

The Stories on Stage

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Shafic M. Budron - As Palestinians, the Budron family was forced off their land, near the Sea of Galilee, in 1948. They were made refugees in Lebanon where they grew up in a refugee camp and experienced horrendous living conditions. As a precursor to the massacres of Sabra and Shatila, his Dad, sister and sister in law were assassinated while Shafic and his wife Amal, newly wed, were on their first vacation. Shafic, against the dire warnings from local and U.S. government officials, set out on a search and rescue mission to save the surviving members of his family. Against tremendous odds, Shafic traveled to war-torn places and brought all 17 of his scattered family members to the U.S. to live. Shafic's graduate education encompasses nuclear engineering and business administration, with special emphasis on global competitiveness and development. Shafic is a successful businessman and political activist at local, national, and international levels. Past president of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee— Chicago Chapter, he is actively involved in several community and civil rights organizations. When asked why he bears no hatred and bitterness for his Dad's assassination, Shafic says, "My Dad struggled for justice and peace, held on to his rights, and never let go of his dream of returning to his homeland. He was assassinated for refusing to give up his rights and let go of that dream. And, it is both my duty and privilege to honor his life and those like him by living out his legacy."

Featured Guests

Camelia Sadat— Daughter of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, was filled with rage when, as a college student in the U.S. she watched on television the assassination of her father, the one who had forged a peace with Israel a peace that won him the Nobel Peace Prize but also cost him his life. Her anger deepened when others in the Middle East, particularly its leaders, praised his assassins. She could have become a bitter woman, filled with hatred for all humanity. Instead, she turned the tragedy of her father's death into a lasting tribute to his work. As founder of the Sadat Peace Institute, Camelia Sadat has worked for peace. She believes the way to peace is for each of us to change from within.

General Uri Sagie— Some people in Israel consider General Sagie to be the "Barak Obama of Israel" as his prolific speaking ability combined with his pervasive and impeccable background experience (former head of the IDF intelligence unit, commanding officer of the field military corps and major general of the south military command and chairperson of 'Meacorot' management board which manages the most valuable resource in Israel/ Palestine...water) makes him a potential candidate for a future Prime Minister of Israel. He is an influential leader in Israel and is an "outside the box thinker" par excellence.

President Alexander White Plume and Bill Bielecki- This leader of the Sioux tribe of Chief Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse first met Bill Bielecki of Lakota Native American Outreach on the president's porch during last year's Jerusalem Project. Starting out as enemies they turned into friends. Bill Bielecki is now the Legal Consultant for Black Hills Sioux and Oglala Sioux Treaty Councils that represent the entire Sioux Nation. Recently, when the Fort Peck, MT. tribal government tried to get him disbarred from the Pine Ridge reservation for his efforts in pursuit of justice with other Sioux tribes, the entire Sioux nation rallied behind Bill. Jews, Muslims and Christians all agree that the prophet Isaiah was someone to be revered and one to whom one should be attentive to his prophetic exhortations. The words of the prophet Isaiah recorded in chapter 58 are being lived out between the Americans and Native Americans in a way that we hope will spread around the world.

Len Traubman- Len and his wife, Libby, founded the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue of San Mateo County over a decade ago. Through their website <http://traubman.igc.org/global.htm> you can glimpse a bird's eye view of a dialogue movement that is sweeping North America one friendship at a time. On Sunday night Len will guide all of us who are so moved to begin the Living Room Dialogues of Chicago, USA.

Global Reconciliation Conference Weekend 2007 Itinerary

April 26 Thursday

6pm-10pm GRCW Banquet at Gaslite Manor in Aurora

April 27 Friday

10am-2pm VIP Chicago Business Luncheon
(by invitation only)

3pm Emergent Youth Forum for Peace

5pm Shabbat - by invitation only

April 28 Saturday

5pm Arab hospitality - by invitation only

April 29 Sunday

9am-12pm Christian church hospitality event TBD

5pm Living Room Dialogue with Len Traubman at Shafic and Amal Budron's / All invited to consider monthly gathering to build bridges that can change the planet for good

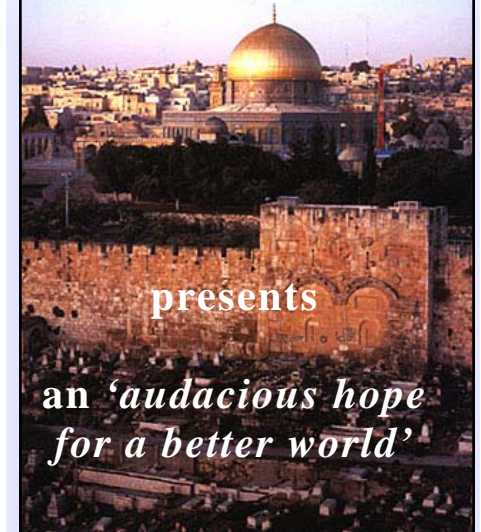
The Jerusalem Project's Global Reconciliation Conference Weekend's *mission* is to convene political, business and community leaders together in the context of friendship in order to create proactive, collaborative causes that can change the planet for Good.

We do this through the grid of a *value* system that believes that *'an enemy is someone whose story you have not yet really heard'*.

Our *strategy* is to encourage each other to build friendships in which we can tell our stories to each other, leading to a positive cycle of listening, understanding, empathizing, respecting, collaborating, then creating high impact enterprises that prove a commitment to the pursuit of a "mutual best interest" for all.

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The Jerusalem Project



The Global Reconciliation Conference Banquet 2007

Date: April 26, 2007

Time: 6pm—10pm

Location:

Gaslite Manor-
Courtyard West
Banquets
2485 Church Rd—Aurora, IL

**The Global Reconciliation Conference
Weekend Banquet 2007**

An audacious HOPE for a better World

The purpose of this event is to build bridges of HOPE among un-reconciled people all over planet earth. As a result of this pursuit, we have initiated the **Jerusalem Project** -a three week student leadership development experience scheduled July 24 – August 13

- It takes place in 3 venues in the United States; a world class camp, a Native American reservation and a great city in the U.S.
- Student leaders of all stripes are invited to participate with local student leaders from the host city.
- Although we set Jerusalem as ground zero and we do emphasize the inclusion of student leaders of Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Native American background we welcome student leaders from all over the world.
- Student leaders are grouped into balanced teams of 12 and cohort groups of 50 with the prorated costs being \$3,000 per kid. All are asked to involve their circle of family and friends to sponsor them. As we raise more funds, we hope to spend year round effort cutting costs down through donations and discounts from suppliers so that we can bring more kids over for this transformational leadership experience called The Jerusalem Project

Underwriting from local business people and table hosts has made it possible that every dollar you have invested in this banquet or money you may donate as a result of this experience will go to fund a world student leader who will join us for

The Jerusalem Project 2007.

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**Global Reconciliation Conference
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Prelude

Master of Ceremonies- Dr. Shafic M. Budron

Invocation - Imam TBD

Dinner – provided by John Bozonelos and the Greeks who founded democracy

Table Talk

The West Bank Story – Ari Sandel’s short film won an Oscar this year

Interview – John Henderson with Len Traubman, founder of Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue

Camelia Sadat

President Alexander White Plume- an Interview

Stories from the Jerusalem Project

General Uri Sagie

Founder’s challenge – John Henderson

Benediction – Rabbi TBD



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