

**Session 4: Building Bridges – Repairing the World**  
**3/25/09**

**Session 3 research:**

**Network of Religious Communities** <http://www.religiousnet.org/> - 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209-2496 - Phone: (716) 882-4793 e-Mail: [nrc@religiousnet.org](mailto:nrc@religiousnet.org) - The Network of Religious Communities (NRC) is an interreligious/ecumenical organization of denominations, congregations, and religious organizations located in Western New York State, U.S.A. and the Niagara Peninsula of Southern Ontario, Canada. Co-Presidents (2008): Ms Marlene Glickman & Rev Dr Kenneth Neal. Our purpose is to: foster interreligious, ecumenical, and interracial understanding, dialogue, and cooperation; facilitate collaboration in areas of common concern and in response to the needs of the residents of our region; and promote justice, peace, and the common good — as expressed in the faith traditions of our members.

**Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) Office of Interfaith and Community Alliances** - <http://www.isna.net/interfaith/> - Through community outreach and interfaith programs, the ISNA Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances (IOICA) strengthens ties between ISNA and local grassroots organizations. The office also functions as an outreach resource for those engaged in politics and government. Such contacts allow ISNA to promote a positive image of Islam and Muslims to the nation's political leaders.

**Tikkun** - <http://www.tikkun.org/> - We seek to create that alternative. We are a community of people from many faiths and traditions, called together by TIKKUN magazine and its vision of healing and transforming our world. We include in this call both the outer transformation needed to achieve social justice, ecological sanity, and world peace, and the inner healing needed to foster loving relationships, a generous attitude toward the world and toward others unimpeded by the distortions of our egos. Our movement will encourage a habit of generosity and trust, and the ability to respond to the grandeur of creation with awe, wonder and radical amazement.

**Bridges TV** – <http://www.bridgestv.com/> - [info@bridgestv.com](mailto:info@bridgestv.com) - (716) 961-3140 – Time Warner Cable Ch. 270 - <http://www.youtube.com/user/BridgesTVdotcom>

**Points to Ponder/Group Discussion**

**What if someone said to you: “You’re Jewish? Really? No, you can’t be Jewish” or “You’re Muslim? Really? No, you can’t be Muslim”?**

**“What do human beings contribute to the world? How does Judaism and Islam regard “repairing the world”?**

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**Participant:** The struggle for freedom, for the elusive rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of justice, is a constant one. In every age, some new freedom is won and established, but there are still some enslavements requiring liberation. The victory over the first Pharaoh foreshadows of all the emancipations that were to follow, and which will yet follow in the days to come. *Mitzrayim* means the narrow place – the place that squeezes the life out of a human soul and body. We are all still enslaved in *Mitzrayim*, because we are still struggling to be free. We are duty bound to retell and expand upon the story of our Exodus from *Mitzrayim* to remind us to work for the time when all the Pharaohs of the world will be vanquished, when right will conquer might, when God alone will rule, and all people will enjoy peace and freedom.

**Homework:** Let me know if you can go to the Interfaith Seder by **TOMORROW** (email me at [drstall@stallgeriatrics.com](mailto:drstall@stallgeriatrics.com)). Continue building your “bridge”.