



RECONSTRUCTIONIST COMMUNITY

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KADIMA EVENT

Kadima Reconstructionist Community invites you to join a

SPECIAL PROGRAM AND DISCUSSION: THE CRISIS AND WAR IN GAZA AND SOUTHERN ISRAEL

Andrea Cohen, Compassionate Listening Project

Judith Kolokoff, American Jews for a Just Peace

Barbara Lahav, Brit Tzedek v'Shalom

Richard Silverstein, Tikun Olam Blog

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 10:30 AM PROMPTLY– NOON

Doors open at 10 AM

Sandpoint Education Center, 6208 60th NE, Seattle

Northbound on Sand Point Way NE, turn right at the Center sign at NE 62nd

Map and directions: <http://www.learnatnorth.org/sandpoint.htm>

**Please RSVP if possible to provide a chair count:
office@kadima.org or (206) 442-2077**

- ♦ Are you experiencing complex and sometimes contradictory responses to the crisis in Gaza and southern Israel?
- ♦ Are you confused by opposing rhetoric?
- ♦ Are you unsure how to have a positive impact?

- ♦ Share your feelings
- ♦ Hear from diverse activist perspectives
- ♦ Review a menu of actions you can take

This program is designed to provide a safe setting for thoughtful discussion and sharing, to encourage informed engagement. Plenty of time will be allocated for people to discuss their feelings

about this very difficult, tragic and complex conflict.

As the host for this event, Kadima's intent is to model positive discussion within the Jewish community on a difficult and often personal issue. All of our panelists have deep connections with and have spent time in Israel and the Palestinian areas. They actually have diverse perspectives on what 'should be done;' it is hoped that forums such as this will be expanded to include even more viewpoints in the near future.

Andrea Cohen is a certified facilitator with The Compassionate Listening Project. In addition to her work in Israel-Palestine, Andrea was co-director of the Project's Jewish-German reconciliation program. She facilitates Compassionate Listening workshops locally and internationally, designs community dialogue events that bring together people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and coaches individuals in integrating the skills of Compassionate Listening into their daily lives.

Judith Kolokoff is currently involved with American Jews for a Just Peace and the Seattle Campaign for Gaza. Judith is a soon to be 80 year old Jewish woman human rights activist. She has been a high school educator and is a past director of the Pacific Northwest American Friends Service Committee. Judith was a founder of Jewish Voice for Peace/Seattle, an organizer supporting the anti-occupation work of the Israeli soldiers and reservists who refuse to serve in the territories.

Barbara Lahav, a Seattle native, lived over 16 years in Israel. A national board member for Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, Barbara graduated from the Bezalel School of Arts in Jerusalem, was Managing Editor for Kol Ha'Ir, a Jerusalem weekly affiliated with Haaretz Newspaper, and Administrator of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. She returned to the US in 1986 and worked for several local Jewish non-profit organizations as well as two years with the Legal Defense Fund for Representative Jim McDermott. She is a community activist for Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, Find Common Ground and Israel Policy Forum.

RICHARD SILVERSTEIN writes *Tikun Olam* (http://www.richardsilverstein.com/tikun_olam), focusing on Israeli-Palestinian peace and also including commentary on U.S. politics, world music, food, Jewish life, literature, and culture. He also created the [Israel Palestine Forum](#), wrote a chapter for the Independent Jewish Voices essay collection, [A Time to Speak Out](#), published by Verso Books in October, 2008, contributes to *Haaretz*, the *Jewish Forward*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the Guardian's [Comment Is Free](#), and also blogs at Huffington Post. (continued)

For more information and to help with other events:

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KADIMA PROJECT

Kadima is helping Real Change News collect boots and winter gear. Its vendors need rain gear, winter clothing, blankets, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, sleeping bags and boots. You may bring donations to Kadima Sundays or Mondays, and we will coordinate the delivery or pickup of the gear.

What is Real Change? "Real Change is Seattle's weekly activist publication with an ear to the street. *Real Change* readers are educated, socially-concerned, and loyal. Our publication is sold by Seattle's homeless, which helps them earn the money they need to get ahead. **Each month, more than 200 different vendors are out selling our paper throughout the Seattle area.** Our publication strives to create fairness, opportunity and community by covering issues that socially conscious people want to know about, from topics surrounding poor and homelessness, to stories about labor, the environment, public health and civil liberties (to name a few)." *Real Change* is published weekly. Its vendors pay 35 cents a copy for their papers, which are then sold on the street for a dollar donation. Learn more: www.realchangenews.org.

KADIMA B'YACHAD CLASS FOR PARENTS-and-TOTS TOGETHER

Next Kadima B'yachad class is this Saturday, January 10th.

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

[Kadima b'yachad \(click here for more info\)](#)

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 old's (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

FROM WORD TO DEED: TEACHING OUR CHILDREN THROUGH LITERATURE

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) will present FROM WORD TO DEED: TEACHING OUR CHILDREN THROUGH LITERATURE on **Sunday, February 15, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm** at **Temple Beth Am** in Seattle. The one-day 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.

Rivy Poupko Kletenik is Head of School at Seattle Hebrew Academy. A nationally known award-winning educator and frequent lecturer, she is also a columnist giving advice on all things Jewish for the *JT News*.

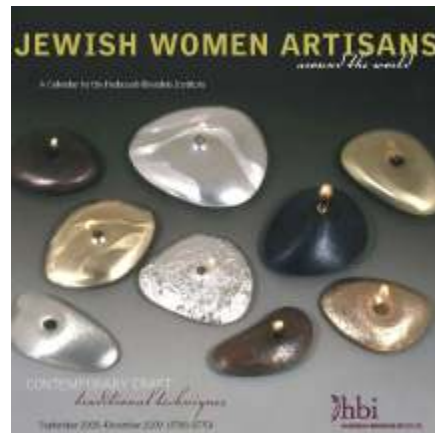
Lisa Silverman, Library Director at Sinai Temple, Los Angeles, and a former day school librarian, is Children's Book Editor of *Jewish Book World* magazine, has written for *School Library Journal*, and has lectured at the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) on illustrated children's books about the Holocaust.

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.

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**“Jewish Women Artisans around the World” Calendar
Features Work by WTP Soferet Rachel Reichardt and Artist Linda Motzkin**



"Jewish Women Artisans around the World" is a sixteen-month wall calendar (September 2008–December 2009) produced by the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute (HBI) at Brandeis University.

Working in clay, glass, wood, fibers, and metals, each featured artisan uses traditional techniques to elevate her craft to the highest level. The selected works and accompanying biographies weave together life, art, and Judaism in beautiful, full-color images for every month of the year. All sixteen months list Jewish dates, national and Jewish holidays, and weekly Torah portions. An international listing of candle lighting times is also included. "Jewish Women Artisans around the World" is normally available for \$13.95 plus shipping and handling, but is being **offered to Kadima Update readers for \$10, plus shipping and handling** (or \$294 for a box of 35). Please visit the HBI website at <http://www.brandeis.edu/hbi> for ordering information, or contact the HBI at hbi@brandeis.edu or (781) 736-8114.

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.

JRF North American Teen Kallah in Chicago this Spring

WHAT: No'ar Hadash North American Teen Kallah

WHEN: April 17-19, 2009 *

WHERE: Chicago, Illinois

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

**Note: The date was changed from original publicity; apologies for any confusion this might cause.*

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center:

Stories of Rescue during the Holocaust

January 12 - February 13. Suzzallo Library, University of Washington, Seattle.

An exhibition of photo-portraits by Chris Schwarz that honors the Righteous Among the Nations living in the Krakow region today.

Jan. 15 - Exhibit Opening. Keynote speaker - Stanlee Stahl, Executive Vice President, Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR): "Challenges of the Rescuers and the Rescued."

MOR's outreach series continues with an afternoon dedicated to the vibrant and distinctive communal life of Jewish Europe before the Holocaust. David Stock's nostalgic *A Vanished World* summons up the sounds of life in a shtetl built of music, Joseph Achron's work recalls folkloric elements of Russian Jewish life, Egon Ledec's atmospheric salon pieces echo of Central European gentility, and Lori Laitman's song cycle, *The Seed of Dream*, sung by baritone Erich Parce, reports from the horrific last moments of the Vilna ghetto. With an introduction by Artistic Director Mina Miller.



Are you raising Jewish children...but you're not Jewish? Don't do it alone!

[The Mothers Circle](#)

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](#)

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*.

Sunday, February 8, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Jewish Family Service, 1601 16th Ave, Seattle.

\$10/person; scholarships available. Space is limited; registration required. Contact Adam at (206) 861-8784 or familylife@jfsseattle.org.



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! You won't want to miss it. **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 we as 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!*

Sunday, February 8, 2009 ~ Registration 10:30 am ~ Brunch & Program 11:00 am
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.



WSJHS 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 Hirsh Sinai and creator on the Dreidel Song. Presented by the Washington State Jewish Historical Society. **Running now through mid-February.** For more info, call (206) 774-2277 ext 250.

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