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Message from the Board

You're Invited: Leadership Breakfast — “For the Sake of the City”

Be part of an inspiring morning that brings together leaders, neighbors, and people of faith from across our community for a shared purpose: strengthening the city we all call home. Join us in person for the Manitoba Multifaith Council’s annual Leadership Breakfast, themed “For the Sake of the City.” This energizing event is more than a breakfast — it is a chance to connect with passionate community builders, exchange ideas, and renew our collective commitment to compassion, service, and hope.

This year, we are privileged to welcome renowned broadcaster and community advocate **Scott Oake**, who will share the powerful story behind the Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation and its life-changing work supporting those affected by addiction. Scott’s message is deeply personal, profoundly moving, and ultimately uplifting — a reminder of what is possible when a community comes together.

Come meet Scott and his team, connect with fellow leaders, and be inspired to make a difference. Your presence matters. Your voice matters. Together, we can help shape a stronger, more caring city. Register on Eventbrite.

See poster in "Upcoming Events" section

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MMC Executive meets with Mayor Scott Gillingham

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Want to get involved?

We are currently looking for individuals to fill open positions on the council:

- Fundraiser
- Social Media Specialist

If you would like more information regarding these opportunities, please contact us at:

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We are also looking for individuals who are interested in interfaith work and would like to serve on one of our four working committees:

Corrections Committee: To execute the purposes of the Council relative to the corrections system in Manitoba.

Spiritual Health Committee: To work with health organizations to improve the wellness of Manitobans and bring faith groups and practitioners together to serve the community.

Education and Interfaith Network Committee: To generate multi-faith education programs in Manitoba communities and to foster networking among the various interfaith organizations.

Community Relations Committee: To strengthen relationships between the Manitoba Multifaith Council and Faith communities, Community organizations, and Government and civic leaders

For more information contact us at:

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IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL

April 1-9

Pesach (Judaism)

Passover, or Pesach, commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, celebrating freedom and resilience.

April 1

Rava Navami (Hindu)

Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Rama, a revered deity in Hinduism, also known as the seventh avatar of Vishnu.

April 2

Theravada New Year (Buddhist)

Three-day festival celebrated from the first full moon in April, marking Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and death,

April 3

Good Friday (Christianity)

Commemorates the Passion of Christ and his submission to death by crucifixion.

April 4-5

General Conference (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

Two-day conference broadcast of leadership talks about Jesus Christ

April 5

Easter (Christianity)

Celebrates the resurrection of Christ.

April 10



A Look Back: Event Highlights in February and March

Beyond the Physical seminar and workshop



Spiritual care plays a vital role in addressing complex social challenges such as homelessness and mental health in Winnipeg. This was the central message shared during a panel discussion held Wednesday, February 26th at the Salvation Army's Centre of Hope on Main Street.

The discussion formed part of a half-day event titled Beyond the Physical: Spiritual Care in Community Care and Support, organized by the Interfaith Health Care Association of Manitoba in partnership with the Manitoba Multifaith Council. The event brought together professionals from across community health and social service sectors to explore how spiritual care can support individuals experiencing homelessness, trauma, poverty, and addiction.





Moderator Nick Chubenko, a retired geriatric clinician and social worker, invited panelists to reflect on how spiritual care is expressed in their daily work. “It’s how we make the Centre of Hope a more welcoming place,” said Corinne Peterkin, who coordinates Indigenous relations at the Centre of Hope.



Break the Fast



The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at Winnipeg hosted this event at the Manitoba Legislative Building at 6.15 P.M. on 15 March 2026.

Attendees joined the Muslim community by breaking the fast during Ramadan. Speakers talked about the Ahmadiyya Muslim community and their contributions to community service

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Labeed Ahmed, Murabbi of the AMJC chapter Winnipeg.

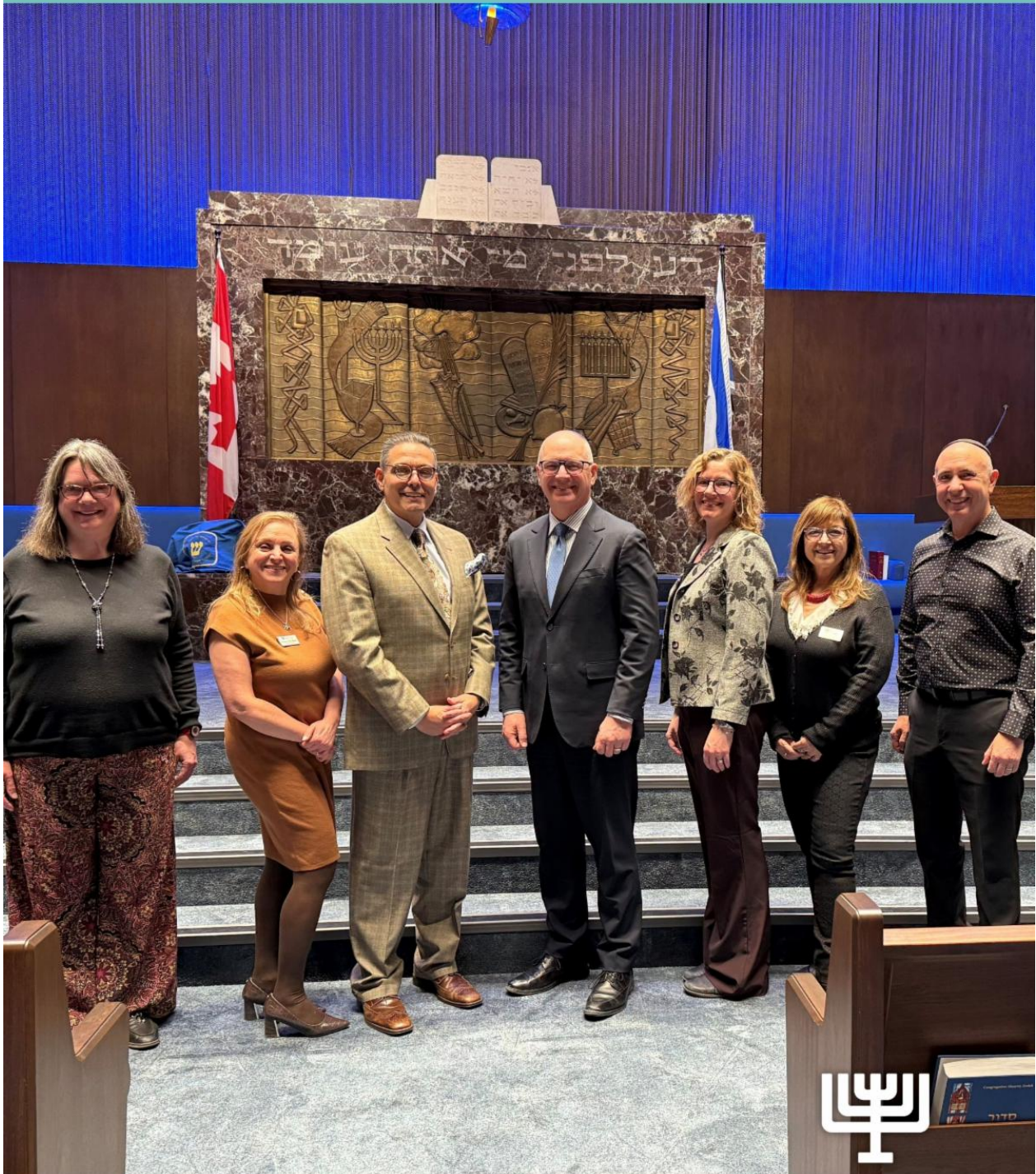
AMJC Winnipeg President, Khawar Latif and his wife Atiya Khawar, serving as President of the womens auxiliary of AMJC Winnipeg.

Mahmood Nasir, our previous President, and currently serving as Secretary Moral development of our comminity.

Minister Renee Cable
Federal MP Terry Duguid
City Councillor Brian Mayes



Interfaith Sedar Passover



On March 18, around 180 people came together to celebrate an interfaith Passover seder. The evening started with a tour through synagogue Shaarey Zedek. For many, it was their first time to see a Torah scroll and look at the Hebrew writing inside and to hear the special chanting when the Torah is being read. This was followed by the Seder. "Seder" means "order." In fifteen steps, participants read text, sang songs, and ate symbolic foods to retell the story of the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. They tasted the matzes, or unleavened bread, dipped vegetables in salt water, symbolizing the tears of the Hebrew slaves, and ate bitter herbs to taste the bitterness of slavery. A three-course dinner completed the seder.





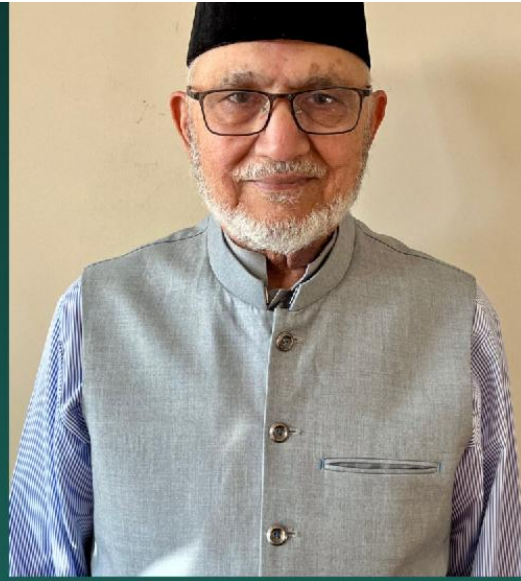
Lieutenant Governor Award for the Advancement of Interfaith Understanding



*14th Annual
Lieutenant Governor's Award*

**For the Advancement of
Interreligious Understanding**





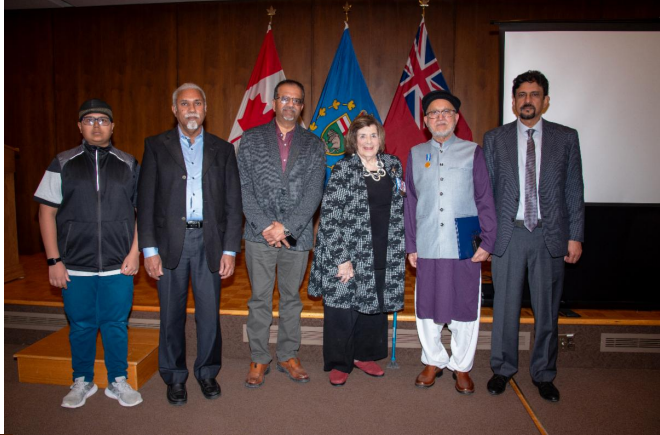
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THE 2025 RECIPIENT

KHALID MAHMOOD

On March 26, faith leaders, community members, and government leaders joined Her Honour Anita Neville to present this award to Khalid Mahmood, of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. He introduced by the person who nominated for the award, former award recipient, Sandy Hyman.

Khalid is past President and Founding Member, Pakistan-Canada Cultural Equation. He Led this non-profit organization with the aim of building relationships with other ethno-cultural groups, support the heritage culture and language of Pakistani Canadians and advocate on matters of diversity, equity, race relations, multi-culturalism and immigration. This includes hosting hundreds of activities and events, this included a large education public conference on “The changing roles of Pakistani Women in Canadian Society” (1990), providing written and inperson testimonies and recommendations for the Federal Spicer Commission (1991) (formally known as the Citizens’ Forum on Canada’s Future) on multi-culturalism and bilingualism in Canada, and for the Winnipeg School Division 1 Task Force on Race Relations (1989) on providing inclusive and equitable educational practices. It also includes hosting a public lecture series (2015-2017) to promote Canadian history, identities and value among newcomers and refugees to Manitoba held at Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (Welcome Place).





Dignitaries present included Ministers Renee Cable and Matt Wiebe, and MLA Jennifer Chen representing the provincial government, Brian Mayes of the Winnipeg City Council, and numerous past recipients of the award. Refreshments were served after the ceremony.

Monthly Interfaith Leaders Meeting



The Education Committee of the Manitoba Multifaith Council holds monthly meeting where leaders and members from various faith traditions are invited to discuss topics of interest and relevance. The March monthly **Interfaith Leaders Meeting** which was graciously hosted by our friend Pastor Robin Shaukat. The event was held on Tuesday March 24th, at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Winnipeg Chinese Alliance Church

Topic: What are some of the harmful narratives and common misconceptions that affect our faith communities?



ICCHA Cultural Celebration



The India Canada Cultural and Heritage Association (ICCHA) Inc. celebrated the *Cultural Mosaic of India* on March 28, 2026. The dinner event featured a vibrant lineup of performances, including classical, Bollywood, and folk dances, as well as a soulful rendition of Indian songs on the Saxophone by an Indian musician. Jesse Pannu, President Of ICCHA also serves on the executive of the Manitoba Multifaith Council



In attendance was MP Terry Duigud, Provincial Minister Renee Cable, Willard Reeves

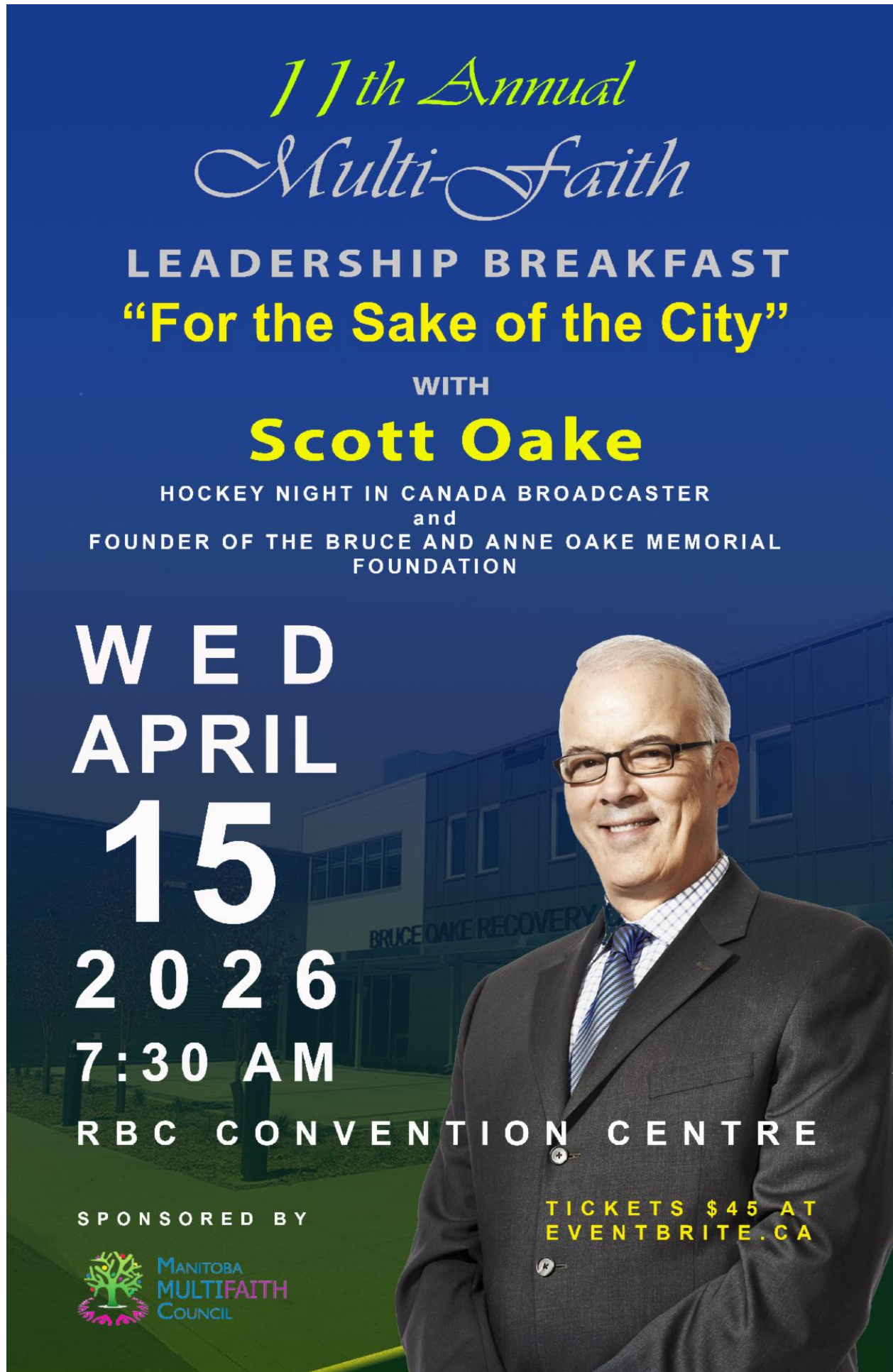


UPCOMING EVENTS

As part of our commitment to keeping the community informed and encouraging dialogue, we occasionally share information about local events. Please note that some of these events may not be organized, sponsored, or endorsed by our organization. We encourage you to explore and engage at your own discretion.

Those wishing to have events posted on MMC Connects must submit the request by the 15th of the month to be properly reviewed and considered for the next month's issue.

Submit to info.manitobamultifaith@gmail.com



11th Annual
Multi-Faith
LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST
“For the Sake of the City”


WITH
Scott Oake

HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA BROADCASTER
and
FOUNDER OF THE BRUCE AND ANNE OAKE MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION

W E D
APRIL
15
2026
7:30 AM

RBC CONVENTION CENTRE

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The poster features a photograph of Scott Oake, a man with glasses and a suit, standing in front of a building with a sign that reads "BRUCE OAKE RECOVERY". The background is a dark blue gradient.

13th Interfaith Leaders Meeting

The Education Committee of the Manitoba Multifaith Council graciously invites you to join our **13th Interfaith Leaders Meeting**.

Attendees will discuss a relevant topic, get to know members of other faith traditions, and continue to encourage dialogue.

Feel free to extend this invite to other local faith and community leaders you feel could benefit.

Date/Time: Monday April 27th, at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Venue: Ahmadiyya Mosque, 525 Kylemore Ave

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/S73RC5tKqywp2aWh9>

*** Coffee/tea and food will be served

Topics of this month: The role of our Faith traditions in contributing to Women's Rights (In light of several past meetings, this is a topic identified to hold significant interest by attendees).

To help the organizers, **RSVP with me at the phone #, 416 832 8307, or at this email Labeed.ahmed@ahmadiyya.ca** . But still feel welcome to join in the case you could not RSVP in time.



You're invited

Women for a Just Peace – in Palestine, Israel and at home

When

Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Where

Canadian Museum for Human Rights
Level 1, Manitoba Teachers' Society Classrooms

Cost

\$20 – Evening Program
\$30 – Evening Program and Daytime Workshop

Language/Accessibility

This event is offered primarily in English. ASL interpretation will be available upon request. If this type of interpretation is required, please contact public.programs@humanrights.ca by April 6, 2026.

In a time of ongoing conflict, join us for an evening that centres the voices of women working toward peace from both sides of the Israel-Palestine divide. Hosted by the Winnipeg chapter of Women Wage Peace (WWP), this program brings together dialogue, lived experience and music to explore pathways toward a just and sustainable peace.

The evening program was developed in collaboration with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and features a keynote address by social justice activist Dr. Amal Elsana Alhjooj. Her keynote, *Women's voices and actions: Humanity, justice and peace* will be followed by a moderated conversation between Dr. Alhjooj and WWP co-founder Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum.

For those who wish to deepen their engagement, three workshops organized exclusively by Women Wage Peace with the support of Westworth United Church and New Israel Fund will take place earlier in the day.

Please feel free to share this invitation with others who may be interested.

For more details and to buy your ticket: humanrights.ca/events





Photo: Women Wage Peace, Israel.

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