



MPAC-WNY PROUDLY ANNOUNCES

**NINTH ANNUAL
“THE TENT OF ABRAHAM”**

Thursday, July 17 2014 at 7:30 PM

Muslim Community Center (Islamic Center) 745 Heim Road, Amherst

An evening of friendship and conversation of our shared values as we “break the fast” together. Enjoy an ethnic dinner with your friends and neighbors. In keeping with MPAC tradition, non-perishable food items and cash donations (matched by MPAC) will be collected for distribution to the needy in our community

You can make your tax deductible contributions to MPAC Foundation and indicate for “Tent of Abraham”

*And the Sixth Annual
“The Walk of Abraham”*

*As an extension of
“The Tent of Abraham”
(Details on next page)*

*Co-Sponsored with: Congregation Havurah, The Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier; Network of Religious Communities, North Presbyterian Church
And Westminster Presbyterian Church*

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“The Tent of Abraham”

MPAC-WNY initiated the “The Tent of Abraham” in 2006 to share the spirit of the Holy Month of Ramadan (Month of Fasting) with our WNY community. We **“break the fast” with friends and neighbors with traditional dinner**, provided by MPAC-WNY, as a token of our appreciation and friendship to the WNY religious and faith communities. A timed slide show depicting the Ramadan around the World is a part of the evening festivities. We share the spirit and the objectives of the event by collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations (with matching funds) for distribution to the needy in our community through the Food Pantry of Western New York and the Viva LaCasa. **Tax deductible donations may be made to MPAC Foundation and indicated for “Tent of Abraham”.**

MPAC-WNY is also pleased to announce the sixth annual “Walk of Abraham” (started in 2009) as a part of “The Tent of Abraham” event in partnership with our Christian, Jewish and friends of all faiths. We hope to re-imagine a pilgrimage that can inspire us to experience the spirit and the traditions of Abraham, such as the values of faith, hospitality and mutual respect. And a reminder to us all that what unites us is far greater than that divides us.

The “Tent and Walk of Abraham”

MPAC-WNY in partnership with the Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier, Network of Religious Communities, North Presbyterian Church, Congregation Havurah and Westminster Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a 4.5 and 1 mile solidarity walk that will take place in conjunction with its Ninth Annual Tent of Abraham event. The Walk of Abraham was stimulated by the Abraham Path Initiative developed by the Global Negotiation Initiative at Harvard University. “The Walk of Abraham” takes place in various U.S. and European cities including right here in Western New York. **The 4.5 mile walk** will start at North Presbyterian Church located at 300 N. Forest Rd. in Williamsville and include a stop at Heim Middle School where a shorter **1 mile walk** will begin. The walk will finish at the Muslim Community Center (Islamic Center), 745 Heim Road, Amherst where walkers will join all the other “The Tent of Abraham” event participants for dinner. The Amherst Police will escort and assist the walkers throughout their walk especially at traffic intersections and where sidewalks do not exist. **(Please note ample water will be available during the walk)**

Transportation will be available, free of charge, after the Tent of Abraham dinner for participants to pick up their cars from Heim Middle School and North Presbyterian Church. **Transportation will also be available at the beginning of the Walk at the Church and Heim Middle School for pick-up of non-perishable food items for distribution to the needy.** Please do not forget to bring some for distribution to the needy in our community.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30-5:45 PM **Forming for 4.5 mile walk at North Presbyterian Church;**
5:45 PM **The walk begins**
7:00-7:15 PM **Forming for 1 mile walk from the Heim Middle School;**
7:15PM **The walk begins**
7:30 PM **Tent of Abraham activities begin at the Islamic Center;**
8:52 PM **Iftar (breaking the fast) and dinner**

For reservations and for any question, please contact any one of the following:

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