Capitol Hill near Volunteer Park.

On this Shabbat Shira (the Shabbat of song), we look at songs in our service, including Mi Chamocha, as a model for noticing the moments of wonder, liberation, and joy in our lives.

RSVP now! Please confirm to www.kadima.org / (206) 547-3914 how many will be attending the February 7th Shabbat morning gathering, so we can be prepared with adequate seating. We thank Leah and David Haseley for hosting this Shabbat gathering.

Rabbi Isaac Saposnik is a recent graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. He has served as Assistant Director of Camp JRF and as Director of No'ar Hadash; under his guidance JRF launched the successful No'ar Hadash Israel Experience. Rabbi Isaac is a long-time Jewish camper and youth worker. Having grown up in the Reconstructionist movement, Rabbi Isaac is thrilled to share his passion for creative and engaging Judaism with a new generation of youth.

Program and Discussion, Part 2:

THE CRISIS AND WAR IN GAZA AND SOUTHERN ISRAEL - THE AFTERSHOCKS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:30 AM PROMPTLY– NOON / Doors open at 10 AM

Sand Point Education Center, 6208 60th NE, Seattle

[DIRECTIONS/MAP](#)

Amin Odeh, Voices of Palestine

Rabbi Anson Laytner, Executive Director, American Jewish Committee/Seattle

Ronald J. Young, National Interreligious Leadership Initiative for Peace in the Middle East.

(If possible, there will be a short (remote) presentation by Mitchell Plitnick, Director of the U.S. Office of B'Tselem, The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, who will give an update on the humanitarian situation on the ground in Gaza and discuss the response of B'Tselem and other NGOs, both in the Mideast and the U.S.)

This program is designed to provide a safe setting for thoughtful discussion and sharing, to encourage informed engagement. As before, plenty of time will be allocated for people to discuss their feelings about this difficult, tragic and complex conflict.

Please RSVP if possible: office@kadima.org or (206) 442-2077.

Amin Odeh is a founder of Voices of Palestine. Amin was born in a refugee camp near Bethlehem in the West Bank. He was detained many times by the Israeli army and spent months in Israeli military prisons. After coming to the U.S. he continued to advocate on behalf of the Palestinian people. In the year 2000 he and other Palestinian activists founded the group Voices of Palestine. The group's main objective is to educate the public about the Palestinian struggle for justice. Amin is also a board member with the Arab American Community Coalition in Seattle.

Rabbi Anson Laytner is the outgoing executive director of the Seattle Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. He is an adjunct professor with Seattle University's Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies and also works with the School of Theology and Ministry. Previously, he served as the executive director of Multifaith Works, a Seattle non-profit agency serving people with AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Prior to working at MW, Laytner headed the Seattle Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council. Laytner is the author of "Arguing with God", "The Animals' Lawsuit Against Humanity" and over sixty articles on subjects ranging from Jewish theology to the Arab-Israel conflict to the Chinese Jews.

Ronald J. Young is a primary leader for the National Interreligious Leadership Initiative for Peace in the Middle East. Ron works with leaders of 25 U.S. Jewish, Christian and Muslim national religious organizations to develop united advocacy positions and mobilize public support for active, fair and firm U.S. leadership for Arab-Israeli-Palestinian peace. Building on founding "Principles of Cooperation," in November 2008 religious leaders of NILI issued a new consensus statement, "A Window of Hope for the Peace of Jerusalem." In January 2009 the leaders wrote to President Obama commending his commitment to make Arab-Israeli-Palestinian peace a high priority from the start of his presidency and urging specific steps the United States should support to provide urgent leadership for peace.

Mitchell Plitnick is the Director of the USA Office of B'Tselem: The Israeli Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. Prior to joining B'Tselem, he was a widely published and respected policy analyst. He holds a degree in Middle Eastern Studies and wrote his thesis on Israeli historiography. Mitchell has spoken regularly all over the country on human rights, current issues and history. His writing has appeared in the Jordan Times, Israel Insider, UN Observer, Middle East Report, Global Dialogue, Zeek Magazine, Minneapolis Star-Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Outlook, and in a regular column in Tikkun Magazine. He has been interviewed by many news outlets including PBS News Hour, "The O'Reilly Factor," and CNBC Asia.

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER:

The Tu B'Shevat Seder has been **cancelled**. However, copies of the Kadima Haggadah for Tu B'Shevat will be available for purchase - \$5.00 - during Kadima Sunday, February 8. Buy a Haggadah, benefit Kadima, become closer with nature, growing trees and work for peace and justice! Great for home use!



SAVE THE DATE for KADIMA'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

Wait until you see what we have planned. **Not just an event — AN EXPERIENCE!**

At the **Kasbah Authentic Moroccan Restaurant** on Crown Hill in Seattle
Fabulous Dinner ♦ Kadima AUCTION ♦ Talent Show ♦ Purim Shpiel featuring the
renowned Kadima Players!

Sunday, March 8th, 5:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

Limited Space — **Only 86 tickets left!**

Click here to reserve your tickets today: planitjewish.com!

Or, call the office (206) 547-3914, or email office@kadima.org to reserve your tickets.

Today!

The Kadima Community is invited to attend as

DANIEL FREDRICK BROESKE

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

March 14 at 10:00 in the morning

Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church

14724 First Avenue NE

Shoreline, Washington

A luncheon reception will follow.

RSVP to Ellendz@comcast.net by March 7, 2009.

KADIMA SHOPS!

SHOP ON-LINE VIA <http://www.kadima.org/news/kadima-shops/> **AND EARN MONEY FOR KADIMA!**

Shop at your favorite stores through a Kadima website link and the stores will give a percentage of the sales to Kadima. The link is <http://www.kadima.org/news/kadima-shops/>. There is also a Kadima Shops button on the www.kadima.org home page.

Kadima is currently affiliated with five on-line shops:

Amazon.com

iTunes

kosher.com (foods and Judaica) (free shipping on all meats now through December 2009)

cooking.com
Starbucks.

- ◆ Develop the habit of shopping through <http://www.kadima.org/news/kadima-shops/>. Why not bookmark it today?!?
 - ◆ Encourage your family members to do so, too!
 - ◆ Remember, Kadima receives a percentage of the sales at NO COST TO YOU!
 - ◆ Simply access the online shops where you already shop via our link, <http://www.kadima.org/news/kadima-shops/>.
 - ◆ For even bigger results, forward the Kadima Shops link to family and friends so that they can support Kadima JUST BY DOING THEIR NORMAL SHOPPING.
 - ◆ Thanks for your support.
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KADIMA SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

Kadima Sunday, February 8

10:00-12:00 - Sunday school classes

12:00- The Tu B'shevat seder has been cancelled. However, copies of the Kadima Haggadah for Tu B'Shevat will be available for purchase- \$5.00- during Kadima Sunday. Buy a Haggadah, benefit Kadima, become closer with nature, growing trees and work for peace and justice! Great for home use!

Kadima Monday Hebrew & B'nei Mitzvah Classes: February 9 and 23

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 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, February 7 ([click here for more info](#))

Contact the office 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-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

◆ **Snow Procedure**

for Sunday Mornings and Monday Afternoons/Evenings

- If you would not drive on the road, you could bet that school is closed.
- If it is snowing outside---stay home, stay off the roads.
- If roads are icy or likely to freeze we will not have classes.
- Safety is first.
- The road conditions at your home or neighborhood may be different than what the roads look like at the school location.
- Kathy will put a message on the Kadima answering machine and on the website as soon as a determination can be made to hold classes or cancel classes.

◆ One-day conference - **From Word to Deed: Teaching Our Children through Literature** (February 15)

Presented by The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) on Sunday, February 15, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Temple Beth Am in Seattle. The conference features two noted educators and lecturers, Rivy Poupko Kletenik of Seattle and Lisa Silverman of Los Angeles, who will explore values through text, Midrash and popular stories for youth.

Librarians, educators, booksellers, writers, poets, storytellers, parents and grandparents throughout the Northwest are invited to attend. To receive a brochure or for further information, email ajlnw@earthlink.net. The February conference is the first to be presented by AJL in the Pacific Northwest. It is anticipated to be an exciting forerunner leading up to the AJL International Conference in Seattle in July, 2010, which will draw Judaica librarians and educators from all over the world.

◆ **JRF North American Teen Kallah in Chicago this Spring**

WHEN: April 17-19, 2009

WHERE: Chicago, Illinois

WHO: 8th - 12th graders from Reconstructionist communities More information will be forthcoming at www.noarhadash.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center presents: Stories of Rescue during the Holocaust

An exhibition of photo-portraits by Chris Schwarz that honors the Righteous Among

the Nations living in the Krakow region today.

Feb. 12 - Lecture. "Rescue in the Polish Countryside- Politics, Differentiation in the Occupied Village" Prof. Keely Stauter-Halstead. Michigan State University. Kane Hall, 7:30 pm.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS

◆ Preparing for Retirement Workshop - Funding Health Care: Medicare, Medicaid and Long-Term Care Insurance

February 11; 6:30 - 9:00 pm

With economic uncertainty all around us, it's more important than ever to maximize your retirement benefits and savings. Whether planning for yourself or a loved one, our timely two-session workshop will better prepare you to navigate and enjoy the road ahead. Space is limited, register today. Held at Jewish Family Service, 1601 16th Ave., Seattle. \$10 for individual workshop. Scholarships available; please ask. Advance registration encouraged. Contact Adam at (206) 861-8784 or familylife@jfsseattle.org.

◆ Are you raising Jewish children...but you're not Jewish? Don't do it alone! Take Mothers Circle classes!

New class starts in February

Classes meet twice a month, Sundays 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Mother's Circle is a program for moms from other backgrounds raising Jewish kids. Get support, learn about Jewish rituals, practices and values, and get connected to the Jewish community. Moms attend classes twice a month for nine months, receive guidebooks, can join a national listserv, and have opportunities to meet with local Jewish community organizations. Come join other non-Jewish moms in this welcoming, helpful and fun class, held at Whole Foods Market in Ravenna. To sign up contact Marjorie at (206) 461-3240 ext. 3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org or Julie at (425) 889-1460 or juliewarwick@comcast.net.

◆ Strengthening Lesbian Relationships

Sunday, February 8, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Successful lesbian relationships, like all rewarding relationships, require good communication, the ability to manage differences and disappointments, and playfulness. At the same time, gender roles, homophobia, and expectations about intimacy and sex impact lesbian relationships in unique ways. Examine these topics and others during a warm, inviting discussion. Whether you are single or have a partner, this workshop will help you to build healthier, stronger intimate relationships. Facilitated by Dr. G. Dorsey Green, co-author of *Lesbian Couples: A Guide to Creating Healthy Relationships*. Jewish Family Service, 1601 16th Ave, Seattle. \$10/person; scholarships available. Limited space; registration required. Contact Adam at (206) 861-8784 or familylife@jfsseattle.org.

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ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMS - for the age 55+ set!

◆ Tai Chi: How can it improve balance? First in a three-part series on balance

Tuesday, February 10, 10:00-11:30 am

Tai Chi can improve balance by increasing flexibility and strengthening muscles. Other benefits are an increase in energy and stamina and stress reduction. Ben Noma, certified Tai Chi instructor, will demonstrate the gentle and graceful series of movements which improve balance. Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Social Hall (3850 156th Ave SE, BELLEVUE). Directions: go to www.tdhs-nw.org or call 425-454-5085. RSVP: Ellen Hendin at (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org.

◆ You are invited to join the UW Jewish Studies for lectures and presentations.

Visit [UW Jewish Studies Program](#) for the most up to date info on events

◆ Calling all mothers, daughters, nieces, aunts, colleagues and girlfriends!

Be a part of The Choices We Make: Connections 2009, the largest annual gathering of Jewish women in the Seattle area!

Sunday, February 8 ~ Registration 10:30 am ~ Brunch & Program 11:00 am

Bestselling author Lauren Weisberger is this year's featured speaker. Loosely based on her own life experiences, the characters in her books struggle with the same choices that women make every day—between love and education, career and family and more. Ms. Weisberger's new book, *Chasing Harry Winston*, just got picked up as a movie – and will surely be as huge a cinema hit as *The Devil Wears Prada!* Sheraton Seattle Hotel. \$60 Brunch ~ \$180 Friend ~ \$360 Patron. No minimum campaign gift is needed to attend. Sign up to be a Table Captain! Register at www.jewishinseattle.org or call Rebecca at (206) 774-2272.

◆ Now through mid-February: Chanukah Exhibit

at the Summit (1200 University St. Seattle), featuring a collection of unique historic dreidels on loan for this exhibit only, as well as the memorabilia of Samuel E. Goldfarb, Music Director of Temple De Hirsch Sinai and creator of the Dreidel Song. Presented by the Washington State Jewish Historical Society. For info, call (206) 774-2277 ext 250.

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