

News from the Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council

By Joanne Dicker, President

The month of February brings an assortment of new and continuing programs sponsored by the Council, its members or its partners:

1. **Knock your Socks off!** The Council is collecting **NEW** children's, women's and men's socks for PADS. Look for a collection box at your place of worship during the months of February, March or April. Please help your less fortunate neighbors during these cold months and provide desperately needed socks. See attached flier.
2. **Stand with Survivors: Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**
Makom Solel Lakeside 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park
Sponsored by Moms Demand Action and promoted by Congregation Beth Judea's social action committee, listen to speaker, Brenda Moss, whose son was killed due to gun violence. See attached flier.
3. **Hate Groups and Healing: Sunday, February 9, 2020 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
Kingswood Methodist Church 401 W. Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove
Sponsored by Simon Wiesenthal Center, Kingswood Methodist Church and Congregation Beth Am, listen to the story of T.M. Garret's transformation from a Neo-Nazi and Klan member to Peace activist. (A non-perishable food item for the food pantry would be greatly appreciated.) See attached flier.
4. **Children of Abraham Peace Coalition Peace Camp: February 16th and 17th 3:00-6 p.m.** The peace camp is a two afternoon camp for 6th through 8th graders of Jewish, Christian or Muslim traditions. The purpose is to learn and develop skills to combat prejudice and bullying. The students will visit a church, synagogue and mosque and learn about different rituals and teachings. See attached flier for more information.

Future programming includes:

1. **"Stamp out Hunger": May 9, 2020:** Postal workers pick up donated non-perishable food from our post boxes which is distributed by the NWSIFC to our food pantries.
2. **"i-walk against hunger": June 28, 2020:** Our annual fundraiser to fight hunger in the suburbs and raise funds for the increased use of our food pantries in the summer due to the end of the school year and its free lunch program.
3. **Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration: November 22, 2020:** Our family oriented celebration including community harmony with prayers, music and hospitality.

For more information on any of our programs, please contact us by e-mail or telephone:

nwsinterfaith@gmail.com, 224-699-0386 or visit our website at:

<http://www.northwestsuburbaninterfaith.org>

Donations may be made directly to: Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council

PO Box 5301

Buffalo Grove, IL 60089



It's Our Fourth Annual “Knock Your Socks Off” Sock Drive!

The Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council is collecting new men's, women's and children's socks for distribution to our homeless neighbors in the Northwest Suburbs.

Please help us fill the box!

Collection will take place in February, March and April. (Check your congregation)

Thank you for your generosity!

SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER,
BETH AM SYNAGOGUE &
KINGSWOOD CHURCH

TM GARRET FROM NEO-NAZI TO PEACE ACTIVIST

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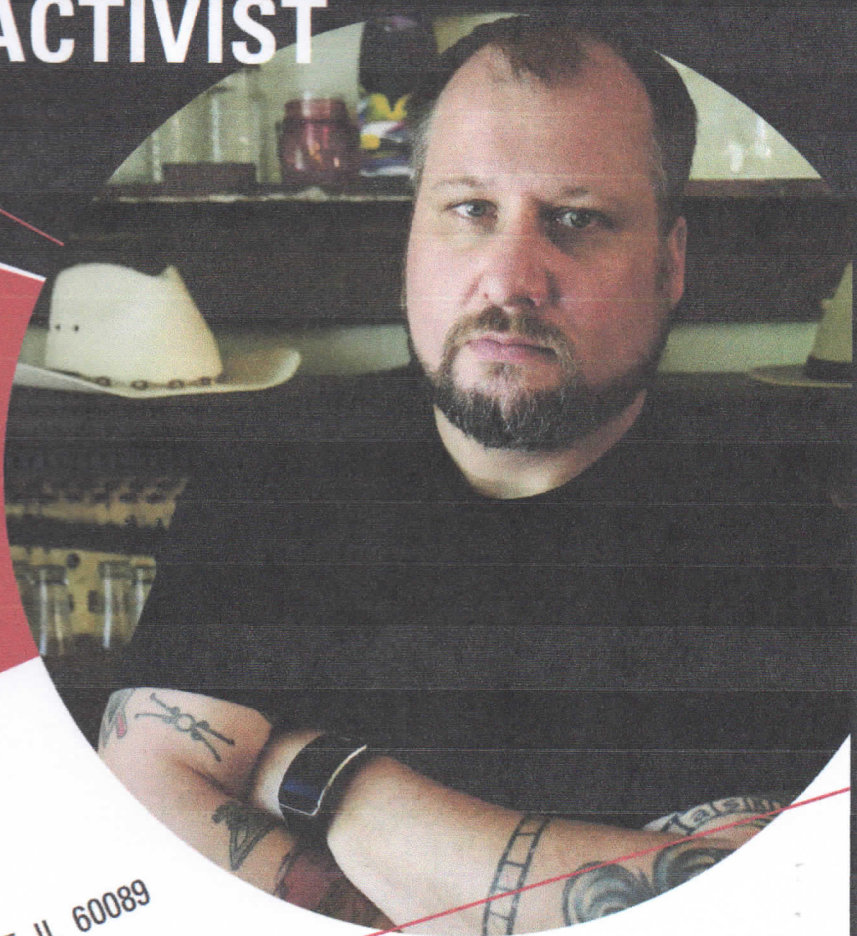
GERMAN-AMERICAN FORMER NEO-NAZI

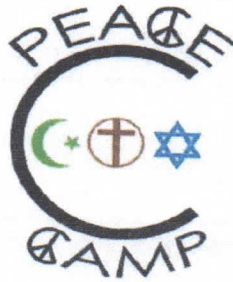
THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF A
FORMER WHITE SUPREMACIST
TURNED HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
2:00pm

KINGSWOOD CHURCH
401 WEST DUNDEE ROAD

BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089





Children of Abraham Coalition

Feb. 17-18, 2019, \$30 (Covers t-shirt, food & bus transport)

Peace Camp is a two-day camp for **6th through 8th grade** Jewish, Muslim and Christian young people during which participants build friendships with each other while they learn about the richness of each other's religious traditions and develop skills for standing against faith-based prejudice and bullying. The camp includes visits to a local church, synagogue and mosque, where religious leaders will give tours of their sacred spaces and teens will lead activities that explain their rituals and teachings.

Apply today. Spots are limited. The camp will be balanced by religious tradition and age group. Participants will be notified by email if they have been accepted or put on a waiting list.

The Children of Abraham Coalition (COAC) is a 501c3 non-profit interfaith organization formed in 2010 whose mission is to educate others about the Abrahamic traditions, to be ambassadors for interfaith dialogue, and to continue to learn about and build relations between Muslims, Christians and Jews while working for peace.

Camp Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 17

Noon - Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters, Northbrook, get to know each other and learn about Judaism. (Parents can drop off kids or stay for adult interfaith discussions)

3 p.m. - Transport by bus to the Turkish American Society of Chicago, 501 Midway Drive, Mount Prospect, to learn about Islam.

5:30 p.m. - End at the Turkish American Society of Chicago. Campers go home.

Monday, Feb. 18

11 a.m. - Campers regather at St. Simon's Episcopal Church, 717 Kirchoff Road, Arlington Heights, to learn about Christianity and how to stand up against hate as young leaders. (Parents are welcome to stay)

2:30 p.m. - End at St. Simon's with new friends, new knowledge and a new mission

Registration Information

size _____ Long sleeve t-shirt

Participant Name & Grade _____

Many children are from interfaith families. How does your child identify religiously? _____

Why does your son or daughter want to attend the camp? _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Email and Phone _____

Special Health Issues or Allergies (Please use the back if necessary) _____

Medical Insurance Carrier/Number _____

Parent Commitment

The Peace Camp is one way the Children of Abraham Coalition works for a more peaceful world where religious diversity is cherished. The Coalition believes that we build peace between faith traditions by building relationships where people of faith teach each other about the richness they find in their traditions, answer questions about their traditions and work for justice together. We build peace between people of different traditions when we share our beliefs without debating or attempting to convert each other. Such relationships are even more important in a world where faith-based stereotypes and tension are on the rise.

As a parent / guardian, I commit to supporting the stated goals of the peace camp by speaking positively with my children about other faith traditions and promoting positive interfaith relationships. I understand that the Peace Camp does not promote evangelism or conversion efforts.

Signed _____ Do you want to participate as a parent? Y N

Please complete scan and email the form below to coacpeace@gmail.com

You will receive a link by email to pay the camp fee. Or bring your \$30 fee to Peace Camp.

Address checks to the Children of Abraham Coalition

Peace Camp Waiver of Liability

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____
Address: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____
E-Mail: _____ Child's Gender: _____
Phone: _____

Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

Waiver: In consideration of _____ (the "Minor") being permitted to participate in any way in Peace Camp sponsored by the Children of Abraham Coalition, Feb. 17-18, 2019 (hereinafter "The Activity"), I, in my capacity as the Minor's parent or legal guardian, on behalf of the Minor, myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, **do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue The Children of Abraham Coalition**, its officers, employees, and agents from liability from any and all claims resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in The Activity. *I also give permission for my child's image to be used in print and on social media as part COAC publicity. Finally, I also give permission for my child to be transported by bus for camp activities when necessary.*

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Assumption of Risks: Participation in The Activity carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but the risks range from 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains to 2) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions to 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death.

I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in The Activity. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD *The Children of Abraham Coalition* HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement in The Activity and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Illinois and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: I hereby certify that the Minor is covered by his or her parent's or legal guardian's own Medical Insurance. I further certify that I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.** I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily with the necessary legal authority to do so, and **intend, by my signature, that this document be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.**

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date