

Rachel's Children

Friday, October 19 – 6 - 9 p.m.

Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society
297 Boston Post Road, Madison

Rachel is revered by all three Abrahamic faiths as the mother who “weeps for her children” - a powerful metaphor for all those who grieve over the suffering of children. Today, Rachel’s grief is shared by Palestinian and Israeli mothers and fathers who yearn for a better future for their children, and by so many more who work to end their suffering.

According to Defense for Children International – Palestine, “Israel has the dubious distinction of being the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes an estimated 500 to 700 children each year in military (not civilian) courts lacking fundamental fair trial rights. Children as young as 12 are taken from their beds at night, bound, blindfolded and taken to detention centers where they are denied access to their parents or to legal aid.”

The time has come for all of us to respond to Rachel “weeping for her children.” Tree of Life will amplify the courageous work being done by human rights organizations as they respond to this crisis.

Exhibit, Speaker Program & Buffet
Admission free, donations welcomed

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Speakers

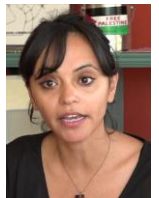
Ruba Awadallah is a researcher at Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCIP), representing Defense for Children International - an independent children’s rights organization for protecting the rights of children worldwide. DCIP aims to protect children living under Israeli occupation.



Eran Efrati, an Israeli Jew, is director of RAIA (Researching the American-Israeli Alliance), and an investigative researcher into the Israeli military and arms industry. Formerly director of ICAHD-USA and chief researcher of Breaking the Silence, his investigative reports have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and more.



Lara Kiswani is executive director of the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC). Based in San Francisco, AROC is a grassroots organization working to address economic, social, and political impacts of anti-Arab racism by organizing Arab and Muslim communities around principles of justice and self-determination for all.



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