

**Community Church of Boston**  
*A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920*

# sunday forums

**September 2007**  
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

**September 9 -- JASON LYDON**  
"Homecoming Sunday"

Welcome back to a new season at Community Church! Please come with stories of your summer as well as water, stones, or sand from your travels or representative of your adventures this summer. As we gather together again for our first Sunday this is an opportunity for us to ignite the flame within our community and celebrate with each other our experiences from the summer and our hopes for a new church year. Please take some time to reflect on a lesson you may have learned or a new experience you had to share with us.



**September 16 -- The Middle East - week one**

**ALICE ROTHCHILD, M.D.**

**"Israel & Palestine: Broken Promises, Broken Dreams"**

Alice Rothchild has been an obstetrician-gynecologist with Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates for some 20 years and is an assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology & reproductive biology at Harvard Medical School. Long active with underserved populations and social justice organizations, she joined the Alliance to Defend Health Care in 1997 and served several years as its board president. Alice also turned much attention to understanding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its relationship to U.S. foreign policy and American Jewry. She co-founded & co-chairs Visions of Peace with Justice in Israel/Palestine (now Jewish Voice for Peace, Boston) and co-organized the Jewish American Medical Project (now the JVP Health & Human Rights Project).



Alice has chronicled her participation on recent medical delegations in *Broken Promises, Broken Dreams: Stories of Jewish & Palestinian Trauma and Resistance* (Univ. of Michigan, 2007). It powerfully depicts—and she will share—realities beyond the geopolitical ones which confront Israelis & Palestinians. Her book has been widely praised for its depiction of the human face of a tragic situation and for its ethical observations.

**September 23 -- The Middle East - week two**

**AMERICAN-ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE**

**"Combatting Defamation & Negative Stereotyping in the Media and Elsewhere"**

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), founded in 1980, is the largest grassroots Arab-American organization in the U.S. It prides itself on being non-sectarian and non-partisan, welcoming people of all backgrounds, faiths & ethnicities as members. ADC is committed to empowering Arab-Americans; defending the civil rights of all those of Arab heritage in the U.S.; promoting a more balanced foreign policy in the Middle East; and supporting freedom & development in the Arab World.

The Massachusetts chapter of ADC, located at Community Church, encourages Arab-Americans proudly to embrace their identities and advocates for their civil rights in this state. It works toward these objectives through counseling and selective litigation; educating the general population on Arab culture & issues; and building the Arab-American community itself.



**September 30**

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BOSTON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

During last June's Annual Meeting it was decided to set aside this day for congregational affairs. The primary focus of this forum will be the future of Jason's service as Congregational Director for the Community Church. Please plan on coming at the same time as a regular Sunday and engage the conversation about the future of this congregation.

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