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## **Palestinian and Israeli peace activists to visit Five College area**

Against the historic backdrop of the Wye River peace accords, two peace activists from the Middle East—a Palestinian man from Bethlehem and an Israeli woman from Jerusalem—will visit the Five College area November 8-10 as Scholars-in-Residence at the University of Massachusetts.

**ZOUGHBI ZOUGHBI** is a Palestinian living in Bethlehem in the Palestinian National Authority area. Mr. Zoughbi is the director of the Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center. Its focus is on the building of relationships, cross-community bridges, and the arms of dialogue, rather than the dialogue of arms. Mr. Zoughbi has also participated in workshops through the Jerusalem Arbitration Center. These workshops are held in an effort to promote peace between Palestinian and Israeli communities. Mr. Zoughbi believes that "warm" peace between peoples will guarantee an enduring peace.

**JUDITH GREEN** has spent the past nine years working to promote dialogue between Palestinians in the West Bank and Israelis. Having immigrated to Israel from the U.S. in 1973, Ms. Green became one of the founders of the Rapprochement Dialogue Center, the outgrowth of a small group of Israelis and Palestinians who had met in one another's homes to create dialogue and gain mutual understanding. Ms. Green also founded the Nablus-West Jerusalem Dialogue for Peace and the Abu Tor Neighborhood Dialogue Group. Current projects include organizing a training program for childbirth educators in Nablus and a workshop in leadership for young Palestinian and Israeli women from Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

While in Western Massachusetts, Zoughbi and Green will meet with local Palestinians, Israelis, and American Jews; visit classes at the University of Massachusetts and other colleges; and speak about their work fostering reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis—work which transcends political barriers, providing an opportunity for face-to-face encounter between Palestinians and Israelis. For many participants, these dialogues may be the first true conversation with a member of the "enemy" community.

### **"Roads to Reconciliation: Peacebuilding in the Middle East"**

Monday, November 9, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.  
UMass Amherst, Campus Center Room 101

Their visit is being sponsored by the UMass Office of Jewish Affairs, the Karuna Center for Peacebuilding, and Friends of Bosnia. For more information contact the UMass Office of Jewish Affairs, 413-545-9642 or email [goldbaum@admin.umass.edu](mailto:goldbaum@admin.umass.edu)