



Center for Religious Tolerance

Promoting peace and harmony through dialogue

Women Peacemakers of the Holy Land

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Women Spiritual Peace builders

Ibtisam Mahameed is a unique voice in the Middle East, she carries her story as a Religious Palestinian Muslim Woman into her work as a Pursuer of Peace. She has been active in such organizations as "The MiddleWay" and "On the Way to Sulha", and has travelled throughout Europe, the United States and India. She has been named "Rodefet Shalom", Pursuer of Peace and has worked extensively in Gaza as a mediator between Muslims and Jews. She lives with her husband and three children in Faradis, a village in the north of Israel. [More about Ibtisam](#)

Dorit Bat Shalom is an 8th generation Israeli artist and psychodrama therapist involved extensively in peace work in Israel and abroad. She connects her ancestry and love of Israel and Jewish Mysticism to her work as a multi-media artist. Through both theater and ceremonial arts, Dorit guides groups and individuals in personal growth and spiritual transformation. Over the past few years her work has been dedicated to the empowerment of women in the Israeli Arab, Druze, and Jewish communities. Dorit is a mother and a grandmother and currently lives in the Galilee, Israel. [More about Dorit](#)

What they offer

An interactive Multi-Media theater piece - *By the Well of Hagar and Sarah*. This interactive play creates a sacred space for exploring the many ways in which one arrives at peace. The personal and social obstacles to peace and the commitment needed to sustain us in creating peace. The performance involves the audience, inviting them to join Hagar and Sarah in finding a sacred place of shared peace.

Dorit and Ibtisam will also be offering more personal and direct dialogue by participating in *Conversation Peace*. Here they will share their personal stories of how they came to places of peace in their own lives and the difficulties in living in Israel and Palestine during this difficult period in history. An open mike will be available and the audience is encouraged to ask questions and explore their own efforts in creating and maintaining peace in their lives. Through discussion, participants are invited to discover a new path beyond preconceptions and politics, a path of dialog, hope, healing and betterment of the world. The conversations continues on the radio where Dorit and Ibtisam will be interviewed and answer questions from callers.

Schedule of Events

By the Well of Hagar and Sarah

Friday February 23 & Saturday February 24 at 7:30pm
Sainer Auditorium on Bayshore Road - New College of Florida Sarasota
<http://www.ncf.edu/about/pdf/map.pdf>
Students free, others \$10 donation or more
Contact: Andrea Blanch - 941-312-9795

Tuesday February 27 at 7:00pm
Universalist Unitarian Church Clearwater
<http://www.uuclearwater.org/contact.htm>
Donations accepted
Contact: Robin Saenger - 727-934-2379

Conversation Peace

Wednesday February 28 7:30pm

Rising Tide International, in Sarasota
<http://www.risingtideinternational.org/contact.htm>
Donations accepted
Contact: Anne Karuna Ferrier - 941-924-9259

Radio Conversation with Ibtisam & Dorit

Saturday February 24 10:00am
Women's Radio Show on WMNF 88.5 FM
<http://www.wmnf.org/schedule>
Hosted by: Arlene Engelhardt & Mary Glenney

Radio Conversation with Ibtisam & Dorit

Tuesday February 27 10:00am
Circle of Love on WSLR 96.5 FM
<http://www.wslr.org/html/onair/mainsite/onair.htm>
Hosted by: Alice McMullin

Find Out more

Web site for "By the Well of Hagar and Sarah"
News article about the play "By the Well of Hagar and Sarah"
The Tent of Abraham

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