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The Peres Center For Peace



The Peres Center for Peace and Realizing the Dream invite you to a groundbreaking public event

## Constructive Nonviolent Action – A Chance for a Breakthrough?

at

the Peres Peace House in Jaffa, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Keynote Speaker: Martin Luther King Jr. III**

We have recently witnessed an increase in civil action within Israel and the West Bank of utilizing constructive and cooperative non-violent means of resistance to effect change. Such actions draw fierce reactions by the government and security forces. In light of current political developments, the potential for either a breakthrough or deterioration in resolving the Middle East conflict has arisen, and we propose exploring the meaning, implications and prospects of constructive nonviolent action as a growing regional force. We will examine the motivations of government reaction; the role of Israeli civil society in the Palestinian non-violent struggle; the borders between constructive nonviolent action and violent struggle; media portrayals of nonviolent action; and how nonviolent action is viewed by security forces

**We look forward to welcoming you at the Peres Peace House, 132 Kedem st. Jaffa**

### Program\*

**15:00 Gathering and Welcoming reception**

**15:30 Opening and Greetings**

Dr. Ron Pundak, Director General, the Peres Center for Peace

Mr. Johnny J. Mack, Chief Executive Officer, Realizing the Dream

Mr. James B. Cunningham, H.E. US Ambassador to Israel

**16:00-17:30 1st panel: Where has Constructive Nonviolent Action proven successful and why, and how is it relevant in the Israeli and Palestinian context?**

On Constructive Nonviolent Action: from Ghandi to Israel

Mr. Nahi Alon, SHATIL Conflict Transformation and Management Center

Misconceptions about Nonviolence: why are governments so threatened by nonviolent action?

Dr. Muli Peleg, A Realizing the Dream Research Fellow and A Schusterman Visiting Professor, The Bildner Center, Rutgers University

Nonviolent Action in a Violent Environment – can it make a change?

MK Amir Peretz, Former Minister of Defense

Palestinian Nonviolence Activism

Ms. Zahira Kamal, Former Minister of Women's Affairs of the Palestinian National Authority

How Security Forces View Nonviolent Resistance

Dr. Ephraim Sneh, former Deputy Defense Minister and former Head of the civilian administration of the "West Bank" West Bank

Moderator: Dr. Muli Peleg

**17:30-17:50 Coffee & Snack Break**

**17:50-18:00 Clip from documentary Budrus**

**18:00-19:30 2nd panel: Nonviolence and the Path to Peace:**

transforming the regional approach to change to one of nonviolent action

Current events in Jaffa as a case study

Jaffa community representative

Creating a Nonviolence Movement

Mr. Ali Abu Awwad, Palestinian nonviolence movement

Israelis role in the struggle to end occupation

Mr. Chen Alon, Combatants for Peace

Sheikh Jarrah: a Palestinian Israeli grassroots initiative

Mr. Avner Inbar, Activist

Political Diplomacy and negotiations as forms of non violence: Track two experiences

Prof. Galia Golan, Academic Director, Program in Conflict Resolution, Lauder School of Governance, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Moderator: Mr. Avi Issacharof, Journalist

**19:30-20:00 Keynote addressee Mr. Martin Luther King JR. III**

**Address: Peres Peace House, 132 Kedem st. Jaffa**

Simultaneous translation provided in Hebrew and English.

Please RSVP by telephone 03-5680608 or at: [rsvp@peres-center.org](mailto:rsvp@peres-center.org)

Please be advised that seating is limited

Weapons of any nature will not be permitted in the auditorium

Plenty of parking place. Bus number 10

\*Please note, the program is subject to change

### Brief Overview on Kingian Nonviolence

For Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. III and Realizing the Dream, Inc., nonviolence is at once a philosophical way of life, a goal toward making social change that builds community, and a means for achieving that end. Our view of nonviolence requires that adherents commit themselves to fundamental principles and then engage in nonviolent action, which can be defined as a technique by which people who reject passivity and submission, and who see struggle as essential to human progress, express vehement opposition without violence. It is therefore not an attempt to avoid or ignore conflict, but rather a strategy for effectively wielding power without succumbing to the immorality of violence. Nonviolent action includes various acts of protest and persuasion, noncooperation and nonviolent intervention designed to undermine the opponent's power and bring about change. In addition to confronting instances of hostile conflict, Kingian nonviolence also includes actions meant to reform the political and economic institutions that create and sustain unequal divisions of property, wealth and power, which lead to the erosion of democratic life and to violence.

### Martin Luther King Jr. III

Founding President, Realizing the Dream, Inc.

The second oldest child of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King, III has motivated audiences around the world with his insightful message of hope and civility for nearly twenty years. As an international human rights activist and political leader, Mr. King has been involved in significant humanitarian and policy initiatives, whether as a presidential appointee to promote peace across the globe or as president of two of the U.S.'s most recognizable civil/human rights organizations—the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and King Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

Today, Mr. King serves as the founding president and CEO of Realizing the Dream, Inc. an international nonprofit organization that seeks to carry on the important work embodied in the legacies of his parents. Through Realizing the Dream, Mr. King has launched a series of innovative initiatives, such as the International Nonviolence Initiative and Generation II Global Peace Program, which leverage the moral authority of his family's legacy to redress poverty, build community and foster peace around the world.