

"Transforming the Legacies of Conflict, War and Genocide through Dialogue"

November 13-17, 2006

The Passionist Center
in Riverdale, N.Y.

Conference Workshop Descriptions

Monday, November 13, 2006	
4:00 - 5:30	Martina Emme and Rosalie Gerut founding members of One by One, Inc. - One by One Dialogue - What is it? How did it Begin? -The concept of the One by One dialogue group was born in 1993 after an initial meeting between the descendants of the Holocaust and the Nazi Regime. The philosophical underpinnings will be discussed. These include the writings of Dr. Victor Frankl and Primo Levi (Holocaust survivors); Group process and therapy concepts; Martin Buber's I-Thou concepts; Trauma and Recovery theories; as well as the philosophies of Judaism and Christianity on "Forgiveness/Tshuvah." We will also discuss how these concepts were applied to enable members of the Dialogue Groups to begin to Transform the inheritance which weighed so heavily on all of us.
7:30 - 10:00	Panel/Discussion: Peacebuilding Through Dialogue: Dialogue Across Cultures. Panelists: Pat Clark, Compassionate Listening, Karuna Center for Peacebuilding, Robin Moulds, Rational Games

Tuesday, November 14, 2006	
9:00 - 10:30	Sharing/Stories
10:30 - 12:00 PM	Workshop A: Robin Moulds - Dialogue in the Muslim World: Peacebuilding and Conflict Mediation between Muslims, Jews and Christians This workshop will focus on an urgent global issue of our times and resolving the ever-widening chasm between the Muslim world and the West. Drawing upon successful mediations and peaceful negotiations that Robin has facilitated in Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Kashmir, India, Cuba, England, and the USA; we will discuss paradigms of conflict resolution that are most applicable and adaptable to Muslim culture. We will learn cultural norms and communication styles across a variety of Muslim sects and ethnicities that de-escalate conflict.

	<p>Robin will present case examples of her use of trauma de-briefing, EMDR, and mediation within mosques, refugee camps, disaster sites, border disputes, university campuses, and embassies. Lastly, we will learn from university students here and abroad who are forging their own movement of Jewish-Muslim-Christian dialogue groups that have changed the climate of cultural understanding on campuses globally.</p> <p>Workshop B: Pat Clark - Why Truth and Reconciliation Commissions are Important to US Communities. In this workshop, Pat will cover why a Truth and Reconciliation Commission was sought in Greensboro, NC, the obstacles faced throughout the community, lessons learned by the commissioners and the community from international communities and how other US communities can benefit from this model.</p>
<p>2:30 - 5:30</p>	<p>Workshop A: Anie Kalayjian and Marian Weisberg - An Experiential Forgiveness Workshop One-by-One, since its inception has been offering opportunities for dialogues between decedents of perpetrators as well as decedents of survivors. This workshop will be facilitated by Anie Kalayjian an Armenian descendent of Ottoman Turkish Genocide survivors, and Marian Weisberg, a Jewish descendent of Holocaust survivors. This workshop will address the challenges of practicing forgiveness. An analysis and overview of literature on forgiveness will be provided. Impact of forgiveness on general health and coping with trauma will be discussed. The experiential part of the workshop offers participants opportunities to examine unforgiving parts of themselves in response to mass trauma. Exercises will be offered that enhance group process and offer opportunities to share. At the end, participants will be led in a special meditation. To echo Bert Hellinger, 'peace begins in the soul,' and the focus of this workshop is to help the process of peace making.</p> <p>Workshop B: David Blair - Karuna Center for Peacebuilding - Wounded Identity Workshop The Karuna Center for Peacebuilding was founded in 1994 to address the growing global challenge of ethnic, religious, and political conflict. In partnership with local and regional organizations, Karuna Center develops multi-year programs in conflict transformation, inter-communal dialogue and reconciliation. Since its' founding, Karuna Center has conducted programs in more than twenty countries around the world.</p> <p>Breaking the Cycle of Revenge: Addressing the Wounds of Identity This workshop will explore the traumatic impact of intergroup violence on individual and group identity. We will look at how those who are harmed and those who harm others are wounded in the process and at the role of their wounds in perpetuating violence. We will then explore the processes that enable people both individually and collectively not only to recover from the past but to use their experience to illuminate and build a more peaceful future. We will draw on Karuna Center's work in Rwanda, Bosnia, and elsewhere to illustrate our experiences of these transforming processes.</p>
<p>8:00 - 10:00</p>	<p>Keynote/Reception at Fordham University: Rwandan Ambassador to the UN - H.E. Prof. Joseph Nsengimana and Joseph Sebarenzi, former head of the Rwanda Parliament.</p> <p>Fordham University - Lincoln Center Campus: 113 W. 60th Street - Corner of 9th Avenue. Click here to read Joseph Sebarenzi's Keynote Speech.</p>

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

9:00 - 10:30

Sharing/Stories

10:30 - 12:00 PM

Andrea Cohen, Compassionate Listening Project

Compassionate Listening: Compassion Meets Conflict: A film screening of Children of Abraham with film director and Certified Compassionate Listening Facilitator Andrea S. Cohen. Join us for a Compassionate Dialogue and film viewing of a beautifully produced documentary that chronicles the Compassionate Listening journey to Israel and Palestine of twenty-two courageous Jewish American leaders and professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Through interviews with participants and people living "on the ground" in Israel-Palestinian, the film captures the many faces of this complicated conflict.

Andrea Cohen, M.S., M.S.W. is an award-winning video scriptwriter and producer, as well as a communications consultant and Certified Compassionate Listening Facilitator. She has facilitated Compassionate Listening workshops in the U.S. and abroad and has been instrumental in integrating the concepts of Compassionate Listening into community dialogue events.

2:30 - 5:30

Dan Cohen, Sophia Kramer - Family Constellations. Best known as a Systemic Constellation, this gentle, nearly-silent process reveals a hidden solution to chronic emotional, physical or relationship conflicts and is based on the systemic, phenomenological work of Bert Hellinger. The Systemic Family Constellation work of Bert Hellinger allows us to look at how events that occurred in the past generations impact our life experience in the present. We access information from the parts of our family system that lies outside of conscious awareness. According to this groundbreaking family systems therapy, each one of us lives within an invisible force field. Hidden family dynamics may create an imbalance or disharmony in your family "field", which may lead to illness, emotional difficulties, trauma or relationship issues. In individual or group Constellations you can learn about the fact, how your family traits are still present in your everyday life and how we recreate our family dynamics in our work and our personal lives. You can find healing, inner peace and reconciliation with this incredible approach.

2:30 - 4:00

Robert Hilliard - Media and Genocide, from the Holocaust to Now

The Roles of the Media in Preventing/Abetting Genocide "Lack of Information = Lack of Meaningful Dialogue"

1. Hitler-Goebbels-Mussolini use of media.
2. World War II Holocaust: Who.Knew What When - Films, Radio, Newspapers, Magazines
3. Current and Recent Genocides a) Media Reporting/Positions/Impact

4:00 - 5:30

Mirsad Miki Jacevic Human rights activist and peace program specialist from Sarajevo - Workshop

7:30 - 10:00	<p>Panel/Discussion Survival and Beyond: Personal Stories of Transformation. Panelists to date: Joseph Sebarenzi, Miki Jacevic, One by One Members: Helga Mueller and Zella Brown</p>
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Thursday, November 16, 2006

9:00 - 10:30	<p>Workshop A: Poonam Tandon from Art of Living - Will lead the Thursday morning meditation and lead an experiential workshop entitled "Healing the Self."</p> <p>Workshop B: Zella Brown and Marga Dieter - Storytelling Workshop. Many descendants of either side of our shared legacies find themselves bereft of everything but their stories. Zella Brown and Marga Dieter, One by One members, will demonstrate the way they have been presenting their stories in the last ten years to diverse audiences. Come to this workshop to sharpen your skills for accessing your personal story.</p>
10:30 - 12:00 PM	<p>Workshop A: Karen Baldner - visual artist and descendant of Holocaust survivors, will present the "Jewish/German Dialogue Project," her collaboration with Bjorn Krondorfer, a religious studies and Holocaust scholar and descendant of a non-Jewish German family. Karen and Bjorn both grew up in Germany. In their project they address their discomforts, fears and mistrusts towards each other as two people affected differently by a traumatizing history. They translate their experience of dialogue into artists books and sculptural installations. The art object becomes a catalyst for and mediator to interpersonal and cultural conflicts while also serving as witness to the dialogical process so that others can participate in it.</p> <p>Workshop B: Naava Piatka - Moving On, Moving Up! Transcending Yesterday's Pain into Today's Serenity. How do you transform a painful past of cruelty, abuse and injustice into a peaceful present? How can you let go of anger, resentment, hurt and suffering that studies show are related to major health problems, such as heart attacks, ulcers and back pain? In MOVING ON, MOVING UP! , an experiential workshop, Naava Piatka reveals the unconscious traps that enslave us to suffering, as she enthusiastically provides creative solutions to moving forward. Explaining the fundamental setups that brings upsets and victimization, Naava offers new ways to claim peace and self-empowerment. With proven accelerated learning methods, participants use insights, song, humor, interactive exercises and storytelling to re-envision and release the pain of the past to embrace the peace of the present and the gift of a joyful future.</p>
2:30 - 4:00	<p>Workshop A: Christina Braidotti/Elisa Medina - Latin American Perspectives. Elisa Medina, member from Lima, Peru, has opened a One by One branch in her country, and will talk about the healing work she has initiated with family members of victims of the genocide there during the 1980s. Irene Jaievsky, former curator of the Museo del Holocausto in Buenos Aires, Argentina,</p>

	<p>will share her public speaking experiences there as well as the initial stages and future plans of Latin America's only Holocaust museum. Argentinian artist, Patricia Krasbuch, will explain how she links the two worlds, the one above and the one below, and the metaphorical qualities of her art works. In this way, she creates a dialogue between the painting and the observer.</p> <p>Workshop B: Suzanne Schecker and Joyce Reilly - Psychological Affect of War on Children. We will explore the affect of war on the emotional, psychological and developmental needs of children in different conflicts and cultures. The workshop will offer participants an opportunity to share from own experience. Suzanne, who was born in a bomb shelter in Darmstadt, Germany in July 1944, will draw on her own childhood and the findings of her research on the psychological affects of the Holocaust on the second generation of Germans and Jews. Joyce will draw on her many years of work in intentional therapeutic communities with children who have special mental and emotional needs. We will look at the strengths that children draw upon, their resilience and their natural positivity. We will draw upon the child in each of us as we negotiate a path through the horrors of war with the light-filled eye of the child.....</p>
4:00 - 5:30	<p>Workshop A: Claudia von Alemann - Film - SHADOWS OF MEMORY (2000.) In an effort to reconcile an unsettling past, the filmmaker, her 84-year-old mother, and her 17-year-old daughter reunite in the small East German village from which their family fled to the West. The film reveals the point of view of an average German citizen, a housewife and mother of six, who believed in Hitler, but later radically changed her views. The mother's honesty and clarity provide unique insight into Hitler's mass appeal. In German with English subtitles. Discussion afterwards</p> <p>Workshop B: Yitzhak Zieman, Holocaust Survivor, One by One Advisory Board Member, TCI (Theme-centered Interaction) Therapist - TCI arose from the experiences and knowledge of psychoanalysis, and under the influence of group therapies and experientialism. It was started by Ruth C. Cohn, and further developed by her and her colleagues in the USA and later in Europe. Yitzhak is one of her colleagues. Yitzhak's workshop, Improving Understanding between Germans and Jews through TCI (Theme-centered Interaction) - A Jewish Survivor's Psychological Work with Germans, will take place on Thursday.</p>
7:30 - ?	<p>Entertainment/Party: Author Readings, Naava Piatka-one woman show, Music from various countries</p>

Friday, November 17, 2006	
9:00 - 1:00 PM	<p>Sacred Circle: Spirituality in the Aftermath of Violence - In our familiar setting, the sacred circle, One by One members, wounded healers and participants will share how their spiritual values have sustained them throughout their lives.</p>
	<p>Tribute to Gottfried Leich, One by One member who passed away in 2005</p>

	Voluntary presentations by participants
	Action/Advocate brainstorming: What can you do to make a difference
	Conference Wrap Up
	CONFERENCE ENDS