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Multifaith Education Project

All that's possible

Shalom, Salaam and Peace to all!

Some of you may have received parts of this e-letter a few days ago, but this is the first complete version we're sending you to keep you informed about what's happening with our project and our kids.

If ever the mantra, "Don't ask what's wrong, ask what's possible," was important, now is the time.

So much is wrong in our world today. So much has us on edge, uptight, and stressed. But we, at the MEP, don't go there. We go, instead, to a place of possibility, of new relationships, of creating new ways of knowing and understanding

one another.



Students at the Hebrew Day School spelled out "Peace" with water bottles as they welcomed students from Orangewood Christian and Leaders Prep schools.

Here's What We're Up To:

On November 29, all three schools attended a special performance of Orangewood Christian School's "The Diary of Anne Frank" The sensitivity and depth of this production has to be credited to drama coach, Tim Bass, but the students also got totally involved in telling this heart-rending story. Most impressive was the opening in which about a dozen students, wearing all black with yellow Stars of David (replicating the Jews of the Nazi era who were forced to identify themselves this wa.) represented a young person whose life was cut short by the horrors of the Holocaust. Their research and readings touched every heart.

On February 6, the students gathered at Hebrew Day School for a morning that included necklace-making (an exercise we learned at Face-to-Face Camp last summer) and time to learn about Judaism. They got into circles and played a storytelling game, then acted out the stories to everyone's delight.



Sharing the story they created during the storytelling game.

Later this Spring, Leaders Prep School will organize a day when each school shares the teachings of their faith on "Stewardship of the Earth." Emphasis will be on environmental issues, where hands-on learning and more questions are sure to generate new environmental awareness and leadership. Our annual tree planting is scheduled for the same day. On this day, students will have an opportunity to learn more about Islam and Muslim worship.

BREAKING BREAD: A Celebration of Three Faiths

The cookbook/storybook produced by our students, under the leadership of Lucy Roberts, was presented on December 2, 2007. Below is the prize-winning recipe from Kinza Shuja, a student at Leaders Prep School. She calls it "Our Celebration Meal." Try the recipe and don't miss her heartwarming story.

Excerpts from
Our Celebration Meal: Skewer Kababs

"Skewer Kababs are made with beef, chicken or mutton. It is healthy because it has vegetables too, such as green chilies, onions and carrots . . . We normally eat this special dish during Eid al Adha

because the family members visit and enjoy sharing food.

. . . The dish is special because the beef and chicken are sacrificed in a special way as a remembrance of Prophet Abraham. We distribute the meat to 3 groups - the poor, the community, and our family. This meal is known all around the world -- in Pakistan, England and even China. It's a great family dish."

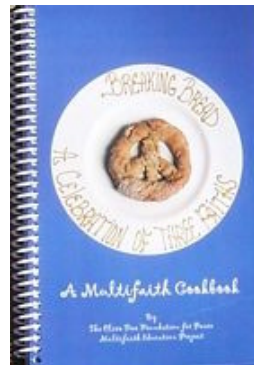
Ingredients:

1 pkg. Shan Tikka Kabab Spice mix (use less for mild)*
½ c. water
1 T. garlic paste
1 T. ginger paste
1 c. fine sliced raw papaya
2-3 lb. beef/chicken/mutton (cubed)
½ c. ghee/butter (melted)

***Shan Tikka Seekh Kabab Spice Mix can be found at local Indian grocery stores. It is an "Easy to Cook" mix from Pakistan.**

Directions:

Mix Shan Tikka Kabab Spice mix in ½ c. water. Mix well. Add garlic, ginger and raw papaya and mix well. Add meat. Leave it to marinate for 3-4 hours. Then remove the meat. Slide meat onto six to eight 10-inch skewers. Place on very low heat coal/gas fire. Grill until very lightly browned. Brush meat with butter/ghee and rotate the skewer to grill evenly on all sides until tender. Serves 6-8 people.



["Breaking Bread: A Celebration of Three Faiths,"](#) is on sale and can be purchased by mailing your check (see 20% discount coupon below) or by using PayPal on our website. [Click here](#) to order "Breaking Bread" or purchase it at any of our three schools.

Welcome!

We welcome the new principal of Leaders Prep School. She is **Dr. Faryaal Yunis**, and a welcome addition she is, coming from the Middle East where she has spent the past several years. **Dr. Faryaal** brings a long career as an educator to LPS and to our project. She is a great champion of multifaith and multicultural education and will surely add a great deal to our family of students and faculty.

Dr. Faryaal has proposed the writing contest for this year. The students will be asked to bring WORDS OF WISDOM from their faith traditions to share with one another. Students will be encouraged to check in with their grandparents and other elders to learn what their traditions can teach them about Life's Lessons. Winners will be posted on the MEP website later in the spring.

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