



Kadima Reconstructionist Community

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SHABBAT SERVICES

Saturday, February 16, 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Corey Greengage

2008 Services	Others will be announced as planned)
February 16	Bar Mitzvah of Corey Greengage, 9:30 a.m.
April 12	Bar Mitzvah of Brennan Freed
May 10	Bat Mitzvah of Emma Newmark
May 17	Bat Mitzvah of Heather Kovar
June 28	Bar Mitzvah of Alex Greenberg
July 5	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Sands
September 20	Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Parsley

KADIMA SPRING HOLIDAYS PLANNING MEETING

Spring Holidays Planning Meeting:
Purim, Passover and Shavuot
Sunday, February 10, 9:30-10:30 am
Sand Point Education Center

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Spring Holidays Planning Meeting: Purim, Passover and Shavuot

The Spring holidays are each unique and offer wonderful opportunities for community, celebration and learning. You are invited to a meeting to plan our Purim celebration(s) (we have been invited to collaborate with Congregation Eitz Or, and are also considering a 'Shushan Purim' Persian-themed masquerade party), a possible Kadima Community Seder, and how we can celebrate Shavuot, with its emphasis on affirming our traditions of study and cheesecake! Your input, creativity and organizing energy are what make Kadima celebrations happen! Please call Rainer at (206) 547-3914 to RSVP, or email rainer@onemain.com.

KADIMA EVENTS

Excitement is building for Kadima's FunRaiser on February 29!

FunRaiser Donation Opportunity!

Dump run and vehicle needed. You make the donation, we pay the auction bid.

We will pay \$100 to the Kadima auction, plus the dump fees, for anyone who has a truck or van that can be used for hauling clean junk from our Wallingford home to the dump. We will help load the vehicle. Just take it and dump it. ~ The Newmark Family

The more Fun we raise — The more Funds we will raise!

KADIMA SUNDAYS

Sunday, February 10th

10:00-12:00: Sunday School

12:30-2:00: B'nei Mitzvah Class

Two consecutive Kadima Sundays in February followed by two consecutive weeks off due to mid-winter break

Return to Sunday School

Sunday, March 2nd

10:00-12:00: Sunday School

12:30-2:00: B'nei Mitzvah Class

KADIMA SUNDAY ADULT PROGRAM

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Kadima Curriculum for Adults: Fifth Grade:

A JEWISH LIFE:

Life Cycle Traditions, Birth to Death

Sunday, February 10, 10:30 – Noon

Sand Point Education Center, 6208 60th Avenue NE, Seattle (one block east of Sandpoint Way; look for the sign and turn east at 62nd St.)

Info/questions: office@kadima.org; (206) 547-3914 ext. 2

Judaism, like many ancient, folk-rooted traditions, is often quite ritually smart about the workings of human psychology. At the same time, Jewish life event ritual and tradition is very responsive

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and adaptable to modern circumstances and mores. Birth, naming, coming of age, love, death and more: come for an overview of a 'Jewish life,' and a discussion of how you see life event commemorations as relevant to you and the Kadima community. The themes for the fifth grade curriculum are life cycles and Jews around the world; the latter theme will be addressed at a later date.

KADIMA BULLETIN BOARD

FEBRUARY 9: CAUCUS FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN PEACE

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Brit Tzedek v'Shalom has initiated, and is coordinating with other groups, advocacy for an Israeli/Palestinian Peace platform plank for the political parties. Caucus-goers are encouraged to present this resolution on Saturday.

Tell party activists, political candidates, elected and party officials, and their staff that it is pro-Israel to support justice and peace by maintaining the hope and momentum of the Annapolis Peace Conference, and that this perspective is supported by a majority of the Jewish community and electorate;

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*These talking points may be used to illustrate the vital urgency and necessity of the resolution and platform plank:

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict causes suffering and insecurity for both peoples; The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a catalyst for tension, instability, and extremism in the Middle East and globally; it is in the national interest of the United States to actively and persistently engage in the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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If you are elected as a delegate or want to help promote this platform language, please contact the Greater Seattle Chapter of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom: (206) 442-2077, btvshalom_wa@yahoo.com, www.btvshalom.org, or (206) 442-2077.

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Resolution & Platform Plank Proposal on Israeli-Palestinian Peace:

We believe that:

The United States should use its full influence, through serious, constructive and persistent engagement, to promote negotiations and other actions that lead to a successful and sustainable resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, based on mutual recognition, that ensures security, economic growth, and quality of life for the peoples of the sovereign state of Israel and a sovereign state of Palestine.*

For information on Republican Caucus locations and process: www.wsrp.org or (206) 575-2900.

For information on Democratic Caucus locations and process: wa-democrats.org or (206) 583-0644.

(After delegate selection, resolutions/platform proposals may be submitted for consideration at the county and legislative district conventions, without debate or voting.)

Please return you Kadima Survey

Thank you to those who've returned their surveys. There is still time to fill out the Survey that you recently received from Kadima in the mail (or by email). All members of your household are invited to respond. **Mail your surveys to the Kadima Office or drop them off at Kadima Sunday on February 10.** Kadima wants to do its best to support the Kadima that its current membership values and wants – and to help the community grow. The survey is one step in helping to chart Kadima's course in the next few years. Thank you!

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KADIMA BULLETIN BOARD (CONTINUED)

Article by Paul Loeb

Below is a link to Paul Rogat Loeb's latest article, exploring his sense that Hilary Clinton and her allies are conducting some problematic campaigning. Paul has spent over thirty years researching and writing about citizen responsibility and empowerment--asking what makes some people choose lives of social commitment, while others abstain. He lives in Seattle and has a long-time association with Kadima. <http://www.paulloeb.org/Does Hilary Clinton Cross Ethical Lines?>

(If you've written an article and would like to post a link in the Update, let us know at office@kadima.org.)

MIDDLE EAST PEACE CAMP

2008 MEPC Registration Open!

Middle East Peace Camp is celebrating its 7th year! This summer, camp is July 21-25, and we are moving to a new location: Magnuson Park. We loved having camp at Kay's, but we just outgrew her space. (We will return to Kay's for some smaller meetings or activities during the year.) We will be able to do a lot more at Magnuson and are looking forward to bringing peace to the park!

For more info about MEPC: www.middleeastpeacecamp.org
You can find the registration form link on the Registration page.

Have questions? Call Susan Davis at (206) 399-1560 or info@middleeastpeacecamp.org

Returning campers or counselors have priority registration until March 31.

COMMUNITY

[Interfaith Couples Connect!](#) (click on workshop title to download a flier)

Six Wednesdays, February 13 – March 19; 7:00-9:00 pm – *Please note new workshop dates*
Northgate Community Center (10510 5th Ave NE, Seattle)

A multiple session workshop to explore the complexities of being in an interfaith relationship. Meet with other interfaith couples in a welcoming and supportive atmosphere. Share experiences and ideas, hear about current research on this topic, and learn ways to make your relationship even stronger.

Suggested donation: \$80 per couple. Scholarships available. For info/to register, contact Adam at (206) 461-3240, ext 8784 or e-mail familylife@jfsseattle.org.

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If the cold, rainy snowy days are getting to you, consider how it feels to be homeless!!!!

The January 2008 One Night Count of unsheltered homeless people in King County reports a 15% increase in numbers over last year. It's hard for us to imagine what their lives are like. We can make a difference by supporting measures to end homelessness such as public funding of affordable housing. Here are **two immediate opportunities to act**:

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First, on February 10, join the Puget Sound Jewish Coalition on Homelessness this Sunday, February 10, 2-4pm, at Congregation Beth Shalom (6800 NE 35th Street, Seattle), directly opposite the Seattle Public Library NE Branch. Entrance to the meeting room is at the south end behind the wooden fence, and there is parking behind the building. We'll hear the latest legislative update from Ben Gitenstein, Executive Director of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, discuss Advocacy Day, and write informed letters, specific to legislation being considered, to our policymakers. These letters will be carried to Olympia on Feb. 14th Advocacy Day by PSJCH participants. Everyone welcome! Come and be counted!

Second, sign up to attend Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day in Olympia on Thursday, **February 14th**. Click on [Washington Low Income Housing Alliance](#) to register. There is a \$25 fee which includes lunch. If you plan to attend, please email Diane Baer at drbaer11@hotmail.com, if you haven't already, and let her know if you'd like to carpool. Diane is organizing our Jewish delegation.

Help Break the Siege of Gaza
A fundraiser for the Free Gaza Movement
with Dr. Paul Larudee, Co-founder
2:00 pm, Sunday, February 10
Hosted by Gerri Haynes (104 7th Ave., Kirkland)

Destination Gazaport. In June, 2008, unarmed volunteers from the Free Gaza Movement will sail from Cyprus to Gaza in defiance of Israel's blockade. They include: Palestinians, Israelis, internationals, Nakba and Holocaust survivors, British MPs, actors, directors, filmmakers, priests, imams, rabbis and reporters. Why Gaza? Why now? Learn about this nonviolent resistance action and help make it happen.

RSVP: lggydog@aol.com. .INFO: www.freegaza.org, (425) 822-5990. TO DONATE DIRECTLY: Send a tax-deductible donation to The Free Gaza Movement, 405 Vista Heights Rd., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Death & Dying (click on workshop title to view a flier)
A series on Jewish traditions and practical preparations
Jewish Family Service (1601 16th Ave., Seattle)
Four Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

For further information, visit these web pages:

February 12 - [Remembering Our Loved Ones: An Introduction to Jewish Mourning Rituals](#)
February 26 - [Burials, Funerals & Cemeteries: Jewish Traditions & Practical Concerns](#)

\$10/person for individual sessions; \$36/person for all four sessions.

Co-sponsored by Kol HaNeshamah and the Jewish Education Council.

The Jewish Studies Program
The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
Free and open to the public lecture Series -
New Interpretations of Israel: Politics, Society, Culture & Human Rights

All lectures: 220 Kane Hall, UW Campus, 7:00 pm

- February 19: Dr. Avner Cohen, *Israel & the Bomb: A Unique Case?*

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Jewish Studies Program Lectures (continued)

- March 11: Professor Patricia Woods, *The Women's Movement & Religious/Secular Conflict in Israel*
- April 8: Dr. Maha Tahsin El-Taji, *Israeli Arab-Palestinians between Nationality & Locality*

Kosher dessert reception follows each lecture. www.jsis.washington.edu/jewish

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Housing Advocacy Day will take place on Thursday, February 14 in our State Capitol. Join members of PSJCH and other housing advocacy organizations to lobby together for legislation aimed at supporting the overall goals of ending homelessness in Washington State. Contact Diane Baer, drbaer11@hotmail.com if you'd like to attend Housing Advocacy Day on February 14 with PSJCH, or if you have questions. Carpooling will be arranged.

Nextbook presents:

Jon Entine - Genes and Jewish Identity

February 20, 7:00pm

Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington (15th Ave NE & NE 41st St. Seattle)

In *Abraham's Children: Race, Identity, and the DNA of the Chosen People*, Jon Entine continues his investigations into nature, nurture, and the politics that surround them. He delves into recent genetic research that suggests Jews of the Himalayas and of New Mexico may have more in common than they think, and tackles the controversial subject of Jewish intelligence. Joining Mr. Entine will be renowned geneticist and UW professor Mary-Claire King, discoverer of the "breast cancer gene." \$8 / \$6 students & under 25. www.nextbook.org/seattle. For more info: Michele Yanow at myanow@nextbook.org or (206) 774-2227.

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**Study Buddy Literacy Tutoring Program
Making a Difference, One Child at a Time**

Study Buddy matches volunteer tutors with children in need of academic tutoring. Tutors are encouraged to bring their own strengths and talents into the classroom. Area schools are in need of committed, caring individuals with the desire to make a difference in the life of a child.

Commitment is one hour per week.

Contact Starr: StarrN@JewishInSeattle.org or (206) 774-2279.

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