

News Release

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## ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN PEACE NEGOTIATORS OFFER PUBLIC FORUM

*Foqaha and Raz at St. Anne's Church in Annapolis, MD*

ANNAPOLIS - Israeli and the Palestinian peace negotiators from the "Geneva Initiative" will speak at [St. Anne's Church](#) in Annapolis, MD on Monday, November 26, 2007, on the eve of the Annapolis Conference.

The Geneva Initiative arose after the last official Israeli-Palestinian peace talks ended unsuccessfully in 2001. Negotiators from both sides refused to end talks and privately continued negotiations. Supported by the Swiss government, they agreed on a Model Permanent Status Agreement in Geneva in 2003.

The peace negotiators, both Israeli and Palestinian, then agreed to offer public seminars to promote better relations. Today, this cooperative arrangement continues without support from the governments of Israel, the P.L.O., and the U.S. Details of the Agreement can be found at [www.geneva-accord.org](http://www.geneva-accord.org).

The speakers will discuss the history of the Geneva Initiative, its current activities and challenges, and how Americans can become involved. [Nidal Foqaha](#) is Executive Director of the Palestinian GI; [Mossi Raz](#) serves on the Board of the Israeli GI and is a former member of the Knesset, the Israeli legislature.

The special forum is open to the public at no cost, sponsored by [Annapolis Quakers](#), [St. Anne's Church](#) and other local organizations. Between 5-7:00 PM, information booths and educational videos will be offered on current Palestinian/Israeli relations and peace efforts. Foqaha and Raz will address the gathering at 7:00 PM. Questions from the audience are welcome. Attenders will be invited to join in interfaith prayers and a candlelight walk.

For [directions](#), parking information, or media interview requests, please contact Will Candler at 410.757.5626 or [wcandler1@comcast.net](mailto:wcandler1@comcast.net).

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### *Calendar Announcement and Public Service Announcement*

Israeli and Palestinian spokesmen supporting the unofficial Geneva Accord will discuss their peace initiatives at St. Anne's Church in Annapolis Monday evening at 7:00. After their talks and a question-and-answer session, participants will be invited to join a candlelight walk for peace.