



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

*Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM  
Muslim Community Center (Islamic Center) 745 Heim Road, Amherst*

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

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*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 the Third Annual:*

**“Walk of Abraham”**

*As an extension of  
“The Tent of Abraham”*

*The “Walk of Abraham” is an extension of “The Tent of Abraham” in partnership with our friends and neighbors as another step in our journey of faith as one community. We appreciate everyone’s participation and cooperation in making this event a great success. A more detailed description for the evening appears on the back of this page.*

*Make your tax deductible contributions to MPAC Foundation  
And memo for “Tent of Abraham” for donation to the needy in our  
community thru the Food Pantry and Vive LaCasa*

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## “The Tent of Abraham”

MPAC-WNY initiated 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 objectives 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, provided by MPAC-WNY, 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 third annual “Walk of Abraham” 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.

## “Tent of Abraham” Adds “Walk of Abraham”

MPAC-WNY in partnership with the Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier, Network of Religious Communities, North Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth Am and Westminster Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one mile, four mile and a five mile solidarity walk that will take place in conjunction with its Sixth 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” is taking place in various U.S. and European cities including right here in Western New York. **The 5 mile walk** will start at North Presbyterian Church located at 300 N. Forest Rd. in Williamsville, include a stop at Temple Beth Am (where the **4 mile walk** will begin) and Heim 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 the “Tent of Abraham” event with dinner.

The Amherst Police will escort and assist the walkers throughout their walk especially at traffic intersections and where sidewalks do not exist.

**Transportation will be 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, at the Temple and Heim School for pick up of non-perishable food items for distribution to the needy.** Please come for distribution to the needy in our community.

**The schedule for the evening is as follows:**

4:15 -4: 45 PM:	Forming up at North Presbyterian Church.
<b>4: 45 PM</b>	<b>Five mile walk begins from the North Presbyterian Church;</b>
5:00-5:30 PM:	Forming up at Temple Beth Am. Walkers stop at Temple Beth Am to pick up walkers.
<b>5:30 PM:</b>	<b>Four mile walk begins from the Temple Beth Am;</b>
6:15 -6: 45 PM	Forming up at Heim School (Heim Rd. entrance)
<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>One mile walk begins from the Heim Middle School;</b>
<b>7: 00 PM</b>	<b>Tent of Abraham activities begin at the Islamic Center;</b>

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

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