The Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution & The Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University Present:

# THE RODEF PURSUING PEACE IN JUDAISM SHALOM

"Be of the students of Aaron: Love peace, pursue peace, love people and bring them closer to Torah" - Hillel

## Toronto

Local co-sponsor: Hillel of Greater Toronto

This course seeks to transform participants into being students of Aaron: loving peace, loving people and pursuing peace between individuals, families, communities and nations.

We will attempt to do this through the study of Jewish texts, conflict resolution theories, group discussions, guest speakers and field trips. The city course consists of six classes from **December 2011 to May 2012 with a course fee of \$25** 

#### Faculty: Aaron Katchen

Rabbi Aaron Katchen studied at York University with a double degree in International Relations and Canadian Constitution Studies. Aaron is an alumni of the Pardes Kollel/Advanced Learning Seminar and received rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Daniel Landes. He has worked at Brown University Hillel, Winnipeg Hillel, was the rabbi at Oxford University and is currently serving as the Senior Jewish Educator for Hillel of Greater Toronto. Besides a passion for Jewish education, Aaron loves spending as much time outdoors and with his family, as he can.

#### Faculty: Samahra Zatzman

Samahra Zatzman graduated from Canada's York University with an Honours BA in Theatre as well as a Bachelor of Education. She is an alumnus of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies' Rodef Shalom/Peace and Conflict Track, and is currently studying to be a certified mediator in Toronto. She works as a Resource Teacher at a Hebrew Day School. Samahra is interested in using the arts, education, conflict resolution and Judaism to teach people of all ages and to help bridge communities. She can't wait to be involved in organizing and teaching this sixpart Toronto based Rodef Shalom City course and looks forward to conversations, provocations and reflections with diverse participants.

### **Dates\Locations\Times**

Class 1: Thursday Dec 8, The Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life, University of Toronto 36 Harbor Street, 7 - 9:30pm

Class 2: Thursday Jan 19 Wolfond Centre, 7 - 9:30pm

Class 3: Thursday Feb 16 Wolfond Centre, 7 - 9:30pm

Class 4: Thursday March 15 Wolfond Centre, 7 - 9:30pm

Class 5: Thursday May 3 Wolfond Centre, 7 - 9:30pm

Class 6: Thursday May 24 Wolfond Centre, 7 - 9:30pm

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