



Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East presents:

An Evening with Mark Braverman

Palestine-Israel: To What Are We Called in This Moment?

Tuesday September 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm ET

Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Virginia

The Rev. James J. Reeb Center, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22204

Mark Braverman is former Director, Kairos USA; Theology Working Group, Global Kairos for Justice, Bethlehem; Public Theology Fellow, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. markbraverman.org.

Mark will speak on these topics and engage in Q&A with the audience.

- * The genocide of Gaza – bringing home the reality of Israel as a settler colonial project.
- * Confronting not only U.S complicity in Israel's human rights crimes, but our own settler-colonial DNA as revealed in the current political crisis here. How does this realization help direct our fight here at home as well as our activism for Palestine?
- * Acknowledging the church's historic entanglement with colonialism as we witness the silence of the churches regarding Israeli genocide. How does this guide our activism in the United States, in view of the resurgence of Christian nationalism and Christian Zionism?
- * Overcoming the silence of our churches and congregations with respect not only to Israel, but to the rising threat to equality and human rights in the United States.
- * Countering the weaponization of antisemitism to stifle open discourse and thwart action; revisiting the Christian-Jewish interfaith agenda in the age of Gaza.



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Mark Braverman was raised in the Jewish tradition, steeped in religious observance and liturgy, scripture, and Jewish history. Growing up in the years after the establishment of the State of Israel, Mark was raised in the potent combination of rabbinic Judaism and political Zionism that continues to dominate contemporary Jewish identity. His midlife encounter with the Palestinian people and with Jewish Israeli peace activists brought about a radical transformation in his spiritual and life path.

The liberation theology of the Palestinian Christians set Mark on a path of study of Christian scriptures and theology and to an intense involvement with the global church movement that has grown up in response to the 2009 "Moment of Truth" Kairos document of the Palestinian churches. In 2011, Mark and colleagues from churches, seminaries, and universities formed Kairos USA, an ecumenical organization responding to the 2009 Palestinian call. Mark serves on Theology Working Group of the Global Kairos for Justice Coalition, headquartered in Bethlehem. He is Research Fellow in Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, and is affiliate faculty in Peace and Justice and Theology and Culture at St. Stephen's University in Canada.

Mark has lectured and trained extensively in the United States and internationally on Kairos theology, Christian Zionism, post-holocaust theology, and Christian-Jewish relations. He is the author of two books: *Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews, and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land* (foreword by Walter Brueggemann) and *A Wall in Jerusalem: Hope, Healing, and the Struggle for Peace in Israel and Palestine*, as well as numerous articles and book chapters. His paper "Theology in the Shadow of the Holocaust: Revisiting Bonhoeffer and the Jews" appeared in 2022 in *Theology Today*. Mark's sermons and other writings can be found at markbraverman.org.

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