



**Kadima Weekly Update
April 25, 2007**

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IsraelFest Thanks:

YOU did it again.

Kadima Community, you were asked... and you brought in everything we needed for a delicious falafel lunch. Thank you once again for coming through in the spirit of yet another amazing Kadima community celebration.

Thanks to everyone who helped set-up, clean-up, and helped at the craft tables, and everything else.

YOU define community. We could not have done it without YOU.

Kadima Events

Sunday, April 29th, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A Workshop with Rabbi David Zaslow of Havurat Shir Hadash in Ashland

"Roots and Branches:

Interfaith Understanding between Jews and Christians"

Co-Sponsored by Kadima and Eitz Or

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Sand Point Education Center (6208 60th Avenue NE, Seattle)
In Double room #109-111
Suggested Donation: \$10-\$25, sliding scale

In this interactive workshop, Rabbi David will offer provocative insights and challenges into how we can continue the process of interfaith healing between members of the close sister faiths – Judaism and Christianity. How can we repair the centuries of misunderstanding and conflict between Jews and Christians in our personal lives, our spiritual communities, and in interfaith alliances of Tikkun Olam? Rabbi David has just completed a book about interfaith relationships between Jews and Christians, and will bring his research, experiences and passion into our morning together.

Rabbi David Zaslou currently serves as rabbi for Chavurat Shir Hadash, a Jewish Renewal congregation in Ashland, Oregon. Some of his essays are available on-line at <http://havurahshirhadash.org/rabbidesk.html>. He was ordained in 1995 by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi under the supervision and mentorship of Rabbi Aryeh Hirschfeld. In 2003 he completed his term as a Spiritual Advisor to ALEPH, the umbrella organization of the Jewish Renewal movement.

During his years as a poet-in-the-schools for the southern Oregon region, David Zaslou wrote and edited more than a dozen of books of poetry as well as two albums of children's music. Rabbi David also teaches Bible and spirituality in classes at Southern Oregon University's Elderhostel program, and leads Shabbaton weekends and retreats for Jewish Renewal communities throughout the United States. Today Rabbi David is completing a series of books that he has been working on for many years: on Jewish meditation & Kabbalah, and on the poetry of the Tenakh (Bible). He has just completed "Roots and Branches" to further the interfaith healing between Christians and Jews, and has just published a collection of his own poetry called "Thou Shalt Wander Forty Years."

Directions

Sand Point Education Center (6208 60th Avenue NE, Seattle) is located one block east of Sandpoint Way; turn east at 62nd St. We will meet in double room #109-111.

Sunday, April 29, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

MEPC BENEFIT SHOW!

Standup for Peace Comedians, Seattle Peace Chorus, Light Supper and Silent Auction

University Friends Meeting (4001 9th Ave. NE, Seattle)

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The only thing that will make this benefit show better is for *you* to join us for the MEPC Benefit Show with Seattle Peace Chorus and Stand up for Peace—a comedy duo from NYC!

A delicious light supper will greet you, a silent auction will be there for your bidding pleasure, and the evening will round out with delightful MEPC cookies baked especially for you!

Our patron guests are invited to join us again on Monday, April 30 for a small dinner with the comedians and other guests.

Tickets are \$25 adults, \$10 campers and counselors, \$100 patrons. For info contact info@middleeastpeacecamp.org or (206) 399-1560.

SUNDAY, May 6: Lag B'omer Community Breakfast Honoring our Teachers and Volunteers

We may not be *retreating* to another location — but we will still follow our Kadima tradition of honoring our teachers at our Lag B'omer Community Breakfast.

9:30-10:00: Breakfast

10:00 **sharp** we will Honor our Teachers and our Volunteers

10:30-12:00 regular Sunday School classes

NO B'nei Mitzvah classes so that all families can leave together at noon.

Support Seattle's Local Jewish Book and Gift Store — and Earn Purchasing Credit for Kadima:

Buy all of your gifts and Judaica needs at *Tree of Life* and let them know you are from Kadima. Kadima will receive 10% of your total purchases between now and Mother's Day, so you can also do your Mother's Day shopping at *Tree of Life* and support Kadima. For Kadima to receive the 10% credit from your purchase, you will need to bring in this "announcement" (print this section of the Update). The credit to Kadima applies only to regularly priced merchandise and does not include special orders.

Tree of Life Judaica & Books

2201 NE 65th Street

Seattle, WA 98115

(206) 527-1130

Sun 10-5, Mon-Thurs 10-7, Fri 9-3

SUNDAY, May 20

9:30-12:00: Sunday School Classes (No all-school community time, classes will end at noon.)

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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.

Kadima Bulletin Board

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 dialog and learning. We began in the fall of 2004. The readings include works of fiction and non-fiction chosen by the group. We are always open to suggestions! The group also occasionally attends other events, e.g., *The Chosen* at Seattle Repertory Theatre; "Arab Women Writers" sponsored by Seattle Arts and Lectures and Hedgebrook and, most recently, the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. The book group usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, January - June and September - November.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jerry Schneider, 932 11th Avenue E., Seattle (on Capitol Hill).

If you have any questions, please contact penelope_koven@yahoo.com.

For our May 16th and June 20th meetings, our selections are:

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

This book is available from Amazon.com (new & used) and at the Seattle Public Library, as well as from area bookstores. [Shop at Amazon.com via Kadima's website and benefit Kadima! www.kadima.org]

June 20th meeting: we will follow our precedent of reading something lighter -- ***A Morbid Taste for Bones*, by Ellis Peters.** This was the first of Peters' Brother Cadfael mysteries, set in 12th century England and Wales at the Shrewsbury Abbey. This book is also available at the Seattle Public Library, through Amazon.com and in paperback at local bookstores.

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. 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; (206) 547-3914 ext. 2.

Kadima table at fundraising luncheon with Richard Dreyfuss?

Anyone interested in putting together a Kadima table at the **annual fundraising luncheon for Jewish Family Services** on May 17? Guest speaker will be actor and social activist, Richard Dreyfuss. In addition to his work in theater, movies, and television, Dreyfuss is the co-founder of L.A. Works, a non-profit public action and volunteer center in Los Angeles. He sits on the board of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles ACLU, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. I would volunteer to be our "table captain" if we have enough interested folks to attend. Email me (Denise Sterchi) at blurchi@nwlink.com or call me, (206) 276-6063 right away if you are interested.

Save the Date

Friday, May 11, 7:00

Erev Shabbat Potluck at the Brownstein/Folsom Home

L'chah dodi likrat kallah, P'ney Shabbat n'kabelah!

Come, my beloved, to greet the Sabbath bride; the face of Shabbat to receive!

Candle lighting at 7:00 pm

At the home of Debbie Brownstein and Cal Folsom
847 NE 88th St., Seattle

Please bring a hearty vegetarian dish to share.

An evening of *Shabbesdikeh* and shmoozing, good cheer, candles, song, a little learning, and spirit.

RSVPs requested to Debbie Brownstein: (206) 524-8286 or folbro@comcast.net

Register for Middle East Peace Camp!

Merging Cultures, Emerging Futures: Joining Hearts and Hands

August 13-17

The registration deadline has been extended to April 30 for returning MEPC families. Spaces for returning families will be held until April 30, and then registration will open up for new families. If you bring any new families to camp,

you will receive a 10% discount on your registration. To request a MEPC registration form, visit www.middleeastpeacecamp.org or call (206) 399-1560.

Kadima 2007 Shabbat Service Dates - Please Mark Your Calendar:

May 19	Saturday morning Shabbat Service
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

Community Events

Strengthening Lesbian Relationships

Wed., April 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Miller Community Center (330 19th Ave. E., Seattle)

Female gender roles, homophobia, and expectations about intimacy all impact lesbian relationships in unique ways. Explore these topics and others during this workshop about building healthier, stronger intimate relationships. \$10/person; scholarships available. Limited space; registration required. For info and to register, contact Adam at (206) 461-3240, ext. 8784 or jfile@jfsseattle.org.

Dining Out for Life: *Buon appetito!*

Lifelong AIDS Alliance

Thurs., April 26

Serafina and 49 Other Restaurants

On Thursday, April 26, 50 local restaurants will donate 30% of their proceeds from the day to Lifelong AIDS Alliance. *Dining out for Life* is a great combination of food, friends/family, fun, and philanthropy. Serafina restaurant in Eastlake (owned by Kadima member Susan Kaufman!) is a participating restaurant. www.serafinaseattle.com. For a list of other participating restaurants: www.lifelongaidsalliance.org/diningoutforlife. Lifelong AIDS Alliance is committed to preventing the spread of HIV, and to providing practical support services and advocating for those whose lives are affected by HIV and AIDS.

Nextbook Presents: Myla Goldberg

Wed., May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Tractor Tavern (Ballard)

Myla Goldberg is the author of the wildly successful novel, *Bee Season*. Determined not to be pigeon-holed as a writer of "domestic dramas blah-blah-blah," she wrote the ambitious *Wickett's Remedy*, a sprawling novel set in Boston during the influenza epidemic of 1918. Tickets \$8 / \$6 students or under 25. www.nextbook.org.

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“How BIG IS a Hormone? Tackling Tough Questions Kids Ask”

Julie Metzger, R.N., M.N., and Dr. Rob Lehman

Wed., May 9, 7-9 p.m.

Seattle Children's Theatre (201 Thomas St., Seattle)

Rob Lehman and Julie Metzger have more than twenty years' experience answering the tough questions that are on the minds of pre-teens and teens. Their classes about puberty and sex, For Girls Only and For Boys Only, have been offered at Children's Hospitals in Seattle and Palo Alto. Lehman and Metzger's humor and down-to-earth practicality mixed with clinical expertise will provide ideas to get you started and encourage you to continue these conversations with your kids. *This lecture is not appropriate for teenagers.*

Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Advance tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com.

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

Sat., May 12, 2007 and Sun., May 20

Seattle Unity Church

The Seattle Lesbian and Gay Chorus is pleased to present “Rise Up & Sing!” on Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 20, at Seattle Unity Church in Seattle. For tickets and more info:

www.slgc.org, www.brownpapertickets.com, or (206) 860-SLGC.

BOUNDARIES OF JEWISH IDENTITY SYMPOSIUM

May 13 & 14, 2007

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 14 Presenters and Responders are coming from universities all across the United States. The sessions are:

- Who Is A Jew? Creating and Contesting Boundaries
- What is “Jewish”?
- How “Jewish” Are Jews?

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Flyers for the symposium will be available at Kadima Sunday on May 6, or contact Loryn Paxton, UW Jewish Studies Program lpaxton@u.washington.edu or Rochelle Roseman (206) 543-0138.

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Being Beruriah

A class with Rivy Poupko Kletenik

Thurs., May 17, 7:00 p.m. (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 included. All proceeds to benefit the Women's Endowment Foundation to support their mission of improving the lives of women and girls, locally and in Israel. Pre-registration Required: 206-774-2218 or

TammyK@JewishInSeattle.org

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Women's Tales: Four Leading Israeli Jewelers

Bellevue Arts Museum (510 Bellevue Way, downtown Bellevue)

March 8 – June 17

Bellevue Arts Museum presents the exhibition *Women's Tales: Four Leading Israeli Jewelers*, the first comprehensive study of Israeli contemporary jewelry to focus on the careers of four of its leading women jewelers, featuring 127 jewelry pieces.

http://www.bellevuearts.org/exhibitions/upcoming/womens_tales/index.html.

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

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