

Hands Across the Water

The monthly electronic newsletter for Hands of
Peace

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And now, our Seventh Summer Program

July 17 is fast approaching and we'll soon be kicking off our seventh summer program.

- Middle East participants and XL's (second year participants who become eXtraordinary Leaders) have been accepted and confirmed, and travel arrangements are in the works. Host families for participants and staff are also in place. Selection of US participants is just about complete. This year, we'll have 21 teens from the Middle East (including 3 XL's), 12 US participants and 4 US XL's.
- Returning Staff: **Bill Taylor** will return as XL Facilitator, and **Manal Al-Tamimi, Tal Dor, Scott Silk** and **Husam Jubran** return as Facilitators. **Ashley Bates** will continue to serve as Program Director, and Israeli Regional Coordinator **Jasmine Tamuz** will be our Jewish Israeli Chaperone.
- New to the program this summer will be Arab-Citizen-of-Israel Chaperone **Ariz Haddad**, Palestinian Chaperone **Jumana Hassan**, and Summer Assistant **Erika Grad**. Assisting Bill with the XL's will be **Allan Ruter**.

Hands and Staff will enjoy a full 18 days of activities. Please join us for the following events, open to all HOP supporters:

- Monday, July 27, 7 – 9 pm: Ron Miller's "The House of Consciousness" Lecture, Glenview Community Church.

- Sunday, August 2, 6 – 9 pm: Farewell Banquet, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Evanston (tickets required)

Advisory Board

- The Hands of Peace Advisory Board and Board of Directors met for lunch in Glenview on March 4. Seven of the fifteen Advisory Board Members and seven members of the Board of Directors discussed issues facing HOP and brainstormed ideas for future programming.



*Front Row: Debby Fosdick, Bev Lavitt, Jane Hund, Joanna Sullivan
 Second Row: Rev. Sally Iberg, Tom Rosenberg, Gretchen Grad, Julie Kanak, Per Hanson
 Third Row: Azam Nizamuddin, Cantor Michael Davis, Rev. Howard Roberts, Jim Tatsuda, Bill Taylor*

From the Middle East

- Ten Hands attended a follow-up program in Jerusalem on Friday, May 1.. Although uni-national meetings have been held, this was the first multi-national meeting since the Gaza situation.
- **Haya Barakat** ('06 Hand, '07 XL), recently did a presentation about Hands of Peace at Southern Maine Community College. Originally from Nablus Palestine, Haya was selected to be part of the Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program, sponsored by Georgetown University's Center for Intercultural Education and

Development. As an outstanding student from the Near East, Haya studies in the US and participates in workshops in Washington DC.

Globalization Conference

Hands of Peace has been invited to be a co-sponsor for the annual "Globalization for the Common Good" conference to be held at Loyola University June 1-4. Previous conferences have been held in Istanbul, Dubai and Johannesburg. A great opportunity to hear some interesting speakers, meet global interfaith leaders and bring HOP to a wider audience.

More information about this year's conference, "Globalization: The Challenge to America", can be found at <http://www.gcgchicago2009.info>

Speakers include Founder Gretchen Grad (probably as part of a panel on Global Citizenship on Monday, June 1), Board member Dr. Ron Miller and Advisory Board member Rabbi Herbert Bronstein. HOP is being asked to host a 90-minute breakout session on Tuesday, June 2 (1:00-2:30pm) featuring some of our college-age alumni.

Sign up for all the sessions June 1-4 for \$150, or just attend on a daily basis for \$40/day. You'll hear some fascinating speakers, meet leading interfaith leaders from around the world and represent HOP at this important forum.

Get tickets through the [HOP website](#).

Staff News

- Executive Director **Julie Kanak** is heading to the Middle East June 15 – June 22. Orientation for new Hands is set for June 19th. She'd love to meet with any and all HOP family members.

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Newsletter Online soon....

For news about our recent benefits (the Arab-Israeli Cookbook and our first Lecture Series) as well as ways Hands of Peace has been sought out by other organizations and individuals, check out our semi-annual newsletter. It will be posted by the end of May at <http://www.hands-of-peace.org/pages/pubmedia.html>.

Want to spread your news to the HOP community?

Send your submissions to [Maggie Cain](#) by June 20 for the July/August edition.

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