

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

June 2012

Sundays at 11:00a.m.

June 3rd -- LANA HABASH & LAILA MURAD

"Muslim Political Prisoners from Israel to the U.S."

The so-called "War on Terror" has led to the racist and Islamophobic targeting of Arabs and Muslims around the world. Whether in Israel's colonial attacks on Palestine or the FBI's targeting of Muslims here in the United States, the results of the "War on Terror" is the torture, imprisonment, and death of Muslims and Arabs. The inhumane confinement of Palestinian prisoners and the atrocious sentencing of Tarek Mehanna are two pieces of a larger attack and yet the hunger strike by thousands of Palestinian prisoners and the brave statement by Tarek Mehanna show that resistance is always growing. This Sunday we will explore the realities of Muslim and Arab political prisoners in the United States and Israel.

Lana Habash is a Palestinian fighter for freedom, mother, doctor, organizer, and leader in the Greater-Boston community. Laila Muard is a Muslim political organizer who, among many other efforts, heads up the campaign to free Tarek Mehanna.

June 10th -- Annual Ethel and Julius Rosenberg Commemoration

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"Words from the Inside"

In their last letter to their children Julius and Ethel Rosenberg wrote the following, "Your lives must teach you, too, that good cannot really flourish in the midst of evil; that freedom and all the things that go to make up a truly satisfying and worthwhile life, must sometimes be purchased very dearly. Be comforted then that we were serene and understood with the deepest kind of understanding, that civilization had not as yet progressed to the point where life did not have to be lost for the sake of life; and that we were comforted in the sure knowledge that others would carry on after us."

We will read the writing of prisoners this Sunday. Please bring in stories, letters, poetry, artwork, from prisoners that you would like to share. We will pay special attention to political prisoners, like the Rosenbergs.

June 17th -- Rev. JASON LYDON

"Leaving Well: Tales of the Last Seven Years"

This final Sunday of the season is Jason's last Sunday as the minister of the Community Church of Boston. Jason will share lessons learned, highlighted stories, moments of growth, and a vision of the future. Rebecca Parker, UU theologian, writes that the choice to bless the world, "will draw you into community, the endeavor shared, the heritage passed on, the companionship of struggle, the importance of keeping faith, the life of ritual and praise, the comfort of human friendship, the company of earth, it's chorus of life welcoming you. None of us alone can save the world. Together - that is another possibility, waiting." It is on this blessing of the past seven years of shared ministry that Jason will reflect.

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