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Germantown Jewish Centre forges connection between Jews, Muslims and Christians in an evening of dialogue on Revelation

“Many Paths to the Mountain: Multi-Faith Perspectives on Revelation”

in partnership with Church of St. Martin-in-the-Field, Tikkun Olam Chavurah, Peace Islands Institute, Germantown Jewish Centre, Masjidullah, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Germantown Mennonite Church & P’nai Or

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People of many faiths share the idea of the Divine Word coming into the human world. Jews, Christians, and Muslims share a narrative in our scriptures about how Heaven and Earth met on Mt. Sinai, but we understand the significance, import, and impact of this meeting very differently. For Shavuot this year, the holiday that celebrates that moment of revelation, Germantown Jewish Centre is bringing together leaders and scholars from churches, synagogues and mosques in an atmosphere of mutual respect and openness to create a dialogue between our different faith traditions. We will learn from each other where we agree, where we diverge, and how we understand the process of revelation and its impact on us.

This year in particular, Muslim Americans have faced increasing scrutiny, discrimination and harassment. Germantown Jewish Centre, along with all participating organizations, aims to strengthen the relationship between Muslims, Jews, and Christians and to overcome the barriers of ignorance that sometimes separates us. This event is intended to forge connections between our religions, to give us a sense that we belong in community together, and to promote human dignity and respect for one another.

After the panel discussion, we will break the Ramadan fast with our Muslim brothers and sisters and move into a prayer service together, where each faith has the opportunity to authentically share an evening prayer from its tradition, helping all of us as witnesses gain an understanding of different methods of connecting to the Divine. After the prayer service, everyone is invited to join the Peace Islands Institute for dinner on the front lawn where we will learn more about the Muslim tradition of Ramadan as we share a wonderful meal together.

Join us for an enlightening panel discussion, meaningful prayer services, and a shared dinner with our Muslim brothers and sisters. Stay afterwards for all-night study opportunities, as is traditional on the Shavuot holiday. Visit <http://germantownjewishcentre.org/shavuot-night-of-study> for more details.

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