

Sustained Dialogue Groups in Dialogue Conference

April 19, 20, and 21

**Hosted by the Monmouth Dialogue Project and
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**All Events will be held in the
Samuel H. Magill Commons at Monmouth University**

Sunday, April 19 (Rooms 108-109, unless indicated otherwise)

- 9:00 AM Welcome and Thank You (Saliba Sarsar)
- Introductions: (Jean Weber and Natalie Loeb)
Participants discuss in pairs: 1. Personal roots and where they are from; 2. One principle they learned in their dialogue work; and
3. What they hope to gain from the conference, and then each takes two minutes to introduce new friend.
- 10:30 Dialogue break
- 11:00 Conference Agenda Setting and Logistics (Saliba Sarsar)
- Suggestions for Dialogue Group presentations: Who are you?
What is your group's make-up? What do you do? What have you learned—best practices? What has not worked? What is your next step?*
- 11:30 Dialogue Group I Presentation (Jewish-Palestinian Dialogue—San Mateo, CA)
- 12:15 PM Dialogue Group II Presentation (The Dialogue Project—Brooklyn)
- 1:00 Lunch (Club Dining Room)
Luncheon activity in small groups (Amir Mane)
Question: Tell me about something that you are passionate about and a moment in your life of which you are most proud. Volunteers will be invited to share what they have learned with the whole group.
- 2:00 Dialogue Group III Presentation (Palestinian-Jewish Dialogue, Houston, TX)
- 2:45 Important Group Questions and Discussion
- 3:30 Dialogue break

- 4:00 Important Group Questions and Discussion
- 4:45 Video, “Seeds of Peace,” and discussion (George Anthony)
- 6:30 Group photo and dinner (Club Dining Room)
- 7:30 Participants share poetry, readings, songs, etc.
- 8:00 Adjournment

Monday, April 20 (Rooms 108-109, unless indicated otherwise)

- 9:00 AM Reflections on Day 1 (Joe Ritacco)
- 10:00 Dialogue Group Presentation IV (Muslim-Jewish Dialogue—Los Angeles)
- 10:45 Dialogue Group Presentation V (Jewish-Palestinian Dialogue—Toronto, Canada)
- 11:30 Dialogue Group Presentation VI (Reuniting the Children of Abraham)
- 12:00 PM Greetings, Dr. Thomas S. Pearson, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Monmouth University
- 12:15 Lunch (Club Dining Room)
- 1:30: Activity: What is the meaning and origin of your name? (Roshan Chadda)
- 2:00 Dialogue Group VII Presentations (Interfaith Encounter Association, Jerusalem; Reut-Sadaqa, Jerusalem; and Sawa Arbina, Maghar, Galilee)
- 2:45 Dialogue Group VIII Presentation (Zeitouna, Ann Arbor, MI)
- 3:15 Dialogue Group IX Presentation (Men’s Dialogue, Ann Arbor, MI)
- 4:00 Dialogue Group X Presentation (Central Maryland Jewish-Palestinian Dialogue, Ellicott City, MD)
- 4:45 Dialogue Group XI Presentation (Monmouth Dialogue Project, West Long Branch, NJ)
- 6:00 Dinner (Club Dining Room) (Guest: Musical artist Simon Shaheen)
- 8:00 Simon Shaheen musical performance (Pollak Theatre)

Tuesday, April 21 (Rooms 108-109)

- 9:00 AM Reflections on Days 1 and 2 (Amir Mane), in the presence of Monmouth University students in the Comparative Politics of the Middle East course.
- 10:00 Performance on dialogue and coexistence, Wagner High School, Staten Island, NY (George Anthony)
- 11:30 Open time for dialogue and networking
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 Discussion (Len Traubman)
In the process of change, what could be the goals to be achieved? Within the process of change, where does each goal fit in?
What does it mean to have a vision that may not be realized in our expected time-frame or lives?
- 2:00 Lessons learned from our Dialogue Conference (Saliba Sarsar)
- 3:00 Dismissal