



Kadima Reconstructionist Community
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SHABBAT SERVICES IN MAY

- **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AND BAT MITZVAH OF DANA KEYES-GIBBONS**

Saturday May 16, 10 am
Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church
14727 First Ave NE in Shoreline

Please contact the Keyes-Gibbons family if you wish to attend: (206) 722-4369 or danasbatmitzvah@gmail.com.

- **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AND BAR MITZVAH OF LEVI MACNAIR CAIN**

The Kadima Community is invited to attend as Levi Macnair Cain is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, May 30th, 2009
at ten o'clock in the morning.
Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church
14724 First Avenue N.E.
Shoreline, Washington

If you wish to attend, please contact the Gaylord/Cain family at ljpgaylord@quidnunc.net / (206) 933-0759.

KADIMA SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

Kadima Sundays, May 17 and 31

10:00 am - Noon Sunday School classes
10:30 am - Noon: Adult Education

Kadima Monday Hebrew & B'nei Mitzvah Classes: May 18

4:30-5:30 - Advanced-Beginner Hebrew
5:30-6:30 - Intermediate Hebrew
6:30-6:45 - B'nei Mitzvah Students pizza-social
6:45-7:45 - B'nei Mitzvah class

KADIMA ADULT PROGRAMMING IN MAY

at the Sand Point Education Center: 6208 60th Ave. NE, Seattle
(NE 62nd & 60th NE; northbound on Sand Point Way, turn right at the Center's sign at NE 62nd) (continued)

MAY 17, 10:30 AM - NOON: "JEWS AND CARTOONING"

What reasons explain the prominence of so many Jews in the history of American cartooning? What makes a cartoon offensive or "positive"? What's happening with Jews and comics now?

Leonard Rifas teaches courses in comic books and graphic novels at Seattle Central Community College and the University of Washington, Bothell. He is a cartoonist and the proprietor of an educational comic book company, EduComics. He has an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Communications from the University of Washington.

MAY 31, 10:30 AM - NOON: "IS GOD REAL?"

Exploring the Terrain of Belief, Faith, and the Reality (or Non-Reality) of What We Call 'God'"

Beginning with some background teachings about Jewish understandings of the reality of God's Presence in people's (and the Jewish People, in particular) lives, this promises to be a thoughtful and thought-provoking conversation about God, and God's reality or non-reality in our real lives.

Ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1991, Rabbi Zari Weiss was trained as a Spiritual Director at the Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA, and has worked one-on-one and in groups as a Spiritual Director since 1993. She also teaches and writes about the nature of our relationship with God, from a Jewish perspective.

KADIMA B'YACHAD CLASS FOR PARENTS and TOTS TOGETHER

Come to visit, learn, make new friends.
Next class meets on Saturday, June 6th.
([click here for more info](#))

Contact the office at (206) 547-3914 or office@kadima.org for the host family's address if you would like to meet the other families and visit this class.

For tots ages 1-4 and pre-K to 5-year-olds (no charge for siblings 0-1 year old) with single parents, inter-faith parents, same-sex parents...for all parents raising Jewish children.

For Jewish and non-Jewish parents, this parent-tot program will serve as an introduction to Jewish songs, stories, traditions, and progressive Jewish values, supported by Kadima's Reconstructionist values-based curriculum developed in partnership with parents.

BULLETIN BOARD



MEZUZAH BY WTP ARTIST AIMEE GOLANT IS ABOARD THE ATLANTIS SPACE SHUTTLE

A mezuzah made by Aimee Golant, one of the Women's Torah Project artists, is in space aboard the Atlantis Space Shuttle on its mission to the Hubble Telescope. Aimee also made the Torah Crowns for the WTP Torah. Read about the mezuzah, and other of Aimee's works, at her blog:

<http://blog.aimeegolant.com>.

SEATTLE JEWISH CHORALE SPRING CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 - 9:30 pm

TOWN HALL GREAT HALL (1119 Eighth Ave. at Seneca St. – Enter on 8th Ave.)

Music reflecting a wide spectrum of Jewish experiences and choral traditions, the Seattle Jewish Chorale performs under the direction of Cantor Marina Belenky. Its repertoire of Hebrew, English, Yiddish, and Ladino songs incorporates a variety of styles and genres: sacred and secular; a cappella and accompanied; classical, jazz, folk, and pop. The Spring Concert will include works by Salamone Rossi, Jeff Klepper, Jose Bowen, Chava Albertstein and Marina Belenky, with Irina Akhrin on piano. (Kadima member Sima Kahn sings in the chorale.)

Tickets are \$15/\$12 students & seniors at www.brownpapertickets.com or 1-800-838-3006.



INTERNET-SAVVY VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ONE-TIME PROJECT! (continued)

Looking for an eBay-savvy Kadimanik to help with an art auction to support the Women's Torah Project. This is a one-time, short-term commitment where you can play on eBay and fulfill some of your volunteer hours for Kadima. Please contact Wendy Graff at wendyg@seanet.com to find out more.

PLACES TO TURN IN TOUGH TIMES - COMMUNITY RESOURCE SURVIVAL GUIDE TO TODAY'S ECONOMIC CRISIS

Jewish Family Service wants to be sure that you're aware of the vast array of community resources and services that are available to ease the burden of dealing with the economic uncertainty all around us. As always, JFS is a 'first responder' in meeting the most pressing and emerging needs of family, friends and neighbors here at home. JFS has created a [Community Resource Survival Guide to Today's Economic Crisis](#). It is a jumping off point from which to find additional resources if you or someone you know is struggling.

TEEN PHILANTHROPY PROGRAMS AT THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER SEATTLE

J. Team

J. Team involves around 20 teens in grades 9-12. Teens are selected after a short application process. They'll meet monthly over the school year, participate in non-profit agency site visits and reviews, and engage in hands-on community service projects as they learn about Jewish values of giving. Finally, the J. Team will decide as a group where to donate over \$7000 of community-donated funds. The teamwork approach to philanthropic giving makes this program a win-win for our community's teens and non-profit agencies. J. Team will start this Fall. Applications are due June 30.

Youth Mitzvah Fund

Youth Mitzvah Fund is for teens ages 12-14. Teens open accounts in their names at the JFGS with money donated by friends and family. Teens can grant a portion of the funds each year to the charities of their choice. Teens (continued)

who have opened a Youth Mitzvah Fund account are invited to attend three programs (in 8th grade), which include nonprofit visits, community service opportunities, and discussions on Jewish values of giving. They can donate money and make grants each year until they graduate high school.

For More Info

Contact Marla Goldberg, Teen Philanthropy Program Manager, at (206) 774-2230 or MarlaG@JewishInSeattle.org.

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GET YOUR CAMP ON! CAMPERSHIPS UP TO \$1800

AVAILABLE!

Parents of current 5, 6 and 7th graders! Do you want to send your child (and/or grandchild) to Jewish summer camp? There's never been a better summer to send first-time campers to one of 20 non-profit Jewish residential camps throughout Western North America.

Here's how: enroll your child in a Jewish camp that has a three-week session, and if s/he is entering 6, 7 or 8th grade in Fall 2009, has never been to Jewish overnight camp before and is not currently a day school student, s/he will qualify for a campership of up to \$1800!

For campers who would prefer to try out a shorter session, JWest awards \$1000 to campers attending two-week sessions at Colorado camps Camp Mountain Chai or JCC Ranch Camp only.

The deal gets even sweeter, the JWest Program will fund your camper to return to camp in Summer 2010! If your child received \$1800 in the first year, s/he'll receive up to \$1000 next summer.

For more info or to apply: www.onehappycamper.org. Please help us spread the word to friends or relatives! Questions? Contact Michele Yanow at (206) 708-7518 or myanow@jewishcamp.org.

KADIMA SHOPS - GIVE IT A TRY!

Support Kadima just by doing your regular shopping!

<http://www.kadima.org/news/kadima-shops/>

Shop at your favorite stores through Kadima's website, and the stores will give a portion of the sales to Kadima at no cost to you!

Amazon.com ♦ iTunes ♦ kosher.com ♦ cooking.com ♦ Starbucks

The link is <http://www.kadima.org/news/kadima-shops/>. Or click on the 'Kadima Shops' button on the www.kadima.org home page.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

♦♦Peace Activist Trainee Program

Application deadline, **May 15** (continued)

Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation is recruiting applications for the 2009 summer Peace Activist Trainee program. Do you know anyone currently in their sophomore or junior year in high school who might want to be empowered to make change in their community? The four-week program emphasizes building organizing skills, and meeting activists and organizing work on a variety of peace and social justice issues. For more information, flyers, and applications, visit www.wwfor.org.

◆◆Discussion:

Winning Health Care for All: Using the momentum of change to create a healthy America

**Saturday, May 16, 12 pm - 2 pm. Doors open at 11 am
1119 Eighth Ave. at Seneca St. in Seattle**

Featuring:

Representative Jim McDermott, M.D., U.S. House of Representatives, 7th District
Reverend Bev Spears, Legislative Director, Washington Community Action Network
David McLanahan, M.D., Western Washington Coordinator, Physicians for a National Health Program
Teresita Batayola, CEO, International Community Health Services

Tickets cost \$8 and are available through brownpapertickets.com or by calling 1-800-838-3006.

Visit www.townhallseattle.org/directionsAndParking.cfm for a map and directions.

The event is sponsored by: 65th Street Change Gang, a neighborhood manifestation of hope and change, and is brought to you by Progressive Talk, AM1090.



Professor Yael Zerubavel, Director, The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life
Professor of Jewish Studies and History at Rutgers University

34th Annual Stroum Lectures in Jewish Studies 2009

Encounters with the Past: Remembering the 'Bygone' in Israeli Culture, with Yael Zerubavel

May 17, 19, and 21

All lectures held in 220 Kane Hall, UW Seattle Campus

Sunday, May 17 - Bridges to Antiquity* - 6:30 pm

Moderator: UW Prof. Gad Barzilai, Chair, Jewish Studies; JSIS; LSJ

Please join us for a kosher dessert reception honoring Mrs. Althea Stroum and celebrating the naming of the Samuel & Althea Stroum Jewish Studies Program following the first lecture. RSVP requested for only the first lecture because of the special nature of this event. (206) 543-4370; jsis@u.washington.edu

Tuesday, May 19 - Mirrors of Galut (Exile) in the Homeland - 7:30 pm

Moderator: UW Prof. Joel Migdal, JSIS, Jewish Studies

Thursday, May 21 - When the New Becomes Old - 7:30 pm

Moderator: UW Prof. Paul Burstein, Sociology, Political Science, Jewish Studies

Questions: (206) 543-0138; jewishst@u.washington.edu (continued)



[Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: American Art from the Yale University Gallery, 1660-1893](#)

Now – May 25

Drawn from Yale University's collection of American art, this exhibit explores the diverse and evolving ways America defined itself from the colonial era to the Gilded Age. This major exhibition offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn American History through iconic objects from what is considered to be one of the finest collections of American art ever assembled.

[Health Care for All in 2009 - Mothers Leading the Way](#)

March on May 30th, starting at 12:30 pm at Pratt Park (20th & E. Yesler, Seattle)

On Saturday, May 30, more than 125 organizations will come together to organize a major march and rally in Seattle to support the goal of winning quality, affordable health care for everyone in 2009. Email lynne@washingtoncan.org for more info!

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS

[JFS Community of Caring Luncheon](#)

Tuesday, May 19

Contact Gail Pollack at (206) 861-3151, e-mail gpollack@jfsseattle.org.

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