

MOBILE AREA JEWISH CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE

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Dear Friends,

It seems difficult to believe, but we are embarking on the 23rd year of dialogue in the Mobile area. From its humble beginnings on the second floor of a diocesan office on Franklin Street in downtown Mobile, the dialogue has become an important part of the fabric of the area's diverse religious and ethnic culture. We are planning an exciting year of events and with only a few exceptions, the dates are firm.

The Mobile Area Christian-Jewish Dialogue has joined with The Harbinger, Christus Theological Institute, The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mobile and the Free Thought Club-USA in presenting a follow-up series to "Religion and Science." This year's program is: "Great Religions in a Pluralistic Society". A brochure is enclosed outlining the details, including time, dates and place. We hope you will join us for these provocative lectures and discussions.

Plans are presently underway for a Holiday Presentation in cooperation with the Mobile Museum of Art. Circumstances permitting, this will take place on December 16, 1997 at the Museum.

On January 23, 1998, Al Vorspan, Vice President Emeritus of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will be the invited guest as "Scholar in Residence" at the Springhill Avenue Temple. Topic will be announced at a later date.

Additionally, the Dialogue is indeed proud to join with the Mobile Jewish Welfare Fund, The Mobile Chapter of The Compassionate Friends and Widowed Persons Services of Mobile in presenting **Rabbi Harold Kushner** who is, of course, the author of "*When Bad Things Happen to Good People*." Rabbi Kushner will be in Mobile on March 3, 1998 to speak at the Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. His topic will be "*How Good Do We Have to Be?*" The topic is also the title of his newest book. Rabbi Kushner will make himself available for book signing and meeting with individuals during his visit to our city.

On April 23, 1998, the annual Yom haShoah service will be held at Springhill Avenue Temple. There are other programs being considered and a final schedule will be forthcoming as soon as these plans are completed. Please mark the above dates on your calendars and join us in this 23rd year of dialogue in Mobile.

Shalom,

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