



Sponsored by The Shalom Center
Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
& Jewish Currents
jewsunitingtoendthewar@circle.org
www.circle.org/jewsuniting
212-889-6800 xt 274

ORGANIZING FOR ACTION
Sunday, November 23, 2008 at Central Synagogue
123 East 55th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues, NYC

8:30AM Registration opens for the day / Breakfast available (Stern Lobby)

9:30AM Welcoming/opening remarks (Beir Chapel)

- Stacey Bosworth, Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
- Rabbi Ellen Lippmann, The Shalom Center and Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives
- Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz, poet and scholar

9:40AM-10:45AM Opening Plenary: Why the Jewish Community Must Take Vigorous Action to End the War and Heal America (Beir Chapel)

- Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman, former Congresswoman, author, attorney
- Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
- Ann Toback, Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
- Rabbi Arthur Waskow, The Shalom Center

11:00AM-12:15PM 4 Concurrent Morning Sessions

A. Impacts of Iraq war and peace on the broader Middle East (from Iran to Egypt, and everything in between) (Joslin Hall, 2nd Floor)

- Moderator: SarahLeah Whitson, Human Rights Watch
- Diane Balsler, Brit Tzedek V'Shalom
- Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street
- Lilly Rivlin, Meretz USA
- MJ Rosenberg, Israel Policy Forum

B. Impacts of the Iraq war on human rights and civil liberties in the US (Beir Chapel)

- Moderator: Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, Rabbis for Human Rights-North America
- Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman, former Congresswoman, author and attorney
- Rabbi Rachel Kahn-Troster, Rabbis for Human Rights-North America
- Michael Ratner, Center for Constitutional Rights

C. Oil, war and climate crisis (Room 503, 5th Floor)

- Moderator: Marc Sussman, The Climate Project/Air America
- Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network
- Emmaia Gelman, Center for Working Families
- Steve Kretzmann, Oil Change International
- Charles Komanoff, Carbon Tax Center

D. Healing veterans, their families and the families of the war dead (Room 504, 5th Floor)



Sponsored by The Shalom Center
Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
& Jewish Currents
jewsunitingtoendthewar@circle.org
www.circle.org/jewsuniting
212-889-6800 xt 274

- Moderator: Myriam Miedzian, author “Boys Will Be Boys: Breaking the Link Between Masculinity and Violence”
- Jan Barry, Veterans for Peace, Vietnam Veterans Against the War
- Penny Coleman, author “Flashback: Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome, Suicide and the Costs of War”
- Sue Niederer, Goldstar Families for Peace

12:15-12:45PM Lunch break—no formal sessions at this time (Stern Lobby)

12:25-12:35 Optional Film Screenings *Soldiers of Conscience* (Room 302, 3rd Floor) and *The End of America* (Room 304, 3rd Floor)

12:40-12:45PM Musical Performance (Beir Chapel)

- Adrienne Cooper, Workmen’s Circle/Arbeter Ring
- Cantor Jonathan Gordon, Woodlands Community Temple

12:45PM-1:05PM Afternoon Keynote Remarks/An Insider’s View from the Hill (Beir Chapel)

- Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)
- Introduction: Marty Schwartz, Workmen’s Circle/Arbeter Ring

1:05-1:30PM Views to the Hill and Beyond (Beir Chapel)

- Introduction: Rokhl Kafrissen, Jewish Currents
- Leslie Cagan, United for Peace and Justice
- Jeremy Ben-Ami, JStreet

1:30-2:45PM Afternoon Plenary: Confronting the War in the Jewish Community at this Historic Moment of Opportunity (Beir Chapel)

- Moderator: Lawrence Bush, Jewish Currents
- Rabbi Marla Feldman, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
- Rabbi Peter Knobel, Central Conference of American Rabbis
- Sammie Moshenberg, National Council of Jewish Women
- Rabbi Arthur Waskow, The Shalom Center

3:00-4:15PM 4 Concurrent Afternoon Sessions

A. Domestic economic consequences of the war and peace (Joslin Hall, 2nd Floor)

- Moderator: Gary Ferdman, Common Cause
- Bill Lipton, Working Families Party
- Liza Featherstone, journalist and contributing editor to The Nation
- Bill Tabb, Queens College

B. Jewish values, texts, and organizing with rabbis and synagogues (Room 501, 5th Floor)

- Moderator: Rabbi Ellen Lippmann, The Shalom Center and Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives
- Rabbi Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
- Rabbi Or Rose, Hebrew College



Sponsored by The Shalom Center
Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
& Jewish Currents
jewsunitingtoendthewar@circle.org
www.circle.org/jewsuniting
212-889-6800 xt 274

- Rabbi David Shneyer, Am Kolel

C. Building a Jewish anti-war activist network (Room 504, 5th Floor)

- Moderator: Marty Schwartz, Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
- Jeffrey Dekro, The Shalom Center and founder of The Shefa Fund
- Mark Johnson, Fellowship of Reconciliation/Olive Branch Interfaith Partners for Peace
- April Rosenblum, author "The Past Didn't Go Anywhere" and contributor to "Righteous Indignation"
- Rabbi Michael Rothbaum, Hillels of Westchester
- Tammy Shapiro, Union of Progressive Zionists
- Dara Silverman, Jews for Racial and Economic Justice

D. The Media & Changing Jewish Public Opinion (Room 503, 5th Floor)

- Moderator and respondent: Esther Kaplan, The Nation Institute
- Jeff Cohen, Park Center for Independent Media
- Dan Sieradski, Jewish Telegraphic Agency

4:30-5:15PM Closing Keynote Remarks/Close of the Day (Beir Chapel)

- Introduction: Dana Schneider, Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
- Keynote: Amy Goodman, Democracy Now!
- Robert Kaplan, Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
- Jeffrey Dekro, The Shalom Center

5:15-6:00PM Musical Performance (Beir Chapel)

- Basya Schechter and Pharoah's Daughter

5:30-5:40PM Optional Film Screenings *Soldiers of Conscience* (Room 302, 3rd Floor) and *The End of America* (Room 304, 3rd Floor)

6:00PM Close of the day