

## ENDING THE SILENCE

### WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

A Two-Day Conference For Peacemakers Montview Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado  
October 21-22, 2005

#### SCHEDULE

##### **Friday, October 21**

- 12 noon Registration Opens Book, Video and Handicraft Sales Information Tables and Video Room
- 1:00-1:15 Welcome, Opening Remarks
- 1:15-2:15 Opening Address: "**Jerusalem Women Speak: Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision,**" by *Partners for Peace*
- 2:30-4:00 Workshop Session A
- 4:15-5:15 Plenary Address: "**What Next in Palestine? A Critical Analysis,**" by *Phyllis Bennis*
- 5:15-6:15 Book, Video and Handicraft Sales Information Tables and Video Room Book Signings
- 6:15 Breaking the Fast of Ramadan, Prayer
- 6:30 Middle Eastern Banquet, Entertainment
- 8:00 Keynote Address: "**Ending the Silence: Working for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine,**" by *Rev. Naim Ateek, Director of Sabeel*

##### **Saturday, October 22**

- 8:00 am Registration Opens Coffee and Donuts Book, Video and Handicraft Sales Information Tables and Video Room
- 8:15-8:30 Welcome, Opening Remarks
- 8:30-9:15 Plenary Address: "**Jews of Conscience and the Future of Israel/Palestine,**" by *Marc Ellis*
- 9:30-11:00 Workshop Session B

11:15 Plenary Address: **“Interfaith Peacework in Israel and Palestine: Between Dialog  
- and Liberation,”** by *Mohammed Abu Nimer*

12:00

12:00 Lunch Break

12:30 Lunchtime Gathering: **"Conversation with the Corries,"** by *Craig and Cindy Corrie*

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1:15-  
2:15 Plenary Address: **"Defeating Apartheid: What Do We Have to Do?"** by *Jeff Halper*

2:30-  
4:00 Workshop Session C

4:15-  
5:00 Closing Ceremony

## WORKSHOPS

- Introduction to the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict: Five Myths (Ron Forthofer, Bassem Hassan, Wadi Muhaisen, Rob Prince, Dahlia Wasfi)
- Current Status of the Conflict: How Promising are the Recent Developments? (Michael Tarazi)
- Jerusalem Women Speak: Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision (Sherene Abdulhadi, Roni Hammerman, Amira Hillal – Partners for Peace)
- US Middle East Policy: What It Has Been and What It Needs to Be (Phyllis Bennis)
- Palestinian Right of Return (Rima Barakat Sinclair)
- Re-framing the Conflict: Human Rights and International Law (Jeff Halper)
- Seeking Peace in Palestine: Effective Lobbying (Craig & Cindy Corrie)
- Media Activism: What the Media Reports and How to Respond (Mazin Qumsiyeh)
- Theories and Practices of Nonviolence in the Palestinian/Israeli Context: Challenges and Achievements (Mohammed Abu Nimer & Ira Chernus)
- Nonviolent Resistance in the Middle East: Christian Peacemaker Teams (Joanne Kauffman)
- Violence in the Abrahamic Traditions: Dealing with the Sacred Texts (Imam Ibrahim Kazarooni)

- Morally Responsible Investment: What are the Churches Doing? (Rev. Larry Grimm)
- Palestinian Liberation Theology (Rev. Naim Ateek)
- Christian Zionism: What Is It and How Can It Be Challenged? (Tim Weber)
- Liberation Theology: The Response to Christian Zionism (Bill Durland)
- Outside the Ark: An Artist's Journey in Occupied Palestine (Ellen O'Grady)

#### PRESENTER BIOS

**Sherene Abdulhadi**, Muslim Palestinian participant in "Partners for Peace," born and raised in occupied Jerusalem, she has devoted her career to Palestinian economic development and the sustenance of the Palestinian private sector.

**Mohammed Abu-Nimer**, Palestinian scholar, teaches "International Peace and Conflict Resolution" in the School of International Studies at the American University in Washington, DC, author of *Nonviolence and Peacemaking in Islam*

**Rev. Canon Naim Ateek**, Palestinian Anglican priest, founder and director of The Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem. He is author of *Justice and Justice Only: A Palestinian Theology of Liberation*

**Phyllis Bennis**, Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC. Expert on the United Nations and Middle East issues. She has written widely on the Middle East, including recent primers on Palestine and Iraq.

**Ira Chernus**, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he also served as co-director of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program, founding member of Colorado Jews for a Just Peace. He has written extensively, from a Jewish perspective, promoting a just and secure peace for Israelis and Palestinians, author of *American Nonviolence: The History of An Idea*.

**Craig and Cindy Corrie**, Parents of Rachel Corrie, an activist killed by an Israeli bulldozer in Gaza in March 2003

**Bill Durland**, Professor, lawyer, and Quaker activist, author of *No King But Caesar?* and *God or Nations*, recipient of Colorado's 1999 MLK, Jr. Humanitarian Award. He has participated with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Hebron and on the Mexican border.

**Genie Durland**, Peace activist and war tax resister for over 30 years. She has participated with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Hebron, Iraq, and on the Mexican border.

**Marc Ellis**, Director of the Center for American and Jewish Studies at Baylor University, author of fifteen books including *Israel and Palestine Out of the Ashes: The Search for Jewish Identity in the Twenty-first Century*

**Ron Forthofer**, Retired Professor of Biostatistics, has spent time in the Middle East with Christian Peacemaker Teams. He has spoken and written extensively on the Israeli-Palestinian

situation.

**Rev. Larry Grimm**, Pastor of North Presbyterian Church, active in Middle East peacemaking since 1982, presently in dialogue with the American Jewish Committee and Palestinian Christians through the Colorado Council of Churches.

**Jeff Halper**, Jewish Israeli-American peace activist and professor of anthropology at Ben Gurion University in Jerusalem. He is coordinator of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions and author of *Obstacles to Peace: A Critical Tour of the Jerusalem/West Bank Interface*

**Roni Hammerman**, Jewish Israeli participant in "Partners for Peace," heads the Department of Humanities at the Bloomfield Library for Humanities and Social Sciences of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, actively involved in MACHSOM WATCH (Checkpoint Watch), a women's group that observes and reports on the conduct of Israeli soldiers at checkpoints.

**Amira Hillal**, Christian Palestinian participant in "Partners for Peace," Women's Project Coordinator and Administrative Assistant for the Alternative Information Center (AIC). The AIC is a joint Palestinian-Israeli organization with offices in Jerusalem and Beit Sahour.

**Joanne Kaufman**, Full-time activist with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Hebron, Haiti, and Lakota Country for four years.

**Imam Ibrahim Kazarooni**, Director of the Abrahamic Initiative at St. John's Cathedral, on the Board of Directors for the Interfaith Alliance and numerous other interfaith groups.

**Wadi Muhaisen** Attorney, expert in international and comparative law, served as a legal advisor at the 1993 Oslo Peace Accords.

**Ellen O'Grady**, Artist and activist who spent six years living in the West Bank and Gaza. She recently published a book of paintings and stories entitled *Outside the Ark: An Artist's Journey in Occupied Palestine*.

**Rob Prince**, Publisher of Colorado Progressive Jewish News, a Senior Lecturer of International Studies at the Graduate School of International Studies of the University of Denver.

**Mazin Qumsiyeh**, Palestinian American, former Professor of Genetics Yale University School of Medicine, author of *Sharing the Land of Canaan: Human Rights and the Israeli-Palestinian Struggle*, founder and president of the Holy Land Conservation Foundation, a cofounder of Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition.

**Rima Barakat Sinclair**, Palestinian-American businesswoman and translator, frequent speaker, active in the Denver Muslim community.

**Michael Tarazi**, Palestinian-American lawyer, legal advisor to the Palestinian Authority Ministry of State for Jerusalem Affairs. He provides legal advice on a wide array of issues facing Jerusalem, including Israeli settlements and refugees.

**Dahlia Wasfi**, Medical Doctor, Arab-American activist, spent her early childhood in Iraq, a speaker with Global Exchange on the negative impact of the U.S. invasion on the Iraqi people

and the need to end the occupation "from the Nile to the Euphrates."

**Tim Weber**, Professor and Past President of Memphis Theological Seminary, author of *On the Road to Armageddon* and *Living in the Shadow of the Second Coming*.

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