



**Kadima Weekly Update**  
**May 9, 2007**  
[www.kadima.org](http://www.kadima.org)

**Happy Mother's Day!**

Several Kadima members have recommended community events that may be of interest to you as well. Please scroll down to the Community Events section to read about these events, which are indicated with double asterisks (\*\*).

### **KADIMA EVENTS**

#### **Saturday, May 19**

##### **Saturday Morning Shabbat Service**

**Time and location information to follow**

#### **Sunday, May 20**

##### **Kadima Sunday**

##### **Sunday School Classes and Adult Education**

**Location:**

**Sand Point Education Center, 6208 60th Avenue NE, Seattle  
(one block east of Sandpoint Way; turn east at 62<sup>nd</sup> St.)**

**9:30-12:00: Sunday School Classes** (No all-school community time, classes will end at noon. There will be B'nei Mitzvah classes; see below.)

Note! The 2nd-3rd (bet-gimmel) class will be collecting final donations for their tzedakah project. The money will be counted, then used to purchase an animal for the Heifer Project ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)). Please bring donations to Room 112 before 10:30 a.m. this Sunday. Stay tuned to find out which animal Kadima will give!

**9:45 – 11:45 a.m.: Adult Program: The History and Tradition of Arabic Calligraphy, with noted Arabic calligrapher Mamoun Sakal**

**12:30-2:00: Special B'nei Mitzvah Program: "The Siddur as Our Songbook" featuring Benjamin Gown and Sasson**

This is a required program for our B'nei Mitzvah class students, B'nei Mitzvah 1 and B'nei Mitzvah 2. B'nei Mitzvah Parents please plan to attend. We also invite and encourage all of the Kadima Community to attend this music program.

## SAVE THE DATE

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

<b>May 19</b>	<b>Saturday morning Shabbat Service</b>
<b>June 23</b>	<b>Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Weizenbaum</b>
<b>June 30</b>	<b>Bar Mitzvah of Henry Schlesinger</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Bar Mitzvah of Alex Maybruck</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Ruhland</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Bar Mitzvah of Michael Eskenazi</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Blum</b>

**August 13 – 17**

**Middle East Peace Camp**

***Merging Cultures, Emerging Futures: Joining Hearts and Hands***

**Register now!**

Registration now open to new and returning families. 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](http://www.middleeastpeacecamp.org) or call (206) 399-1560.

## 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](mailto:doloud8058@msn.com). Also check out the magazine's website the Editor's Blog: [www.jewishcurrents.org](http://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! Carla Ginnis and Denise Sterchi have already volunteered; they and Rainer would love companionship. (The next committee meeting will be on June 5 at Carla's house.) Much of the effort can be done from the comfort of your own home or at 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](mailto:office@kadima.org); (206) 547-3914 ext. 2.

### **The Interfaith Book Group**

The Interfaith Book Group welcomes new members at any time. 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 chosen by the group. We're always open to suggestions! We also occasionally attend other events, e.g., *The Chosen* at Seattle Repertory Theatre; "Arab Women Writers" sponsored by Seattle Arts and Lectures and Hedgebrook, 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? Please contact [penelope\\_koven@yahoo.com](mailto:penelope_koven@yahoo.com).

Our May and June selections are:

**May 16: *Dogs of God: Columbus, the Inquisition and the Defeat of the Moors* by James Reston, Jr.**

**June 20:** we'll follow our precedent of reading something lighter --***A Morbid Taste for Bones*, by Ellis Peters.**

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**(Community Events are listed on the following pages.)**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **\*\*A Symposium: Boundaries of Jewish Identity presented by UW Jewish Studies Program**

**May 13 and 14**

**University of Washington**

A symposium bringing together perspectives from literature, Jewish law, medical anthropology, the social sciences, and popular culture to explore who and what is “Jewish.”

There will be three sessions over the two days of this symposium. The Presenters and Responders are coming from all across country: Harvard, Brown, Penn State, Oberlin, University of Michigan, and the UW. The sessions are:

- **Who Is A Jew? Creating and Contesting Boundaries** (May 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m.)
- **What is “Jewish”?** (May 14, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- **How “Jewish” Are Jews?** (May 14, 1:30-4:00 p.m.)

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Here is a link to a one-page poster/program for the symposium:**

<http://jsis.washington.edu/jewish/images/boundariesposter2006.03.19final.pdf>

For information contact Loryn Paxton, UW Jewish Studies Program, [lpaxton@u.washington.edu](mailto:lpaxton@u.washington.edu) or Rochelle Roseman, (206) 543-0138.

### **Nextbook Presents: Nathan Englander**

**Thurs. May 14, 7:30 p.m.**

**Seattle Art Museum – Downtown Auditorium (First & Seneca , Seattle)**

Nathan Englander’s story collection *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges* won the 2000 PEN/Malamud Award, appeared on a dozen bestseller lists, and garnered comparisons to Chekov, Singer, Malamud, and Roth. His long-awaited first novel, *The Ministry of Special Cases*, is set at the start of Argentina’s Dirty War in 1976. Englander’s short fiction has appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Yorker*, and numerous anthologies. Tickets \$5: [www.nextbook.org](http://www.nextbook.org) or 1-888-219-5222 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

### **Being Beruriah: A class with Rivy Poupko Kletenik**

**Thurs., May 17, 7:00 p.m.**

**Seattle Hebrew Academy (1617 Interlaken Drive E., Seattle)**

Beruriah was a female Jewish scholar whose opinions of Jewish law were accepted by her male counterparts. Even though she lived in first century CE, she serves as a role model for Jewish women scholars today. To attempt to understand her legacy, this class will consider each of the texts from rabbinic literature that mention Beruriah. We will use those same texts as a baseline for understanding Jewish women’s scholarship.

\$50 for Adult Learners / \$25 for Teachers. Light refreshments. Proceeds to benefit the Women’s Endowment Foundation in support of its mission to improve the lives of women and girls, locally and in Israel. Pre-registration Required: (206) 774-2218 or [TammyK@JewishInSeattle.org](mailto:TammyK@JewishInSeattle.org)

### **\*\*Seattle Lesbian and Gay Chorus celebrates the strength of the human spirit with, “Rise Up & Sing! Songs of Peace, Protest and Liberation”**

**Sun., May 20**

**Seattle Unity Church**

The Seattle Lesbian and Gay Chorus is pleased to present “Rise Up & Sing!” For tickets and info: [www.slgc.org](http://www.slgc.org) and [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), or (206) 860-SLGC.

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**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 [starrn@jewishinseattle.org](mailto:starrn@jewishinseattle.org) or (206) 774-2279.

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