

The Human and Religious Dimensions of Rabbi Arik Ascherman's Trial and Israel's Home Demolition Policy

An Interfaith Symposium for Peace and Justice

Location and Date/Time:

The Symposium will be held on **Sunday, March 21st** at the **Kay Spiritual Life Center** (next to Ward Circle) at **American University** between **4:00 PM** and **6:30 PM**, the Sunday before Rabbi Ascherman's trial date.

Facilitator: **Andy Shallal**, Co-founder of the Peace Cafe

First Panel: Human Dimensions – The Trial and Israel's Home Demolition Policy

- **Rabbi Gerry Serotta**, Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Rabbis for Human Rights - North America and Associate Rabbi, Temple Shalom
- **Rafi Dajani**, Executive Director, American Task Force on Palestine
- **Stav Adivi**, Board member of the Israeli Committee Against Home Demolitions, a retired Major in the Israeli Defense Forces and a "Refusenik"

Second Panel: Moral and Religious Dimensions

- **Imam Shaker Elsayed**, Secretary General, Muslim American Society and former Imam, Islamic Center, Washington, DC
- **Rev. Dr. J. Philip Wogaman**, former Senior Minister, Foundry United Methodist Church and Professor Emeritus of Christian Ethics, Wesley Theological Seminary
- **Rabbi Scott Sperling**, Director, Union for Reform Judaism, Mid-Atlantic Council
- **Rev. Charles Demere**, Chairman, Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace and retired Episcopalian priest (Moderator)

"The homes that were demolished were not demolished for any security reason. None of the people in these homes engaged in violence or harboring terrorists. They were demolished because of a violation of zoning regulations in the context where it is almost impossible for Palestinian families in those parts of the West Bank under Israeli civilian control or in Jerusalem to legally obtain building permits". ~ excerpt from a letter to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon signed by over 400 rabbis from all over the world. See <http://www.rhr-na.org/>.

Co-sponsors:

- American Task Force on Palestine
- Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, Brit Tzedek v' Shalom
- Muslim American Society
- Middle East Network of United Methodists
- Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace

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