



SEATTLE'S PROGRESSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY
Alternatives in Jewish Learning for All Ages

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Seattle's oldest progressive Jewish Community integrates celebration, study, and work for social justice, through programs, holidays, Shabbatot, education for all generations, activism for a just, peaceful and healthy world, and many avenues to a warm Jewish community. Think of Kadima as your "Jewish Salon," a comfortable setting for the free exchange of ideas and experiences!

Kadima's Women's Torah Project has commissioned the first Torah in history to be scribed and completely embellished by women.

Kadima is a co-founder of the Middle East Peace Camp for Children, now in its ninth year.

KADIMA SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

at Kadima House

10:00 - 11:00:

Learn to Read Hebrew*, Suzie Hellerstein, teacher

11:00:

Committee meetings: Ritual/Liturgy and Membership/Outreach

DONATE!

Matching Gift Challenge in Progress

HOW TO DONATE:

◆ Click the Donate button on the lower left of Kadima's homepage, www.kadima.org

This enables you to donate through PayPal,

*The class is full, but if enough people are interested, Suzie will offer it again.

Kadima House

12353 8th Ave. NE, Seattle

Intersection of 8th Ave. NE and NE 125th St. [MAP](#)

Metro Bus #41 [schedule and route map](#)



KADIMA TU B'SHVAT SHABBAT SEDER

Celebrate the New Year for Trees!

Show Respect and Love for Nature!

Friday, January 29, 7– 9:30 PM

\$5 adults. \$2 youth 8+, 7 and under free

Please bring a vegetarian/dairy potluck dish to share.

(When you RSVP we may contact you about special Tu B'Shvat foods. (No one turned away; donations are for ritual food and other costs.)

This will be participatory Seder, using the Kadima Tu B'Shvat Haggadah of readings, singing and maybe a little drama!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with set-up/decorating, food-prep, clean-up, etc. Let us know if you are bringing kids and if you'd like to help with kid-friendly content. We will tailor the Seder to who is present! To volunteer or for more info: office@kadima.org / (206) 547-3914. To RSVP if you did not receive an Evite: office@kadima.org.

which has a swift turnaround since it is linked to the Kadima bank account (useful in this time of tight belts!).

◆ **Send a check:**

Kadima, 12353 8th Avenue NE, Seattle WA 98125.

◆ **Call the office - (206) 547-3914** with credit card info. Members may also call to add their donation to their account.

KADIMA MATCHING CHALLENGE FUND **Please [DONATE NOW](#)**

Support an exciting new initiative in our critical fund-raising campaign! Two anonymous donors, in collaboration with members of the Board, have pledged donations to a challenge fund totaling \$11,000. Between now and March 31, any gift to Kadima will be matched dollar for dollar by a contribution from this fund. Donations made in response to our November fundraising letter will be matched as well.

Why is this opportunity so important? As you know Kadima is undertaking new initiatives to strengthen our community and provide the basis for the growth we need to be more stable. But these initiatives require resources. So the growth and stability to come require investment from all segments of our broad community now.

IF WE MEET THIS FUNDING CHALLENGE BY ACHIEVING THE MAXIMUM MATCH, WE WILL GREATLY EASE OUR FINANCIAL SQUEEZE. This is an urgent priority.

If we are able to significantly exceed that target, we will be able to enter our next fiscal year in a strong position to grow and develop.

As recent bereavements and simchas remind us, we need also to look beyond these regular and planned elements of our community. It is through our Kadima community that we are able to support each other in times of trouble and loss, even as we are able to share our joy at times of celebration.

If you have donated since November and in response to the year-end appeal, we thank you! Your donation has been matched.

Tu B'Shvat is Rosh HaShanah Lellanot, the New Year for Trees. It begins at sundown on January 29.

Continues tonight!

**FROM ATHEISTS TO HASIDS-
LOCATING YOURSELF ON THE SPECTRUM OF FAITH:
Exploring Jewish Concepts of God**
January 13, 20 and 27, 7:30-9:00 pm

Rabbi Zari Weiss, teacher

In this four-part series, we will proceed on two parallel tracks: the intellectual/academic as well as the personal/spiritual. Each class session will highlight different ideas and beliefs about God from various stages in Jewish history. Each class will also provide opportunities for participants to explore their own personal ideas about and relationship to God. Classes will include text study (no Hebrew required), discussion, reflection, and times for experiential learning. All levels are welcome.

Rabbi Zari Weiss has been a leader and teacher in the field of Jewish Spirituality and Spiritual Direction for over 15 years. Ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (New York) in 1991, Rabbi Weiss is the Chair of the Committee of Rabbinic Spirituality of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. She has taught and written extensively about the spiritual life, including articles and book chapters on prayer and Spiritual Direction from a Jewish perspective.

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Kadima looks forward to your ongoing support as we continue to raise support for our community.



**KADIMA SCHOOLS
SUNDAYS & MONDAYS**

Kadima Sundays:
January 24; February 7 and 28
10:00 to Noon

Get ready for Purim...

Modern Conversational Hebrew

For 3rd-9th grades; Beginning level through Teen Talk Hebrew.

**Twice monthly Sunday classes for
K-7th grades**

Visit [Kadima's website](#) for more information about our Sunday School and B'nei Mitzvah program, or contact Sharron Lerner, Education Director, at slerner@kadima.org,

Sunday, February 28th, 10:00-12:00

Crafts, face painting, hamantashen, sing-along, a Purim shpiel, and preparing mishloach manot (Purim baskets) from our Kadima families to Jewish Family Service clients.

Saturday, January 30th

Sixth-Seventh grade, B'nei Mitzvah class Havdalah Sleepover. Woohoo!

Kadima Mondays, Hebrew & B'nei Mitzvah Classes: January 25; February 1, 8 and 22

4:45-5:45 Hebrew 1 and 2

5:45-6:45 Hebrew 3 and 4

6:45-7:00 B'nei Mitzvah students' pizza-social

7:00-8:00 B'nei Mitzvah clas

Enrollment is still open.

Kadima launches...

A NEW Pre-Kindergarten class

Enrollment is Open! For Tots ages 4-5 years old

Click for more information: [Pre-K Flyer](#)

For tots ages 4-5 years, a program that encourages parent participation. For single parents, inter-faith parents, same-sex parents... for all parents raising Jewish children. [Pre-K Enrollment and Registration Form](#).

or the office at (206) 547-3914. [Click to download](#) a Kadima Schools Enrollment and Membership Registration form.



KADIMA LIBRARY

The Kadima House library Is open and organized! The library is in need of bookends, and is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, and Sundays, 9:30-12. Come to study or relax. Please check first to be certain someone is at the house: (206) 547-3914, or email office@kadima.org.

SHOP ONLINE—

KADIMA RECEIVES A PERCENTAGE OF THE SALE!



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Download music,
videos, and more.

 iTunes

[Click here - iTunes](#)



[Click here - Starbucks](#)

Or [click here](#) to donate directly

to Kadima.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

Entries accepted now through April 2

Jacob Friedman Holocaust Writing & Art Contest 2010

Open to students in grades 5-12 in the Pacific Northwest (WA, OR, ID, AK). Info [here](#).

Tomorrow! Want to learn more about the Israel Unplugged trip?

Attend a meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 7 pm. Location to be provided with RSVP. For more info and to RSVP, contact Anna Frankfort at AnnaF@JewishInSeattle.org or (206) 774-2226. Visit www.JewishInSeattle.org/IsraelUnplugged for trip details. Yalla! Let's go!

May 23 - June 1, 2010

Israel Unplugged - Seattle Jewish Community Journey to Israel

Post-trip extensions to Turkey, Petra and other places are also available! Experience the programs transforming Israeli society and changing the Jewish world first-hand. Questions? Visit www.JewishInSeattle.org/IsraelUnplugged. Or contact Anna Frankfort at AnnaF@JewishInSeattle.org or (206) 774-2226.

The new edition of the [Jewish Magazine](#) is available online.

This month's issue features many new articles about the Holocaust. Each issue of the [Jewish Magazine](#) has many interesting insights, explanations and entertaining articles on all aspects of being Jewish, and on Israel.

Gear Up For Menschworks

Jewish Federation's Young Leadership wants to build a team of young Jewish volunteers for its 5th annual MenschWorks volunteer service program. It's a great way to meet other volunteer-minded community members, learn about Seattle's Jewish organizations and actively make a difference. Service days are once a month starting January 24 and will feature various volunteer activities at partner agencies of the Jewish Federation. Sign up for the entire volunteer series or just for one! Register at www.JewishInSeattle.org/Menschworks!

Monday, January 25, 6:30 - 9 pm

Emotion Coaching: An Essential Part of Your Parenting Toolbox!

At JFS, Seattle (1601 16th Ave., Seattle). Info [here](#). Advance registration required as space is very limited. Contact Marjorie Schnyder at (206) 861-3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org.

Endless Opportunities - Programs & Events for adults age 60+

January 26, 10 am

Navigating the Elder Network

Pam Piering, Director of Aging and Disability Services, City of Seattle, will discuss the trends in services for aging adults, how people can best access and use the services of her department, the current policies concerning aging issues at both the Federal and the state levels, and research about healthy aging. Info [here](#). Temple De Hirsch Sinai-Foyer (1441 16th St.,

Seattle). RSVP to Ellen Hendin by Friday, January 22 at (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org.

Sunday January 31, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
The Middah of Compassion - Parenting Mindfully:
Drawing on Jewish Values through Musar

Info [here](#). FREE. Advance registration is encouraged. Contact Marjorie Schnyder at (206) 861-3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org.

Sunday, January 31, 10:30 am - 1 pm
Inspiration Awaits at Connections 2010
The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle's annual women's brunch, Connections, and Dare to Dream!

Invite your mothers, aunts, sisters, friends, daughters and grandmothers to our annual signature outreach and fundraising event to collectively be inspired. Featuring Alina Gerlovin Spaulding, a dynamic, young Soviet émigré now living the American dream. Her story is miraculous and moving as she illustrates the direct link between Jewish Federation dollars and how they worked to bring her family safely to the United States from the former Soviet Union. RSVP online at www.JewishInSeattle.org/Connections or call Rebecca at (206) 774-2272. No-minimum-gift to attend; however, there'll be a private opportunity to make a pledge to the 2010 Community Campaign. Hyatt Regency Bellevue, Bellevue Place. Cost: \$60 Brunch, \$180 Friend, \$360 Patron.

Jewish Family Service Healthy Relationships workshop series
Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

"Can we talk?" Staying Close & Connected as a Couple

Taking care of our family is important to all of us -- and a major concern during times of transition or uncertainty. This in-depth workshop focuses on patterns of communication and conflict that facilitate being supportive and accepting of each other. Specific ideas and tools will be shared, drawing particularly on research from the Gottman Institute. Advance registration required. Space is limited. **Info** [here](#).

Get Money for Jewish Camp this Summer!

Last summer, the Foundation for Jewish Camp helped more than 70,000 campers enjoy Jewish summer camp. This year, let the camper in your family enjoy an unforgettable summer at Jewish camp! The Foundation offers camp incentive grants ranging from \$700 to \$1500, so apply now — their online system will let you know if you're eligible for a grant. To learn more about the Jewish camp experience and what to expect visit www.jewishcamp.org.

GENERAL COMMUNITY

January 27-30, 7 pm
Scholar-In-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Steven Greenberg,
Orthodox Rabbi, Environmental and Gay Activist

Rabbi Steven Greenberg will be in Seattle as a scholar-in-residence, providing programming to community members over a four-day period at Herzl-Ner Tamid and Stroum Jewish Community Center. Sponsored by Herzl-Ner Tamid and the Jewish

Federation, sessions range from *Gayness and God* to *Including GLBT Jews: Policy, Pedagogy, Theology* to *The Creation Story on Steroids*. [Info and registration here](#).

Thursday January 28, 3:00-4:30 pm

Exile Reconsidered: German Emigres, American Jews and Anti-Semitism in 1940s

Dr. Eva-Maria Ziege, DAAD Acting Assoc. Prof., JSIS, UW

Samuel & Althea Stroum Jewish Studies Program

Communications Bldg, Room 202. After 1933, more than 200,000 Jewish refugees fleeing from the persecution in National Socialist Germany were granted admission to the U.S. until the beginning of the Second World War. Many were academics and artists, among them eminent emigrés like Einstein, Thomas Mann, Bertolt Brecht, T.W. Adorno, Max Horkheimer, and others. It was the exodus of the academic and cultural elite from Germany - an exceptional phenomenon of an enforced "intellectual migration". While enriching American-Jewish life of the 1940s, these emigrés had to deal with the persecution of the Jews in Europe while they also encountered an innate antisemitism and the emergence of fascist movements in the U.S. **Info** [here](#). (206) 543-0138; jewishst@uw.edu

Friday, February 5, 7 - 8:30 pm & Saturday, February 6, 9 am - 3:30 pm

Jewish Feminist Amy-Jill Levine to Speak in Seattle

The Lecture Series of University Congregational United Church of Christ, in collaboration with Hillel UW, presents Amy-Jill Levine on Friday, February 5, from 7 to 8:30 pm and Saturday, February 6, from 9 am to 3:30 pm at University Congregational, 4515 16th Ave. NE.

Friday's lecture is "Jesus, Judaism & Jewish Christian Relations." Saturday consists of three lectures: "Understanding the Parables with Jewish Ears," "How Jews & Christians Read Scripture Differently," and "Jesus and Judaism; Sex and Gender."

Amy-Jill Levine is the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Department of Religious Studies, and Graduate Department of Religion. Her most recent publications include *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*; the edited collection, *The Historical Jesus in Context*; and the fourteen-volume *Feminist Companions to the New Testament and Early Christian Writings*. A self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Protestant divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt," Levine combines historical-critical rigor, literary-critical sensitivity, and a frequent dash of humor with a commitment to eliminating antisemitic, sexist, and homophobic theologies. She is also a member of an Orthodox Synagogue.

Advance sales: \$50 until January 29, \$60 at the door (if space available). Individual tickets: Friday evening only \$15, Saturday only \$50. For tickets or info, contact the Lecture Series at University Congregational (206) 524-6255 ext. 3477 or jsg@universityucc.org.

ARTS, PERFORMANCES AND CULTURE

Friday, January 29, 7 and 10pm (Two Concerts!)

Downtown Emergency Service Center presents

GIMME SHELTER, a benefit concert to shelter and house Seattle's most vulnerable

homeless adults.

Featuring The Dusty 45s with Chuckanut Drive

The Triple Door (216 Union Street, Seattle). **Info and purchase tickets [here](#)** or call (206) 838-4333. Tickets \$20 advance/\$25 day of show. Fifty percent of ticket price goes towards DESC's programs to eliminate homelessness. For 30 years, DESC has worked to end the homelessness of vulnerable men and women, particularly those with serious mental and addictive illnesses.



Last Day is January 31

Michelangelo Public and Private: Drawings for the Sistine Chapel and Other Treasures from the Casa Buonarroti

Seattle Art Museum Downtown, Simonyi Special Exhibition Galleries. **Info [here](#).**

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