



NCCJ PRESENTS

Reframing Middle East Dialogue: Talking about Israel and Palestine without polarizing?

As the recent controversy over Jimmy Carter's book; *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid* demonstrates, this is a sensitive topic. How can we dialogue about peace in the middle-east without hostility?

WHEN: Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

WHERE: The Unitarian Universalist Society of Greater Springfield; 245 Porter Lake Drive; Springfield, Massachusetts.

Panelists will include:

Donald G. Ellis; Moderator – Professor of Communication at the University of Hartford. His expertise is Conflict Interaction in Groups with special interest in communication issues related to ethno political conflict with particular emphasis on conflict resolution, intractable conflicts, intercultural communication and democracy.

Yehezkel Landau; Panelist – Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations at the Hartford Seminary. He lectures internationally on Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations and Middle East peace issues and was co-founder of the OPEN HOUSE Center for Jewish-Arab Coexistence in Ramle, Israel.

Hilary Rantisi; Panelist – Director of the Middle East Initiative at the JFK School of Government at Harvard. She has worked in the NGO community in Jerusalem, focusing on issues of religion, politics, and grassroots mobilization efforts.

Ronald Young; Panelist – organized the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East and since 2003 serves as Consultant and primary staff for the National Interreligious Leadership Initiative for Peace in the Middle East, a coalition of 35 Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders, including the heads of 25 national religious organizations.

This program is being co-sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Western Massachusetts.