



**MPAC-WNY PROUDLY ANNOUNCES
FIFTH ANNUAL
“TENT OF ABRAHAM” EVENT**

*Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 6:30pm
Islamic Center, 745 Heim Road, Amherst, New York*

In keeping with the MPAC-WNY tradition, non-perishable food items and cash donations will be collected for the needy in our community, in addition to, interfaith dialogue and dinner.

MPAC-WNY, in partnership, with The Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier, North Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth Am, Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Network of Religious Communities, is also proud to sponsor

**“Second Annual Abraham’s Walk”
As an extension of
“The Tent of Abraham”**

As initiated last year, the “Abraham’s Walk” is an extension of “The Tent of Abraham” in partnership with our Christian and Jewish friends as another step in our journey of faith together. We appreciate everyone’s participation and cooperation in making this event a great success. A more detailed description for the evening is enclosed for your information.

***Make tax deductible donations to MPAC Foundation
And memo for “Tent of Abraham”***

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“The Tent of Abraham”

*MPAC-WNY established the “Tent of Abraham” in 2006 to share the spirit of the Holy Month of Ramadan (Month of Fasting) with our WNY community. We share the spirit and the aims of the event by collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations 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 memo for “Tent of Abraham”.** We also “break the fast” with the community with traditional dinner, offered by MPAC-WN, as a token of our appreciation and friendship to the WNY religious and faith communities. A slide show depicting the Ramadan around the World is a part of the evening festivities.*

MPAC-WNY is also pleased to announce the second annual “Abraham’s Walk” as a part of “The Tent of Abraham” event in partnership with our Christian and Jewish friends. We hope to re-imagine a pilgrimage that can inspire us to experience the spirit of Abraham, such as values of faith, hospitality and mutual respect. And a reminder that no matter what divides us, that which unites us is far greater.

“Tent of Abraham” Adds “Abraham’s Walk”

MPAC-WNY in partnership with the Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier, North Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth Am and Westminster Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one mile, four mile and a five mile solidarity walk which will occur in conjunction with its Fifth Annual Tent of Abraham event. The Abraham’s Walk program was stimulated by the Abraham Path Initiative developed by the Global Negotiation Initiative at Harvard University. “Abraham Walks” are taking place in various U.S. and European cities. The Western New York Walk will start at North Presbyterian Church located at 300 N. Forest Rd. in Williamsville, include a stop at Temple Beth Am and Heim School (where a shorter 1 mile walk will begin) and finish at the Islamic Center(745 Heim Road, Amherst) where walkers will join the “Tent of Abraham” event with dinner.

(The walking route will go north on North Forest to Sheridan, east on Sheridan to Temple Beth Am, north on Indian Trail, north on North Forest to Heim Road and Heim School, then east on Heim Road to the Islamic Center and the Mosque located at 745 Heim Road. The Amherst Police will assist the walkers and the walking route at major intersections and where sidewalks do not exist).

Transportation will available, free of charge, after the Tent of Abraham dinner for participants to pick up their cars from Heim School, Temple Beth Am, and North Presbyterian Church. Transportation will also be available at the beginning of the Walk at the Church and the Temple for pick up of non-perishable food items for distribution to the needy. The schedule is as follows:

4:30 pm-5:00 pm forming up at North Presbyterian Church.

*5:00 pm – **Five mile walk begins.***

5:00 pm-5:30 pm forming up at Temple Beth Am

*5:30 pm – stop at Temple Beth Am to pick up walkers. **Four mile walk begins.***

6:00 pm-6:30 pm forming up at Heim School (Heim Rd. entrance)

*6:30 pm – **One mile walk begins.***

*6:45 pm – **Tent of Abraham activities begin at the Islamic Center.***

For reservations and questions, please call one of the following:

Muslim Public Affairs Council-WNY: (716) 683-1840;

North Presbyterian Church: (716) 632-1330

Temple Beth Am: (716) 633-8877;

Westminster Presbyterian Church (Jerry Kelly): (716) 633-9533