



Kadima Weekly Update

May 30, 2007

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SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.

Jeremy Weizenbaum will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

during Shabbat morning service at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street. Kiddush lunch to follow the service. If you plan to stay for lunch, **please RSVP by June 6** to Pm Weizenbaum at pm@leeweiz.net or (206) 524-6346. The whole Kadima community is encouraged to attend the service.

KADIMA ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Programming Survey — Participation Requested

- Please take a moment to fill out a 2007-2008 school year planning survey. You will have the opportunity to rate our All-School programs. This input will be used to help determine which of our All-School programs we bring back next year.
- Look for the surveys and drop-box at the Kadima Information/Family Box table next to Kafe Kadima.
- Even if your child will be a Kadima graduate and not returning in the next school year, we still value your input.

2007-2008 Enrollment/Membership Forms

Turn in your enrollment forms on June 3 or June 10 at Kadima Sunday

and you'll be glad to have one less thing to think about over the summer! Forms were placed in your Family mailbox last month. More will be available this Sunday and on June 10. Please drop your completed forms into the box on the Family Boxes table

KADIMA EVENTS

Sunday, June 3

Kadima Sunday

Location: Sand Point Education Center, 6208 60th Avenue NE, Seattle
(one block east of Sandpoint Way; turn east at 62nd St.)

9:30-12:00: Sunday School Classes (No all-school community time)

9:45 – 11:45 a.m.: The next Adult Program will be on June 10 (see below)

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.: B'nei Mitzvah classes

Sunday, June 10

Kadima Sunday – Last School Day of the Year

Location: Sand Point Education Center, 6208 60th Avenue NE, Seattle
(one block east of Sandpoint Way; turn east at 62nd St.)

Sunday, June 10 (cont'd.)

9:30-11:30: Sunday School Classes

9:45-11:45 a.m. Adult Program (see description below)

1:30-12:00: All Community; Make your own Ice Cream "Sunday" Party and Honor our Seventh Grade Kadima Graduates

12:30-2:00 p.m.: B'nei Mitzvah classes

Sunday, June 10, Adult Program Description (9:45-11:45 a.m.)

Kadima Reconstructionist Community presents a facilitated discussion for Jews, partners, friends and allies:

Anti-Semitism, Progressive Jews, and Resolving the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict*

Sand Point Education Center, 6208 60th Ave. NE, Seattle (for map: www.google.com/maps

[Sandpoint Ed. Center](#))

Open to the public.

discussion facilitators:

David Loud, founding member of Kadima, 'unofficial' local representative for *Jewish Currents* magazine, and member of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom.

Wendy Somerson, member of Jewish Voices for Peace.

When they advocate for an end to the Occupation and a sustainable Israeli-Palestinian peace, Jews face challenges. Powerful forces in the Jewish community strive to stifle debate by claiming that any criticism of Israeli policies or actions is inherently anti-semitic, or that Jewish critics of Israel are 'self-hating Jews.' On the other hand, progressive Jews do encounter anti-Jewish rhetoric and stereotypes. How can we identify and constructively challenge real anti-Semitism, understand when charges of anti-Semitism are unfounded, discover allies, and work effectively for justice and peace in the Mid-East?

We will use excerpts from three diverse sources including, "Some Notes on Anti-Semitism from a Progressive Jewish Perspective," by Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz

(www.jewishcurrents.org/2007-mar-kayekantrowitz) (March/April issue of *Jewish Currents* magazine); "O Havruta, O Mituta: How to Strengthen the Palestinian Solidarity Movement by Making Friends with Jews " by Guy Izhak Austrian and Ella Goldman

(http://64.233.179.104/translate_c?hl=en&u=http://www.mondialisme.org/article.php3%3Fid_article%3D208), and, "No, it's not anti-Semitic," by Judith Butler (www.lrb.co.uk/v25/n16/print/butl02)

(London Review of Books, August 21, 2003). If you need help downloading these articles, please email David Basior at davebasior@gmail.com. For more information, contact: office@kadima.org or (206) 547-3914, ext. 2.

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Kadima 2007-2008 Shabbat Service Dates - Please Mark Your Calendar:

2007	
June 23	Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Weizenbaum
June 30	Bar Mitzvah of Henry Schlesinger
July 14	Bar Mitzvah of Alex Maybruck
October 13	Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Ruhland
November 10	Bar Mitzvah of Michael Eskenazi
December 1	Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Blum
2008	
January 12	Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Metz
January 26	Bar Mitzvah of Ariel Loud
February 16	Bar Mitzvah of Corey Greengage
April 12	Bar Mitzvah of Brennan Freed
May 17	Bat Mitzvah of Heather Kovar

August 13 – 17

Middle East Peace Camp

Merging Cultures, Emerging Futures: Joining Hearts and Hands

Register now!

If you bring any new families to camp, you'll receive a 10% discount on your registration. To request a registration form, visit www.middleeastpeacecamp.org, call (206) 399-1560, or pick one up at the Family Boxes table.

KADIMA BULLETIN BOARD

Kadimaniks: Have you subscribed to *Jewish Currents* yet? Do you even know why you should and will be glad you did? This bi-monthly magazine is simply one of the finest Jewish publications in the world! Since 1946, *Jewish Currents* has been a beacon of progressive Jewish politics, history, culture, secularism, art and poetry. All of its entries are short and accessible, with high standards to boot. For the last two years, it's been the official publication of Workmen's Circle/Arbiter Ring. Its Editor, Larry Bush, is the former editor of *Reconstructionism Today* and a terrifically creative fellow whom I had the pleasure of knowing as a New Jewish Agenda activist back in the days. *Jewish Currents* played a critical role in my own and many others' adult Jewish education in the period when Kadima and kindred groups were blooming in the late '70's and early '80's and trying to figure out a progressive approach to Israel and the Palestinians, working with both the Left and the Jewish community, and other challenging issues.

Larry Bush has been nice enough to send me 20 copies of the last several issues, which I have distributed at Kadima gatherings as free samples. Now I want to ask all of you who are not subscribers to consider signing up for a year's subscription at \$30.00 (6 issues). A wonderful new issue just arrived and I'll bring it on May 20. Please bring your checkbook, or at least \$5.00 to buy a single copy. Questions? Bring them on the 20th or send to me at doloud8058@msn.com. Also check out the magazine's website the Editor's Blog: www.jewishcurrents.org.

Seeking Kadima Programming Committee Volunteers

Program Director Rainer Waldman Adkins has been working to provide a calendar of interesting events. His previous contract with Kadima ended in February, and due to budgetary constraints, Rainer is now working just a few hours per week to guide and manage existing programs and create some new opportunities. Rainer now needs your collaboration to keep Kadima moving forward, and a strong Program Committee is exactly the ticket out of Egypt and into the Promised Land! (The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, June 5, at Carla Ginnis' home.) Much of your effort can be done from the comfort of your own home or during regular Kadima meeting times. To keep the flame of celebration and learning burning brightly (and attract new friends to the Kadima community), contact: office@kadima.org; (206) 547-3914 ext. 2.

The Interfaith Book Group

The Interfaith Book Group welcomes new members! The group is comprised of members from Congregation Eitz Or, Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, University Congregational United Church of Christ, Interfaith Community Church and others with an interest in interfaith dialogue and learning. The readings include works of fiction and non-fiction as chosen by the group. We're always open to suggestions! We also occasionally attend other events, e.g., *The Chosen* at the Seattle Repertory Theatre; "Arab Women Writers" sponsored by Seattle Arts & Lectures, and the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. The book group usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We don't meet in July or August. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at Jerry Schneider's home, 932 11th Ave. E., Seattle (Capitol Hill). Questions? Contact penelope_koven@yahoo.com. On **June 20**, we'll follow our precedent of reading something lighter --*A Morbid Taste for Bones*, by Ellis Peters.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Village Theatre presents:

Terezin, a new musical

June 1 - 17

303 Front Street North, Issaquah

Terezin, a new musical that tells one of the most fascinating and least known stories of the Holocaust, returns to Village Theatre's Village Originals program for a developmental production. Based on the true story of the Czech ghetto Theresienstadt, established by the Nazis in 1943 and designated for the intellectual and artistic elite Jews of Europe, *Terezin* follows the fortunes of a handful of prisoners as they try to understand the truth of their captivity. When the Nazis "beautify" Theresienstadt in an attempt to deceive the Red Cross and sway public perception, the prisoners struggle to expose the truth through art and music—and in so doing, discover the humanity they all share. Box Office: (425) 392-2202. www.villagetheatre.org

Providing Support in the Face of Difficult Behaviors

Thurs., June 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation (3700 E. Mercer Way, Mercer Island)

Gain perspective on how to maintain respect for your parents' dignity and independence, even when challenged or frustrated by resistant behaviors. Co-sponsored by Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation. \$10/person; scholarships available. For registration and info, contact Adam Halpern, (206) 461-3240, ext. 8784, or jfile@jfsseattle.org

"The Musical Legacy of Samuel E. Goldfarb"

presented by the Washington State Jewish Historical Society and Temple De Hirsch Sinai
Sun., June 10, 2:00 p.m.

Temple De Hirsch Sinai Sanctuary (1441 16th Ave., Seattle)

A community-wide musical concert and celebration. "Mr. Jewish Music of Greater Seattle," Samuel E. Goldfarb was a Pioneer Jewish Composer and Arranger and Music Director of Temple De Hirsch Sinai from 1930 to 1967. Hear performances by soloists, groups and a reunion of members of the many choirs and programs Goldfarb directed. Visit an exhibit of memorabilia of Goldfarb and of some of the groups he managed. No advance ticket sales. \$10 at the door

starting 30 minutes before the concert. A large turnout is anticipated, so please help with refreshment planning by sending an RSVP: (206) 774-2277 or goldfarbconcert@wsjhs.org.

OFFERING RECONCILIATION THROUGH ART AND DIALOGUE

Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

Bellevue Arts Museum (510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue)

The public is invited to *Building Hope through Art and Dialogue*, a special community program at the exhibition *Offering Reconciliation*, Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m. *Offering Reconciliation* is an exhibition of 135 ceramic bowls by top Israeli and Palestinian painters, sculptors and photographers, and is organized by the Bereaved Families Forum for Peace, Reconciliation and Tolerance, a home for hundreds of Israeli and Palestinian bereaved families who have chosen a path of reconciliation rather than revenge, and the Association of Israel's Decorative Arts.

A tour of the exhibition will be led by Seattle-area Jewish, Israeli, Palestinian and Arab artists, followed by a presentation by Robi Damelin and Ali Abu Awwad, representatives of the Bereaved Families Forum.

Each artist received the same plain ceramic form, the "Bowl of Reconciliation," to work from. This large delicate clay bowl, designed by Israeli ceramicist Orna Tamir-Schestowits, symbolizes the fragility of the relationships of the two cultures. The show offers a rare opportunity to witness artistic expression building bridges of possible hope and reconciliation between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. Once *Offering Reconciliation* reaches its final destination, the bowls will be sold and all revenues will be used to finance the ongoing educational activities in Israeli and Palestinian schools for the development and use of peace education curricula.

Speakers Ali Abu Awwad and Robi Damelin are prominent activists in the Bereaved Families Forum. Damelin is an Israeli whose son was killed by a Palestinian sniper; Abu Awwad is a Palestinian whose brother was killed by an Israeli soldier. They are now active in spreading a message of reconciliation and non-violence to Palestinians and Israelis in communities and schools throughout Israel and the Palestinian Territories, as well as internationally, and were featured in the award-winning documentary film, *Encounter Point* (www.encounterpoint.com), which played recently in the Seattle area.

The program is presented by the Bellevue Art Museum, and is co-sponsored by the American Community Coalition, Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, Find Common Ground, the Middle East Peace Camp for Children, and Voices of Palestine. Costs are \$10 adults; \$5 students. For information on the exhibition, contact the Bellevue Art Museum, (425) 519-0770 or www.bellevuearts.org for information on the program, contact (206) 442-2077 or btvshalom_wa@yahoo.com.

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

Study Buddy is a social justice program sponsored by the Jewish Education Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. The program matches volunteers with children in grades K-8 who need academic support. We recruit, train, and place tutors in schools and provide on-going support to them. For many students, this opportunity to meet regularly with a knowledgeable, caring, and committed adult is the greatest part of the program. Commitment is one hour per week, and before- and after-school hours are available. For more info contact Starr at starr@jewishinseattle.org or (206) 774-2279.

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