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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. In 2010 camp will be at the Center for Urban Horticulture on July 26-30!

Shabbat Shalom!

**EREV SHABBAT /
SABBATH EVE POTLUCK**

Greet the Sabbath with community!

We'll make blessings for candles, children, wine and

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

•Kadima Adult Classes with Rabbi Zari Weiss, January 6, 13, 20, & 27

Community Membership Meeting Sunday, January 10

challah, have a "kumsitz" getting to know each other, and have fun sharing and learning about Shabbat and singing. All ages are welcome.

Friday, December 4, at 7 pm

Please bring a vegetarian/dairy potluck dish. Oven available for heating food.

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THE WOMEN'S TORAH PROJECT ART AUCTION WAS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!

IT SURPASSED OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL!

Artists and donors from around the world donated beautiful works of art that were bid upon and purchased by many Kadima members and friends of the WTP. Thanks so much to all of you who were involved, especially our generous artists. Special thanks also goes out to our fearless leader, Wendy Graff, who oversaw the auction from its conception through the long months of planning, procuring donations, publicizing the auction, and keeping the excitement going with her frequent updates via email and on the WTP Facebook page.

Thanks to the entire WTP committee--Neil Sofian, Gerianne Sands, Lois Gaylord, and Denise Sterchi--for supporting Wendy on the project. And thanks to Harvey Greenberg for his support and advice. And an enormous 'thanks' goes out to the Women of Kadima. In a last-minute fundraising drive [conceived and spearheaded by Denise Sterchi - Ed.], the Women of Kadima raised \$1000 to buy art objects for Kadima House AND to fund the scribing of an entire Torah panel in the process! Thank you, thank you, thank you EVERYONE!

•**Kadima Community Membership Meeting Sunday, January 10**

•**January 14, film and discussion at Kadima House, *Waltz With Bashir***

•**Saturday Morning Shabbat Services: January 16 & February 20**

•**Friday Evening Shabbat Potluck: January 29 (Tu B'Shvat Seder)**

•**Saturday Havdalah Gathering: February 6**



DONATE TO KADIMA!

Make Kadima House a sanctuary filled with learning, celebration, activism, spirit and warm community! Kadima, like many other non-profits, is confronting a serious budget shortfall.

- **IF you believe in the special role Kadima plays in the Jewish community;**
- **IF you support a Reconstructionist voice in Seattle;**
- **IF you honor Kadima's proud progressive history and values, [please donate now](#). All donations are tax-deductible. Contact Kadima if you need information about our 501(c)3 status.**

\$1500 pays one month's rent

\$1000 pays for a panel of the Women's Torah

\$800 endows an eight-session Introduction to Progressive Judaism class

\$400 buys a full year of challah, juice and wine for Kadima Shabbatot

(Donations would gladly be accepted to pay for framing the three Kadima House objects.)

- \$150 funds a class by a visiting rabbi or scholar, or produces/mails a printed newsletter issue
- \$120 covers one month's utilities
- \$100 funds 4 months of high-tech image-friendly, formatted email updates
- \$50 funds a Shabbat luncheon
- \$25 pays for an evening of fine film and discussion
- \$18 buys a great film or book for our library



CHANUKAH KADIMA STYLE!

Kadima Sunday Adult Learning and Discussion:

CHANUKAH HISTORY: OH, THOSE HASMONEANS!

The Confluence of History, Ritual and Culture

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10:30 am - NOON

Kadima House

12353 8th Avenue NE, Seattle [MAP](#)

Presented by Doug Brown and Rainer Waldman Adkins

The history of Chanukah raises many interesting questions about polarities in Jewish experience and interpretation: between military power and spiritual survival, upper class "globalism" and the "grassroots", the rabbis and the priests, cultural and religious purity and pluralism. Are their multiple Chanukah narratives? Come broaden your

KADIMA AT THE MOVIES Film and Discussion Salon

Kadima House, 12353 8th Ave. NE, Seattle

RSVPs always are important, since space is limited: office@kadima.org or (206) 547-3914.

Free; donations welcome to cover expenses, cookies and support programs. Do you like movies? Can you help set up? Volunteers are deeply appreciated!

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MENDY: A Question of Faith

2003; Adam Vardy, Director. 93 minutes. Unrated; for adults.

Thursday, December 10

Doors open 7 pm; Movie start time 7:30 pm promptly,

His entire life has been spent following the strict rules of his protective and repressive community. While visiting Yankel, now known as Yankee, a Chassid who left the community a few years earlier for a secular lifestyle, Mendy is introduced to the mystifying and forbidden world of sex, drugs, and unfettered hedonism. Both repelled and fascinated by this new world, Mendy ultimately flees the Chassidic community, leaving behind his friends, family and old world views in search of a new identity. The film is the story of Mendy's metamorphosis as he struggles to adapt and find his place in modern society. While he is well versed in Talmudic texts, Jewish rules and law, Mendy speaks broken English, lacks a formal education, and knows nothing of the unspoken rules that govern most of modern society. The new rules and choices he encounters are infinite and confusing. But an unlikely and tender relationship with Yankee's Brazilian roommate Bianca (in an award-winning performance from newcomer Gabriela Dias) opens his eyes to the possibilities of finding transcendence and spirituality in everyday life. The universal story of a young man on a quest for understanding, and wisdom, and love, *Mendy* is an emotional and honest portrait of the human condition.

FILM & DISCUSSION SALON GOES

holiday experience in what's sure to be a stimulating discussion.

Kadima and Friends present

PRE-CHANUKAH SALE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 12 NOON TO 5 PM

13449 East Florence Court, in Seattle's Madrona neighborhood. [MAP](#)

It's a two-fer! Support Kadima and the Women's Torah Project and pick up wonderful items for holiday gift-giving...or for yourself.

Featuring works by...

- Neal Sofian—pottery
- Rachael Sofian—paintings
- Lois Gaylord—textile arts
- sooze bloom deLeon grossman—accessories
- Rainer Waldman Adkins—cards
- Wendy Graff—silver jewelry

...and more!

Artists are generously donating a portion of their proceeds to Kadima and the Women's Torah Project.

CHANUKAHFEST & DANCE PARTY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 5 – 9 PM

University Friends Center

4001 9th Avenue NE, Seattle [MAP](#)

\$10 adults • \$5 youth 10+ • Family groups \$25

Please bring your menorah if you like (labeled with your name!) and a vegetarian/dairy potluck nosh to share.

THE KLEZKATS

Klezmer Artistes

Extraordinaire!

MORE ON THE KLEZKATS: Klezmer and Jewish music with a spritz! Dedicated to preserving and encouraging the rich musical heritage of the Yiddish

IRREVERENT!

Kadima and Brit Tzedek v'Shalom present, in the Jewish tradition of movies and Chinese food on Christmas:

the HEBREW HAMMER

Christmas Eve Movie and Chinese Food

Potluck: please bring a Chinese-style potluck dish. No pork, shellfish or dairy, please.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 6:30 PM

An off the wall comedy featuring a Jewish detective hired to save the tribe after the inclusive Santa dies and his reckless, racist son takes over.

Somewhat similar to the early John Waters movies, it has some hilarious moments as well as extremely tacky ones. The ultimate Jewish Christmas movie!!!

WALTZ WITH BASHIR

2008, Ari Folman, Director; Rated R

Post-film discussion guests will include Israeli veterans of Lebanon and other service in the IDF.

Thursday, January 14

Doors open 7 pm; Movie start time 7:30 pm promptly,

Waltz With Bashir is an animated, quasi-documentary that follows the filmmaker's effort to recover the lost memories of a group of veterans who served in the the 1982 war in Lebanon, culminating in the tragic Sabra and Shatila massacre. Folman travels the world to interview old friends and fellow soldiers from the war. As memory returns in a series of surreal images, a haunting and savage truth is uncovered.

Waltz won numerous Israeli awards, was nominated as the Best Foreign Film for the 2009 Academy Awards; and won Best Foreign Film for the Golden Globe Awards; Best Animated Feature, Los Angeles Film Critic Association; and Best Picture, National Society of Film Critics.

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KADIMA RECEIVES A PERCENTAGE OF THE SALE!



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diaspora, their repertoire includes joyous and *freylachsshers*, lilting waltzes, mysterious *terkishes* and *bulgars*, and gypsy and Middle-Eastern influenced pieces.

PEACE OIL, extra virgin olive oil from Israel Palestine, a joint venture of Israelis and Palestinians, will be available for tasting and buying. Makes a great gourmet addition to your kitchen or give it as a gift. If someone brings an oil-burning Menorah, we will see how Peace looks when it shines and lights up our lives. www.peaceoil.biz.

Volunteers needed to fry latkes, help with set-up/decorating, greeting, clean-up, etc. To volunteer or for more info: office@kadima.org / (206) 547-3914.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th:
Celebrating the Spirit of the Chanukah Season;
the Gift of Giving to Others
Intergenerational Tikkun Olam Chanukah Party! A Kadima Sunday tradition!

Parent participation is strongly encouraged. Please make plans to stay for the morning.

10:00-12:00 p.m.: Sandwich-making, Sack-lunch-packing, Craft stations, Dreidel Games, and a Sing-along featuring Larry Greenberg on keyboard. A Chanukah of Giving: We will prepare sack lunches for the residents of Tent City 3, and after Sunday School our B'nei Mitzvah students will deliver the lunches to Tent City.

Shabbat Shalom!
SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

Download music,
videos, and more.

Apple iTunes

[Click here - iTunes](#)



[Click here - Starbucks](#)

Or click [here](#) to make a donation directly to Kadima!

**A morning of song, prayer,
contemplation and study**

SATURDAY, December 19, 10 am

Shabbat-flavored child care (RSVP with numbers and ages). **Vegetarian/dairy potluck follows.**

Please RSVP, especially if you need child care:
office@kadima.org or (206) 547-3914.

The Torah portion is Miketz. Pharaoh remembers Joseph, who interprets his dreams. Joseph is elevated to a very high position. His family pops up, he behaves as if he doesn't recognize them, and they are put to the test (don't forget: there's the small matter of his brothers allowing him to be sold into slavery). Intrigue! Drama! Can dysfunctional families be healed? It's still...the Book of Genesis!

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**KADIMA SCHOOLS
SUNDAYS & MONDAYS**

Kadima Sundays:

December 6 & 13, K-7: 10:00-12:00; Pre-K: 10:00-11:30

Kadima Mondays, Hebrew & B'nei Mitzvah Classes:

December 7 & 14

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 class

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-

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



sex parents... for all parents raising Jewish children.

[Preschool Enrollment and Registration Form.](#)

JEWISH COMMUNITY

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAMS & EVENTS

PEPS/JFS Partnership Group

A new partnership to provide support groups for parents of newborns. New group starts in December! **Info** [here](#).
Contact Marjorie Schnyder, (206) 861-3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org

Latkes Taste Great with Everything! Chanukah Potluck for Interfaith Couples

Saturday, December 5, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Kosher catered latkes and dessert will be provided. Guests will bring other dishes. **Info/location** [here](#).
Contact Emily Harris-Shears at (206) 861-8784 or familylife@jfsseattle.org

Hanukkah Pajama Jam!

Sunday, December 6, 12:30-4:00 pm, Stroum Jewish Community Center

Storytelling, a raffle, food, arts & crafts, live music. A party for the whole family. Award-winning children's performer ROBBO will perform at 1:30 and 3 pm. While kids do some amazing art activities, adults will have a learning opportunity at a parent education seminar facilitated by Jewish Family Service. Wear your pajamas! **Info** [here](#).

Understanding Changes in Our Aging Parents: A Focus on Dementia & Memory Loss

Part of the Caring for Our Aging Parents Workshop Series

Monday, December 7, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Info [here](#). Contact Marjorie Schnyder, (206) 861-3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org

Endless Opportunities - Free events for adults aged 60+

Ready or Not, Here Comes Winter!

Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Debbie Goetz, Emergency Preparedness Training Specialist for the City of Seattle, will explain how to prepare for a variety of weather and other emergencies. She'll answer questions and share a list of basic supplies to have in case of emergencies. Temple De Hirsch Sinai-Bellevue. For info or to RSVP, contact Ellen Hendin, (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org. **Info** [here](#).

Shaarei Tikvah: Gates of Hope

A Chanukah Celebration for People of All Abilities

Sunday, December 13, 3-5 pm at Temple B'nai Torah in Bellevue

A community-wide nondenominational celebration for every person of any age, including persons with developmental disabilities or persistent mental illness, their families and friends. Led by Cantor David Serkin-Poole. Dreidel spinning, singing, latke eating! FREE. Registration encouraged. Contact Marjorie Schnyder: (206) 861-3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org. To discuss special accommodations, please contact JFS right away. **Info** [here](#).

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A Musical Chanukah Celebration with The Shalom Ensemble

Thursday, December 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am at Temple B'nai Torah in Bellevue

Rabbi Jim Mirel presents The Shalom Ensemble. They will play Klezmer music, the traditional Eastern European Jewish music that expresses the joys and sorrows of the Jewish people. The Shalom Ensemble has been jamming since 1975. RSVP to Ellen Hendin by Tuesday, December 15 at (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org. Info [here](#).

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Crossing Cultural Barriers - A Musical Journey to Sub-Saharan Africa

Tuesday, December 22, 10:00 - 11:30 am at Temple De Hirsch Sinai-Foyer, Seattle

Professor Emeritus of Music Education, Barbara Reeder Lundquist, will introduce us to some shared characteristics of sub-Saharan African music including “vibrant performance practice, percussive sound shapes, call and response textures, repetition as a background for variation and rhythmic complexity.” Come travel musically and hear the unique sounds of sub-Saharan Africa. RSVP to Ellen Hendin by Friday, December 18 at (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org. Info [here](#).

GENERAL COMMUNITY

You Can Help JFS Give Hunger a Holiday!

With the extraordinary challenges facing our community members this holiday season, Jewish Family Service is asking for donations of Grocery Store Gift Cards to help those in need. You can purchase gift cards directly from your favorite store and then send them to JFS, or donate a gift card by clicking [here](#) -- it will go directly to help a vulnerable local family have a warm and fulfilling holiday season.

Seattle Magazine calls Drawing Jam a Must-Attend Event!

10th Annual Drawing Jam

Saturday, December 5, 10am to 10pm, Gage Academy of Art (on Capitol Hill)

Make art all day long in a funky, stimulating environment. During 12 hours of festivities, families can draw and paint, watch models pose for artists, visit the Kids' Art Room, enjoy entertainment and more. All supplies are provided, and teens get a studio of their own. Gage Academy of Art, 1501 Tenth Ave. E., Seattle (next to St. Mark's Cathedral). For all ages: Adults \$10; kids and teens FREE. Info [here](#).

Informational session and get together on Sunday, December 6, 10:30 - noon

Israel Unplugged - Seattle's Jewish community journey to Israel, May 23 - June 1, 2010

Post-trip extensions to Turkey, Petra and other places are also available!

Experience the programs that are transforming Israeli society and changing the Jewish world first-hand. Have questions? Visit www.JewishInSeattle.org/IsraelUnplugged! Want to learn more details? Whether first-timers or returnees, attend the upcoming Israel Unplugged informational session and get together on Sunday, December 6, 10:30 - noon (location will be provided with RSVP). For information about Israel Unplugged or to RSVP for the get together, contact Anna Frankfort at AnnaF@JewishInSeattle.org or (206) 774-2226.

Whole Foods Market, Roosevelt Square

Latkes and Applesauce - Hannukah Fest 09

Wednesday, December 9, 4 to 7 pm; Free and \$1 wine tasting

The Festival of Lights is full of delicious food. Whole Foods Markets is hosting this event with Jconnect and JFS to get you in the mood for Hannukah! Taste an assortment of olive oils, potato pancakes and applesauce, donuts, and other treats.

Donations of cooking oil are welcomed to help others have a tasty holiday! **Info** [here](#).

Sunday, December 13 -- (after Sunday School) -- 1:30-4:00 pm

For Children ages 5-8:

Fabric of Life boutique in Edmonds is hosting a free Kids HeArt Event

Children ages 5-8 are invited to participate in a multicultural holiday ornament workshop. Kids will sew and color ornaments made of recycled cardboard. Fabric of Life will provide all of the supplies. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fabric of Life is a fair-trade boutique and organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for women and their families in the Third World through sustainable, appropriate technology that respects and honors local traditions and cultures. **Info** [here](#).

December 16 at 7 PM, Town Hall, Seattle

Iran-Israel-U.S.: Resolving the Nuclear Impasse

Speakers:

-Reza Firouzbakht, national board chair, National Iranian American Council

-Dr. Ian Lustick, political science professor, University of Pennsylvania

-Dr. Keith Weissman, former director of Aipac's Iran desk

Moderator: Dr. Ellis Goldberg, University of Washington

Information: (206) 632-0662 x 30. Tickets: \$10 suggested donation: **get tickets** [here](#).

Community sponsors:

• Stroum Jewish Studies Program, University of Washington* • Middle East Center, UW Jackson School of International Studies* • American Friends Service Committee • Peace Action of Washington • American Muslims of Puget Sound • Jewish Voice for Peace • Kadima Reconstructionist Community • Network Promoting Peace with Iran • United Nations Association of Greater Seattle.

This community conference sponsored by local Jewish community groups and peace organizations will explore ways of resolving the Iranian nuclear crisis through negotiation, rather than force. Congress recently passed a draconian sanctions bill directed against Iran. Neocons in the U.S. and Israel suggest that if sanctions do not work eventually military force may be the only way to end or delay Iran's nuclear ambitions. Many in the progressive community are deeply concerned that the U.S. and/or Israel may soon repeat interventionist mistakes made in Iraq and Afghanistan. This conference will present a comprehensive approach that could resolve major difference through diplomacy and open a new era in relations between these three current enemies. It will also discuss the best means of supporting the Iran reform movement in its efforts to encourage a government based on democracy and tolerance.

Among the issues to be discussed:

- What is the best way to approach the issue of Iran's nuclear program that will secure a positive outcome for those nations opposed to it?
- What impact might "crippling sanctions" have on Iran and the overall conflict? Will they work?
- What repercussions might there be from an Israeli military attack on Iran and would such an attack attain its objectives?
- If a military attack is a bad idea, how do we work to prevent it?
- How should the west further the goals of the Iran reform movement?
- Voices within the Israeli military, intelligence and academic communities that embrace a more pragmatic approach

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