



Kadima Reconstructionist Community

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SHABBAT SERVICES

2008 Services	Others will be announced as they are planned
April 12	Bar Mitzvah of Brennan Freed
May 10	Bat Mitzvah of Emma Newmark
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

KADIMA SURVEY

Please participate in Kadima's survey effort!

Thank you to those who've returned their surveys. ***We'd really benefit from a larger pool of responses.*** The survey was U.S.-mailed with a return envelope, or you can download the survey by visiting www.kadima.org and clicking on "Kadima Survey" in the Kadima News section.

Please mail your survey to the Kadima Office, email it to office@kadima.org, or drop it off at Kadima Sunday on March 2. Kadima wants to do its best to support the Kadima that its current membership values and wants – and to help the community grow. The survey is one tool Kadima can use to build its future in the next few years. Thank you!

KADIMA EVENTS

February 29th FunRaiser Is Sold-Out!

Proxy Bid!

If you missed the opportunity to attend this Kadima event, you will still have the opportunity to enter your auction bid for all of your favorite auction items. Watch for the Auction Catalogue email next week. You will have only 48 hours to enter your proxy bids for the live auction.

KADIMA SUNDAYS

Sunday, March 2nd

10:00-12:00: Sunday School

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

Sunday, March 16th PURIM

10:00-12:00: Sunday School Purim Celebrations! **Dress in Costume**

Songs • Hamantashen • Costume Parade • Project/Craft Stations • Purim Play/Shpiel • and the Mitzvah of making and delivering Purim baskets (*mishloach manot*) to clients of Jewish Family Service.

This is just a warm-up for what comes next — our Shushan Purim celebration, Saturday, March 22nd!

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

Sunday, March 2nd

9:00-9:45am

New Member Breakfast! Watch for an email in the next few days!

KADIMA BULLETIN BOARD

Dateline Anchorage:

“He can weave earmarks into an omnibus appropriations bill better than anyone. He can knit his brows while raging over thwarted efforts to open ANWR.

“So why wouldn't Sen. Ted Stevens show up at an Anchorage craft fair Sunday looking like he knows the working end of a glue stick?

“...Wearing a snow-white barrister's wig and an apron, the most powerful man in Alaska spent Sunday afternoon cutting and gluing colorful pieces of construction paper onto one of the winning entries at the Crafters Smackdown, a fundraiser for Congregation Beth Sholom's Jewish Education Center.” (Full article AND photo: www.anchoragedailynews.com.) (continued)

KADIMA BULLETIN BOARD (continued)

March 13: Wine Tasting, Tree of Life Judaica and Books. 6:00-8:00 pm

2201 NE 65th St., Seattle

This is also a fund-raiser for Kadima. Do all of your Purim, Pesach, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift shopping, and Kadima will receive 10% of net sales this evening on purchases made by Kadima members and your friends.

RSVP to Kadima office@kadima.org is appreciated. Tree of Life wants to be certain they have prepared enough wine and foods for all the expected guests.

JRC the Greenest Synagogue in America

Lisa Kelvin Tuttle, JRF Communications Director, writes: "Though the JTA seemingly jumped the gun on announcing that JRC [in Evanston, IL] was awarded Platinum status by the U.S. Green Building Council, our sources tell us the application is in process and the honor is immanent.

"The story appears in the March issue of *Ma Nishma*, and is now on the JRF website at: www.jrf.org/JRC-greenest-shul."

Notes Lisa, "Everyone in our movement should soon be kvelling over the distinction of JRC's becoming the Greenest Synagogue in America."

Article by Paul Loeb

Below is a link to a recent article by Paul Rogat Loeb. It looks at the phenomena of how the more time Obama spends exposed to voters, the more they seem to respond (and how Clinton's Super Tuesday victories were due in part to a compressed schedule that gave him little time to campaign). www.paulloeb.org - [Behind Obama's Wave of Victories: The More They Know Him.....](http://www.paulloeb.org) Paul also writes, "And whoever you are supporting, take heart in the recognition that this is one campaign season where because of the closeness of the races, the efforts of ordinary citizens doing the humble tasks of door-knocking, phoning, and generally convincing their friends, colleagues and peers really do matter." Paul has spent over thirty years researching and writing about citizen responsibility and empowerment. He lives in Seattle. *(If you've written an article and would like to post a link in the Update, let us know at office@kadima.org.)*

MIDDLE EAST PEACE CAMP

2008 MEPC Registration Now Open!

Middle East Peace Camp is celebrating its 7th year! This summer, camp is July 21-25, and we are moving to a new location: Magnuson Park. We loved having camp at Kay's, but we just outgrew her space. (We will return to Kay's for some smaller meetings or activities during the year.) We will be able to do a lot more at Magnuson and are looking forward to bringing peace to the park!

For more info about MEPC: www.middleeastpeacecamp.org

You can find the registration form link on the Registration page.

Have questions? Call Susan Davis at (206) 399-1560 or info@middleeastpeacecamp.org

Returning campers or counselors have priority registration until March 31.

COMMUNITY

TONIGHT! Nextbook presents:

Jon Entine - Genes and Jewish Identity

February 20, 7:00pm

Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington (15th Ave NE & NE 41st St. Seattle)

In *Abraham's Children: Race, Identity, and the DNA of the Chosen People*, Jon Entine continues his investigations into nature, nurture, and the politics that surround them. He delves into recent genetic research that suggests Jews of the Himalayas and of New Mexico may have more in common than they think, and tackles the controversial subject of Jewish intelligence. **Joining Mr. Entine will be renowned geneticist and UW professor Mary-Claire King, discoverer of the "breast cancer gene."** \$8 / \$6 students & under 25. For more info: Michele Yanow at myanow@nextbook.org or (206) 774-2227. For more info about Mr. Entine: www.nextbook.org.

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Lecture by Ido Aharoni:

Branding Israel's New Image, Is Peace in the Picture?

Thursday, February 21, 7:00pm

Hillel UW (4745 17th Ave. NE, Seattle)

We Huskies for Israel, are pleased to invite Kadima members to a lecture by Ido Aharoni on Thursday, February 21. We'll be hosting Mr. Aharoni as he speaks about "Branding Israel's New Image, Is Peace in the Picture?" Mr. Aharoni is a former advisor to Israel's Foreign Minister and Vice Prime Minister, Mrs. Tzipi Livni. He is accomplished in many facets and will be available to answer any questions related to his multiple areas of expertise, which include nation branding and Israel's Foreign Service. For further questions, and to RSVP, please contact our President at Sarah.Persitz@gmail.com.

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Hosted by the Secular Jewish Circle of Puget Sound:

Public Workshop - Secular Jewish Spirituality: an Oxymoron?

Sunday, February 24, 10am-Noon

Stroum Jewish Community Center (3801 E. Mercer Way, Mercer Island)

Guest presenter, Rabbi Miriam Jerris, Community Development Director of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, and President of the Association of Humanistic Rabbis, will introduce the topic of secular Jewish spirituality, raising issues surrounding a secular or naturalistic spirituality and its relationship to Judaism. Rabbi Jerris will provide a framework for small group discussions. Guiding questions will form a basis for an exchange on this intriguing topic. A special program for children is included.

The Society for Humanistic Judaism is the umbrella organization for Secular Humanistic Jewish congregations and communities in the U.S. and Canada. SHJ was recently featured on NPR. To hear NPR story, visit www.npr.org - New Form of Judaism Appeals to New Wave of Jews.
EVENT CONTACT: Judi Gladstone, (206) 356-1814.

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The Diary of Anne Frank
adapted for the stage

Wade James Theatre (950 Main St., Edmonds)

Now through February 24

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"Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart." So goes one of the final entries in *The Diary of Anne Frank* -- the story of a Jewish girl who lives in hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Her wise, powerful diary has been adapted for the stage. \$17-\$20. All ages. Runs through Feb. 24, Thursday-Saturday, 8:00pm; Sunday 2 pm. (425) 774-9600 or www.driftwoodplayers.com.

**Paris Klezmer Group "Les Mentsh" in
Foss H.S.'s production of *Fiddler on the Roof*
(and other events)**

February 28-29 and March 1, 7:30pm
Foss High School (2112 So. Tyler St., Tacoma)

While participating in a NEH Teachers Seminar in Avignon, France, Foss High School teacher Dr. Valerie Navarro met Klezmer musicians Alexis Kune (accordion/piano) and Samuel Maquin (clarinet/sax) of *Les Mentsh* at the 2007 Avignon Theatre Festival. *Les Mentsh* will be playing for the Foss musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Other events featuring *Les Mentsh* will include concerts and workshops at Temple Beth El and the Mandolin Café, performances in Portland for The Yiddish Hour Radio Program and in Olympia for Le Cercle Français, and a workshop at The Groovy Dance Studio in Seattle.

Schedule Highlights

Feb. 23: Dance Workshop, 7:00pm (Groovy Dance Studio, Seattle, reservations 571-7342);
Feb. 24: Mandolin Café, 4:00–7:00 (Tacoma)
Feb. 28–March 1: *Fiddler on the Roof*, 7:30 pm (\$8.00/\$10.00)
March 7: Shabbat Across America, 6:00 pm, Temple Beth El (Tacoma)
March 9 Klezmer Music Workshop (accordion/piano, clarinet/sax), 2:00–5:30pm (Foss H.S.)

To read about *Les Mentsh* and to hear their music, check out www.myspace.com - Les Mentsh.
For more info about the events schedule, contact Valerie Navarro, vnavarr@tacoma.k12.wa.us.

The Jewish Studies Program
The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
**Free and open to the public lecture Series -
*New Interpretations of Israel: Politics, Society, Culture & Human Rights***

- March 11: Professor Patricia Woods, *The Women's Movement & Religious/Secular Conflict in Israel*
- April 8: Dr. Maha Tahsin El-Taji, *Israeli Arab-Palestinians between Nationality & Locality*

Kosher dessert reception follows each lecture. www.jsis.washington.edu/jewish

[The Politics of Bad Ideas](#) (click title for info)
Tuesday, February 26, 10:00-11:30am
Temple De Hirsch Sinai Foyer (1441 16th Ave., Seattle)

Professor Emeritus Walter "Buddy" Williams argues that there are persistent bad ideas that shape American economic policy. Professor Williams will examine why bad economic ideas, such as cutting taxes without cutting spending, have shaped government policies. He'll offer evidence that

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these policies have caused long term fiscal damage and help us understand why they continue in spite of the harm caused. An Endless Opportunities event – for ages 50+. For info/reservations, contact Ellen Hendin, (206) 861-3183 or endlessopps@jfsseattle.org. Open to the public and free of charge.

[Burials, Funerals & Cemeteries: Jewish Traditions & Practical Concerns](#) (click for flyer)
Last in a series on Jewish traditions and practical preparations for death and dying
Jewish Family Service (1601 16th Ave., Seattle)
Tuesday, February 26, 7:00-8:30pm

\$10/person. Contact Adam Halpern (206) 861-8784 or familylife@jfsseattle.org. Clock and STARS hours and certification credits available. **(WORKSHOP FULL - Please call to be put on waiting list)**

[Sephardic Baking Traditions](#) (click heading for flyer)
All Jewish Single Parent Families are Invited
Sunday, March 2, 3:00- 5:00pm
Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation (6500 52nd Ave. So., Seattle)

Jewish single moms, dads and their children are invited to learn and make traditional Sephardic baked goods, with the help of Chef Eli. These treats are easy to make and delicious for all ages, and will provide new inspiration for Purim later this month! **Pre-registration required.** Contact Marjorie at (206) 461-3240 ext. 3146 or familylife@jfsseattle.org for info and to sign up.

Medieval Jewish Music
Temple Beth Am (2632 NE 80th St., Seattle)
March 8 and March 9

Concert performances by the Medieval Women's Choir, directed by Margriet Tindemans, with soprano Linda Strandberg, and acclaimed medieval fiddle player Shira Kammen. Saturday, March 8 at 8:00pm and Sunday, March 9 at 3:00pm. Tickets \$20; \$15 seniors; \$10 youth. Tickets and Info: www.medievalwomenschoir.org, www.brownpapertickets.com, or (206) 264-4822. Advance purchase recommended.

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

Study Buddy matches volunteer tutors with children in need of academic tutoring. Tutors are encouraged to bring their own strengths and talents into the classroom. Area schools are in need of committed, caring individuals with the desire to make a difference in the life of a child. Commitment is one hour per week. Contact Starr: StarrN@JewishInSeattle.org or (206) 774-2279.

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