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Human Rights and Religion

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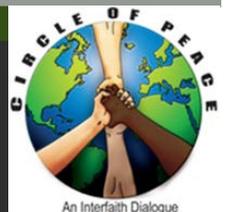
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What does Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Baha'ism teach us about human rights? Join us for a panel discussion on the role of human rights within diverse faith traditions

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Rabbi Joseph Wolf

Rabbi Joseph Wolf came to Havurah Shalom in 1987, where pluralistic cultural opportunities are taken into account and has brought local and global social change issues to the forefront. He has been a supporter of conflict reduction in the Middle East, and has advocated for strategies to combat poverty. He has served on numerous commissions and boards in the metropolitan Portland area regarding workers' rights, health care, and housing issues. In 2001, he was a co-founder of a local dialogue group which probed relationships and affinities between Jewish and Muslim and Arab leaders in the community and initiated an examination of what it might mean for Jews to confront the extraordinary challenges of a developing world in a way that is honest and meaningful. He was recently a member of the national board of Rabbis for Human Rights.



Dr. Paul Anderson

*Paul N. Anderson is Professor of Biblical and Quaker Studies at George Fox University, where he has served since 1989. He has served in pastoral and youth ministries in six Friends churches, and his childhood involved living in Colombia, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic, where his father served in cultural affairs. Paul's PhD is from the University of Glasgow, and he has served as a visiting DAAD scholar at the University of Mainz and a Fulbright Specialist at the University of Nijmegen. His books on the Bible include *The Christology of the Fourth Gospel*, *The Fourth Gospel and the Quest for Jesus*, and *The Riddles of the Fourth Gospel*, and his most recent book, *From Crisis to Christ* provides a contextual introduction to the New Testament. Having served as editor of *Evangelical Friend* and *Quaker Religious Thought*, his book on radical discipleship is *Following Jesus: The Heart of Faith and Practice*.*



Arif Humayun

*Arif Humayun is a practicing Muslim and extensive writer on topics like Shari'a, jihad, blasphemy, and apostasy and a specialist in comparative religion. He is dedicated to understanding what causes radicalization and in advancing human rights. His most recent book, **Connivance by Silence**, addresses the politically-inspired interpretations of Islam that have crept into the Muslim discourse and inspired radicalization. Professionally, he manages a global intellectual property licensing business as an employee of a large multinational corporation. His frequent and extensive global travel has brought him a crystal-clear perspective on the destructive phenomenon of political Islam. He is president and co-founder of **Circle of Peace** an international initiative to strengthen the bonds of humanity and compassion across faith communities and is an active member of the **American Islamic Forum for Democracy**.*



Dr. Fridoon Rahimi

Dr Rahimi is a retired pediatrician who practiced in Iran where he was also recognized as the best example of medico-social achievement through empowering the local population to self-help. After the Islamic Revolution of 1979 due to persecution he and his family moved to Trinidad and Tobago where he practiced for another 24 years. He has served on local, national and international Baha'i institutions. Now residing in the US, he travels throughout the US to promote spiritual education of children and youth and other religious activities encouraged by the World Center of the Faith. He also writes articles pertaining to those and other concerns. Being himself a victim of religious persecution and violation of human rights, Dr. Rahimi has been an advocate and promotor of the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which the US and Iran are both signatories, and which is in harmony with the teaching of the Baha'i Faith.