



Kadima Weekly Update

October 10, 2007

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SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am

Nicholas Joseph Ruhland will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

during Kadima's Shabbat morning service at the Shoreline Unitarian Church, 14724 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline, WA 98133. The whole Kadima community is encouraged to attend the service.

KADIMA EVENTS

**KADIMA PRESENTS VISITING SCHOLAR & RACONTEUR
LAWRENCE BUSH**

JUDAISM AS A COUNTER CULTURE

Saturday, October 20, 10 am – Noon

Roanoke House, 2601 Broadway East, Seattle

DIRECTIONS: NW corner, Broadway East / East Roanoke Street, 1 block east of I-5. Buses: 49 & 25; all buses, Eastlake Ave.

Shabbat Morning Services

Kiddush and refreshments to follow

A Jew, says the Talmud, is “whosoever testifies against idols.” Abraham the idol-smasher is the central character in the Torah portion *Lekh lekha*, and author Lawrence Bush will trace a path of continuity from the ‘founding father’ of Judaism to the radical immigrants of his grandmother’s generation to Jewish seekers of today. At the core of Jewish thought, Bush maintains, is the progressive pulse of a counterculture that contrasts sharply with mainstream American culture.

**WAITING FOR GOD:
THE SPIRITUAL EXPLORATIONS
OF A RELUCTANT ATHEIST**

Sunday, October 21, 10:30 – Noon

Sandpoint Education Center, 6208 60th Ave. NE, Seattle

DIRECTIONS: From Sandpoint Way NE northbound, turn east to NE 62nd St. The Center is at the end of the block. Bus: #74

Why have so many baby boomers turned to spirituality and religion in their quest for the good life? How did growing up with the Bomb influence a generation’s view of science and spirit? What effects did psychedelic drugs have on American spirituality? What is the difference between open-mindedness and gullibility? Is God a necessary part of a religious life? Is atheism more than a negation of religious belief? *Waiting for God* is a challenging book of ideas for believers and non-believers alike. Lawrence Bush vividly describes the experiences that led to a massive religious “comeback” in American culture during the past four decades — and led him, despite his atheism, to include deeply spiritual themes in his professional, intellectual and artistic life.

LAWRENCE BUSH has been a creative force in the American Jewish community as an author, essayist, visual artist and magazine editor for nearly three decades. He edits *Jewish Currents*, for which he conducts a “Religion and Skepticism” column. He was the founding editor of the magazine *Reconstructionism Today* for 13 years. Bush’s newest book is *Waiting for God: The*

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Spiritual Explorations of a Reluctant Atheist, which explores the generational factors that led baby-boomers down the path of spirituality.

Bush was the editor and commentator on the millennium edition of Leo Rosten's classic *The Joys of Yiddish*. His other books include *BESSIE: A Novel of Love and Revolution*; *American Torah Toons: 54 Illustrated Commentaries*; *Jews, Money and Social Responsibility* (with Jeffrey Dekro); and two fictions for adolescents, *Rooftop Secrets* and *Emma Ansky-Levine and Her Mitzvah Machine*. His essays, fiction and artwork have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Village Voice*, *MAD* magazine, *Tikkun*, *Reform Judaism*, and other publications, and his writings have been anthologized in *Best Jewish Writing 2003*, *Hallucinogens: A Reader*, *The 54th Century*, and *A Mentsh Among Men*.

Co-sponsored by Congregation Eitz Or and the Secular Jewish Circle of Puget Sound

KADIMA SCHOOLS

Sunday, October 21st

10:00-12:00: Sunday School

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

TIKKUN OLAM OPPORTUNITIES

Jewish Family Services Food Drive at Kadima

Please donate non-perishables in non-glass containers, such as: canned fruits and vegetables, cooking oil, peanut butter, tuna, rice, pasta, and soups.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Pick up your UNICEF box Sunday, October 21st

Women's and Children's Shelter Donation

The Kadima student community has adopted the YWCA shelter for the school year.

Please donate toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Additionally, If you have any: VCR tapes your child has outgrown watching, or coloring books, paint books or activity books he/she has not used, or has not finished and now lost interest in, and any crayons, colors, or paints that are sitting idle in your home, this is a great opportunity for your child to anonymously gift these items to someone in need. Ask your child to go through these items and select which ones he/she would like to give to another child. Collection boxes will be in each team classroom.

SAVE THE DATE

Kadima 2007-2008 Shabbat Services - Please Mark Your Calendar:

2007	
October 13	Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Ruhland, 10:00 am
October 20	Shabbat Morning Service and Larry Bush talk, 10:00 am
November 10	Bar Mitzvah of Michael Eskenazi
December 1	Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Blum
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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
June 28	Bar Mitzvah of Alex Greenberg
July 5	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Sands
September 20	Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Parsley

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KADIMA BULLETIN BOARD

Calling all librarians and book lovers! Sharron generously and quietly (no power tools?) repaired and retrofitted the library cabinets. Now we've got to put the books back! If you'd like to work on that on some Kadima Sunday, soon, reply to this email and we'll plan a work party. Free coffee and bagels for all volunteers!

Found in the Prospect Church parlor: a black, hooded, zip-up, child's sweatshirt. 'Simply for Sports' brand. It will be at Kadima Sunday on October 21, or call the office to claim it.

INVITATIONS FROM CONGREGATION EITZ OR

Congregation Eitz Or cordially invites Kadima

Come Home to Shabbat Dinner—

“The Beauty of Shabbat: Welcoming Shabbat into your home”

Friday, October 26, 6:00 pm (Children's Activity; 6:30 Shabbat dinner and table service)

University Unitarian Church - Knatvold Room (downstairs) (6556 35th Ave. NE, Seattle)

Several times a year Eitz Or offers a warm family-style Shabbat dinner and service on Friday evenings. Children, elders and all those in between welcome Shabbat with joyful songs, blessings and stories. Reb Arik will offer a teaching on “The Beauty of Shabbat: Welcoming Shabbat into your Home.”

Please make reservations by Tuesday, October 23rd, by contacting info@eitzor.org or calling the hotline at (206) 467-2617. The dinner is always vegetarian and we usually have a non-dairy non-wheat main dish option. Please bring fruit or a dessert to share.

Congregation Eitz Or cordially invites Kadima to join us at a workshop with Arik Labowitz:

Ways of Wonder - Chassidic Teachings on Creation

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 pm

Location to be announced - please call (206) 467-2617 or email info@eitzor.org for location.

COMMUNITY

The Jewish Education Council presents:

The Longest Hate: An Exploration of Anti-Semitism

Thursday, October 11, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

The Summit at First Hill (1200 University St., Seattle)

Pre-registration required: www.JewishInSeattle.org/JEC, AdultEd@JewishInSeattle.org, or 206-774-2251.

Aaron Kintu Moses,

Director of Education of the Ugandan Jewish “Abayudaya” Community

Monday, October 15, 7:30 pm

Temple Beth Am (2632 NE 80th St, Seattle)

Aaron Kintu Moses will present a multi-media program to inform the audience about the history and culture of this Jewish community and its efforts to alleviate child hunger and bring sanitation and education to the people in this area of Uganda. Items made by the community, including Kippot and a CD of Abayudaya Jewish Music, will be available for purchase before and after the program. Free.

Call Temple Beth Am, 206-525-091, or contact Diane Baer, drbaer11@hotmail.com, for more information.

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Trembling on the Road: A Movie Event

Monday, October 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Harvard Exit Theatre, Seattle

Join Jewish Family Service at the Seattle Lesbian and Gay Film Festival for a screening of this documentary that chronicles the impact of the award winning film *Trembling Before G-d*.

Trembling on the Road shares the story of how a film about lesbian and gay Orthodox Jews transformed the lives of individuals, their families, communities, rabbis, and teachers. Kosher dessert reception follows the movie. Info & RSVP: Adam at (206) 461-3240, ext. 8784, or familylife@jfsseattle.org.

Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center 3rd Annual Fundraising Luncheon

Thursday, October 25, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Westin Seattle

Contact (206) 441-5747, email admin@wsherc.org, or visit www.wsherc.org.

Monday, October 29, 7:30 pm

**A reading by Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz from her new book,
*The Colors of Jews: Racial Politics and Radical Diasporism***

Elliott Bay Bookstore, 101 South Main Street, Seattle

Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz's new book exposes and challenges the common assumptions about whom and what Jews are, by presenting in their own voices, Jews of color from the Iberian Peninsula, Asia, Africa, and India. Drawing from her earlier work on Jews and whiteness, Kaye/Kantrowitz delves into the largely uncharted territory of Jews of color and argues that Jews are an increasingly multiracial people—a fact that, if acknowledged and embraced, could foster cross-race solidarity to help combat racism. This engaging and eye-opening book examines the historical and contemporary views on Jews and whiteness as well as the complexities of African/Jewish relations, the racial mix and disparate voices of the Jewish community, contemporary Jewish anti-racist and multicultural models, and the diasporic state of Jewish life in the United States. <http://www.elliottbaybook.com/events/oct07/kaye.jsp>

Dr. Wendy Mogel, nationally known clinical psychologist and parent educator

November 7, 7:00 pm Town Hall Seattle

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/19308>

December 8, 6:30 pm Eastern time

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College Celebrates 40 Years of Leadership

Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, Battery Park City, NYC

Contact Rabbi Daniel Aronson: (215) 576-0800, ext. 104; or daraonson@rrc.edu.

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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