

Montreal Dialogue Group

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Yes! I wish to become a member. Annual fees due in August.

Please find enclosed my annual membership fee of \$25 plus a donation of \$_____

Name: _____

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Please make cheques payable to the Montreal Dialogue Group. Language of correspondence: English / French

How did you hear about the MDG?

Please indicate if you would like to participate in any of the following:

Fundraising Translation Membership Volunteering at the meetings Other

I wish to be informed of MDG meetings and events. Please put me on your electronic list.

Email: _____

The MDG follows guidelines that encourage mutual respect. We ask that you abide by the goals of the organization.

Signature _____

Signature of MDG Representative _____

Date _____



Brochure of Events

2008-2009

MONTREAL DIALOGUE GROUP

WE ARE THE MONTREAL DIALOGUE GROUP, BRINGING CANADIANS OF PALESTINIAN, ISRAELI, ARAB, MUSLIM, CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH IDENTITIES TOGETHER IN DIALOGUE. WE ORGANIZE TRANSFORMATIVE EVENTS THAT FOSTER OPEN AND HONEST COMMUNICATION. BY FOCUSING ON ACTIVE LISTENING, WE STRIVE FOR UNDERSTANDING AND EMPATHY WITHIN AND BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.DIALOGUEGROUP.ORG



- *Dialogue is collaborative: two or more sides work together toward common understanding.*
- *In dialogue, finding common ground is the goal.*
- *Dialogue creates an open-minded attitude: an openness to being wrong and an openness to change.*
- *In dialogue, one searches for strengths in the other positions.*
- *Dialogue involves a real concern for the other person and seeks to not alienate or offend.*

Our public dialogue programmes will resume on Monday, November 10 at the Westmount Y. Rabbi Michael Cohen will present a programme about the Arava Institute. The Arava Institute prepares future Arab and Israeli leaders to solve the region's environmental challenges cooperatively.

A **family art activity** will take place in November where we will learn to write the word for peace in each other's languages and create greeting cards that express our commitment to dialogue. At the Unitarian Church near the Vendome Metro Station. More information will be made available closer to the date.

In 2009 we are planning a **special programme honouring the history of the Lebanese-Syrian community in Montreal**. Details TBA.

And finally, next spring, the **McGill Middle East Programme** will bring us up-to-date on the fieldwork of its fellows in Jordan, Palestine and Israel, including the work of the four fellows who spoke to us last April. Details TBA.

Apart from our public offerings, there are a **series of activities**, both continuing and new, that are open to all interested MDG members.

The **MDG Book Club** has taken root and is thriving. For information about the book club check www.dialoguegroup.org, click on "get involved" or contact levy_lesley@hotmail.com.

The **Film Club** was also a great success last year but is now looking for a new coordinator! If you would like to take the lead on this in the coming year, and organize three-four film showings between now and next summer, please contact us. We'll be delighted to help you get started.

The next meeting of the **Issues Group** will be coming up. For more information please contact Boris Chasin at issues@dialoguegroup.org

A new MDG initiative is also being launched: small group **dialogue facilitator training sessions**. The objective is to raise our own awareness and better equip our personal toolkits for negotiating the stormy seas of dialogue. This training will allow us to better participate in our own dialogues and to facilitate outreach activities. We hope to offer this training on an ongoing basis.

Please get in touch with either of us if you have comments, suggestions or questions,

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