

Nimala's Dream: Circles for Palestinian Women in the West Bank



"I have a deep desire in my heart to have Circlework in the West Bank for Palestinian women. I'm coming from a conflict area. We need strong and courageous women to hold wisdom and light for the next generation. In January 2009, I organized a short circle for Palestinian women for Jalaja, and it was really moving. I hope that in January 2010, she can offer a two day circle. The women there are so hungry, they are longing for this. We are living in a violent society against women, and this will be the first healing circle in Palestine. It is a great responsibility, and part of Jalaja's mission. It is needed! We can make a change, we can make peace!"

Nimala Kharoufeh, Bethlehem, West Bank

Nimala is a young Palestinian woman who attended the 2009 Circlework Training in the US. Her irrepressible strength and courage touches all who meet her. While studying at Bethlehem University, she was the first woman to serve on the council. She works for the Holy Land Trust, which offers non-violence training in the West Bank.

In the face of the enormous suffering in our world you may wonder what difference *you* can make. Well, here's an easy and fun way you can help fulfill Nimala's dream of bringing Circlework to Palestinian women this January:

- Invite some friends over for a potluck dinner anytime in December. Tell them that it's a fundraiser, and they'll be asked donate whatever they otherwise might have spent eating out (or more, if they want) to a great cause. If they want to bring friends, great!
- Gather the names and email addresses of all who come.
- Get together, eat, drink, laugh, have fun. Then, watch our 11 minute DVD *Voices from the 2009 Circlework Training*, in which three of our Israeli and Arab sisters speak about the importance of having Jalaja come to their communities. You can watch it directly on our website (click Donate) or ask us to send you a copy of the DVD.
- After watching, put a basket in the center, and ask your friends to make their donations (which of course are tax-deductible). Play some sweet music and give them a few quiet minutes to write their checks. They can also donate cash, or use a credit card via the website.
- Send the donations along with names and email addresses of donors to: The Institute for Circlework, P.O. Box 847, Ithaca, NY 14851.

It's as easy as that! Want to do it? Please email us when you know the date of your gathering.

And here's the best part:

- Raise \$150, and you'll get a signed copy of *Aphrodite's Daughters: Women's Sexual Stories and the Journey of the Soul*.
- Raise \$250, and we'll send you a signed copy of *Aphrodite's Daughters* plus a CD of her interview on New Dimensions Radio.
- Raise \$500, and receive a gift certificate for an hour-long consultation with Jalaja to use yourself or give to someone you care about.
- Raise \$1000, and we'll send you a complete set of Jalaja's CDs, plus a gift certificate for an hour-long consultation with Jalaja.

Questions? Let us know, and we'll be happy to help. **Contact us** at info@instituteforcirclework.org, visit us at www.instituteforcirclework.org, or call (607) 351 7643.

Alone we are powerless, but together, we can change the world!