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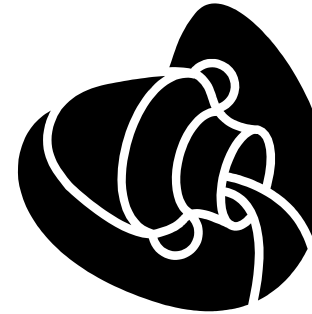
Trust that story crosses over all boundaries for it speaks the language of the heart.

(Allison Cox)

This program assembled by Paula Weiss, assistant project director

Story-sharing is a giant step on the path to making peace.

(anon.)



## Children at the Well; Learning to Draw from Faith Traditions Through Story

Interfaith Youth Storytelling

A project of the Interfaith Story Circle  
of the Tri-City Area

Hosted by the United Methodist Women of SUMC

Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 1:30 pm

Shenendehowa United Methodist Church

971 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY

All stories are true. Some of them actually happened. (Megan McKenna)

## Children at the Well

Welcome

Gert Johnson, project director

Stories

**Ben Russell** (age 13, grade 8, Congregation Beth Shalom)

"The Parakeet Named Dreidel" from *Stories for Children* by Isaac Bashevis Singer

**Daniel Bacchi** (age 12, grade 7, Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School)

"A True Tale" from *Small Miracles: Extraordinary Coincidences in Everyday Life* by Yitta Halberstam & Judith Leventhal

**Adah Hetko** (age 14, grade 9, Congregation Beth Shalom)

"Serach"; from the retellings found in *But God Remembered: Stories of Women from Creation to the Promised Land* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, and *Jerusalem of Gold: Jewish Stories of the Enchanted City* by Howard Schwartz

**Tim Everhardt** (age 13, grade 7, Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School)

"The Chest of Broken Glass; A Classic Tale of the Ages" from *Children's Book of Virtues*, edited by William J. Bennett and Michael Hague

**Nasibah Elmi** (age 12, grade 7, An Nur School)

"It Gave Birth"; a traditional Muslim tale

**Nimi Jayaraman** (age 14, grade 9, The Hindu Temple Society)

"The Airport"; a personal story

◇ Stretch Break ◇

**Kit Collins** (age 12, grade 7, Congregation Berith Shalom)

"The Magic Spoon" from *The Jar of Fools: Eight Hannukah Stories from Chelm* by Eric A. Kimmel

**Alaudeen Umar** (age 12, grade 6, An Nur School)

"The Power of Prophet Suliman"; from the Holy Quran, as retold in *What Islam is all About* by Yahiya Emerick

**Sarah Ali** (Age 12, grade 7) " 'No' is not an option"; a personal story

**Nate Hoffmann** (age 12, grade 7, B'Nai Sholom Reform Congregation)

"Hovering Above the Pit"; from *Chasidic Tales of the Holocaust* by Yaffa Eliach

**Salma Barak** (age 11, grade 6, An Nur School)

"The Wisdom of Allah" from *Beautiful Signs: A Treasury of Islamic Wisdom for Children and Parents* by Ayat Jamilah

**Samantha Basile** (age 14, grade 9, Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School)

"The Good Samaritan" from the New Testament, Gospel of Luke, 10:29-37.

**Ilyssa Simsek** (age 12, grade 6, B'Nai Sholom Reform Congregation)

"Yonkel's Visit to Warsaw" from *One-Hundred-and-One Read-Aloud Jewish Stories* by Barbara Diamond Goldin

*Today's storytellers were coached by Marni Gillard and Mary Murphy*

Closing Prayer

◇ the remainder of our event will take place in the Fellowship Hall ◇

- Hors-d'oeuvres, and Human Treasure Hunt
- Shri Rama Dance/Story: an eight minute presentation  
**Amoha Ramanath** (age 10, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, The Hindu Temple Society)
- Dinner with informal story sharing at table

Storytelling is a way for people to find common connections. Who can think of a better way to transform the future than by building bridges within the next generation?

(Br. Muhammad Kabir)