



What do Syrians Want? What Should we Do?

Jeff Klein, Dorchester

Everyone claims to know what the Syrians want. Usually this coincides with the interests of one or another of the various foreign interveners. However, the truth is that Syrians are deeply divided and there is no single view that speaks for all of them. Certainly, Syrians want an end to the war – but under very different conditions.

Although we rarely encounter this in our media, it is an uncontested fact that many Syrians actively support the government headed by the Ba'ath Party and Bashar al-Assad. This

might be due to ideological orientation, political or economic self-interest, or from anxiety – especially among minority religious or ethnic groups – that a post-Assad Syria might be a very dangerous place for them. Before the war began in 2011 there were 2 million Baath party members in a country of 23 million.

Many more Syrians, perhaps a majority, don't like the government much, but they fear the increasingly sectarian and extremist opposition even more. They see the largely jihadist and foreign-supported military forces as a threat to Syria's secular and tolerant society. This was a common sentiment I heard in Syria and neighboring countries during 5 weeks in the region earlier this year.

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The Siren Song of a No-Fly Zone

Massoudeh Edmond, Arlington

The presidential candidates are trying to come up with a 'solution' for Syria. Donald Trump has proposed a "safe zone" to shelter Syrians out of the conflict. The zone, according to Trump, would be a piece of territory inside the country, where today's refugees would reside instead of fleeing to Europe and elsewhere.

Hillary Clinton suggested the creation of a no-fly zone. Under her plan, the United States would take control of a part of the Syrian

national airspace, making it inaccessible to any aircraft but its own. The Syrian air defense would be attacked and Russian warplanes risk being shot down if they entered. She acknowledged her proposal in the third presidential debate:

"I'm going to continue to push for a no-fly zone and safe havens within Syria not only to help protect the

Syrians and prevent the constant outflow of refugees...but to, frankly, gain some leverage on both the Syrian government and the Russians so that perhaps we can have the kind of serious negotiation necessary to bring the conflict to an end and go forward on a political track."

But in a closed-door speech to Goldman Sachs in 2013, she stated:

"To have a no-fly zone you have to take out all of the air defense, many of which are located in populated areas. So our missiles, even if they are standoff missiles so we're not putting our pilots at risk—you're going to kill a lot of Syrians."

Today the United States and Russia share the Syrian skies and operate a military-to-military communication to prevent any kind of hostile engagement between them. Staging a no-fly zone would surely create a conflict of objectives: It would be an assertion of US domination in the region which would be challenged by Russia. That could escalate the tension either through a direct confrontation in the air, or through a Syrian or Russian capture of a downed US pilot. Moreover, shooting down a Russian plane would provoke retaliation.

A no-fly zone will not bring a political settlement. The only viable solution for easing the horrific situation in Syria is the enforcement of negotiations and nonstop efforts in diplomacy with the Russian and Syrian governments.



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Student Organizing Update

Caitlin Forbes, Campus Coordinator

The upcoming presidential election, regardless of the results, will usher in a new era for the grassroots peace movement, an era that will need the strength of student voices and student will. Bernie Sanders' plea for a new kind of politics created ripples across the country, ripples that resulted in waves of momentum on college campuses. This momentum serves as a reminder of the important roles that students play in each political discussion and decision, starting at their campus and circulating up to Capitol Hill.

MAPA student organizers have shared in this grassroots momentum, launching and maintaining campus chapters that focus on the issues central to our peace movement. From championing nuclear disarmament to shining a spotlight on the US's role in the Syrian war, our students are illuminating, debating, and critiquing national actions and stated intentions.

Fall 2016 marks the second year of our new approach to student organizing – a milestone marked by our growth from one fledgling student chapter to nine chapters at various stages of develop-

ment. While the descriptions below outline a brief summary of each group and its current status, they cannot do justice to the effort and passion put forth by each of our student chapter presidents, efforts that ensure that

these chapters will play a role in building the peace movement over the next four years.

Our first chapter, Harvard Peace Action, saw a change in leadership this spring with the departure of long-time president and chapter founder, Abel Corver. Salmon Habib has taken over as a chapter president alongside Thomas Elliot, and has joined MAPA's board. Harvard Peace Action, officially recognized last spring, promoted its chapter at the student fair and then moved quickly into exciting events centered on nuclear abolition, including an event, co-sponsored with the Harvard Kennedy School.

Emmanuel Peace Action, which received official recognition last spring, is led by Micaela Fraccolossi (*left*). Micaela organized a talk by Phyllis Bennis at Emmanuel during her book tour of Boston and describes her group as "a place where people can state their opinions in an understanding environment."

President Haleigh Copley continues to lead the Peace Action Chapter at

Tufts University (PACT) (*above*) with enthusiasm, hosting regular meetings and working with MAPA to bring Phyllis Bennis to her campus. Haleigh worked through the summer to advance her

chapter, holding chapter board meetings while studying abroad in China and while attending the 2016 World Conference against A & H Bombs in Hi-



roshima, Japan.

Brandeis Peace Action achieved official recognition in the beginning of October. Chapter president Remy Pontes, worked alongside his chapter to acquire over 100 supporting signatures and obtain all required documentation. The chapter recently held a launch party at the Brandeis coffee house, hoping to increase its members and solidify its focus.

Three new college student chapters have joined our ranks this fall: Boston College, led by MAPA summer intern Matthew Hahm; Salem State, led by Ben Militello and Amanda Mark; and Suffolk University, led by Luca Cepolina. Boston College has already hosted its first interest meeting, while both Suffolk and Salem State are in the midst of planning and advertising.

Our two recognized high school chapters, Newton North and Newton South, have been busy refocusing their efforts. Club presidents Kimia Tabatabaei and Jennifer Horsburgh attended the "Technologies of Peace" US-Japan high-school student summit in September and are considering how best to focus on issues such as peace and climate and US policy toward the Middle East.



The Next Four Years: Building our Movements in Dangerous Times

Cole Harrison, Executive Director

After the bruising 2016 election cycle, the people's movements and the political revolution will face enormous challenges in the next four years. Massachusetts Peace Action, American Friends Service Committee, Progressive Democrats of America and others have organized a post-election conference on Saturday, December 3 at Simmons College.

The Next Four Years: Building Our Movements in Dangerous Times will help us to frame our issues and public messaging, to forge a common vision, to increase greater integration of our movements, and to build an action plan that will inspire and motivate more and more people to get involved.

Keynote speaker Bob Wing, a founder of *Color Lines* and of United for Peace and Justice, will analyze the rise of the far right in the 2016 elections and the opportunities to connect electoral campaigns with base-building organizing.

In an Issues Panel, five Boston area movement organizers, Rev. Paul Robeson Ford for racial and social justice; Elena Letona for economic justice; Emily Kirkland for climate justice; Joseph Gerson for peace; and State Rep.-elect Mike Connolly for electoral and democracy organizing, will present their proposed campaigns and the possible interconnections.

In a Movement Intersections Panel, Rev. Mariama White-Hammond of the Massachusetts Moral Revival, DiDi Delgado of Cambridge Black Lives Matter, and Jared Hicks of Our Revolution Massachusetts, will discuss and compare cross-movement strategies. Bill McKibben will present a video greeting.

Workshops in a variety of formats will call on activists to build connections

between our issues.

Because of space, the conference is limited to 300 participants. For more information and to pre-register, go to <http://masspeaceaction.org/event/the-next-four-years/>.

Conference Declaration

Bernie Sanders' campaign ignited a widespread hope that our corrupted democracy, where money and power rule, could be taken back and trans-

and a truly democratic society we will need to build a vibrant social movement of large numbers of people. Together we will confront the obstacles to building a society that values life over death: runaway economic inequality; climate catastrophe, and war, racism and violence, at home and abroad.

The pervasive inequality in the United States is the major driver of the inherently unjust pain and unfairness that afflicts our society in the early 21st Century. The strangling impact of racism is exacerbated by economic decline for large sectors of national minorities, especially African Americans and Native Americans. Police murders have triggered nationwide protests, which we support.

This economic decline has also strongly impacted large parts of the white working class, leading many to support the Bernie Sanders campaign, but moving large swaths of others into reactionary and dangerous directions.

Increasing inequality is built into the model of economic develop-

ment which characterizes the global economy that rules most of the world today, and in which the USA has long played a dominant role. The wars and war preparation carried out in service of this energy empire generate vast carbon emissions. We cannot address climate change or the economic inequality without opposing US military interventions and the huge defense budget that funds this war-making.

Conference organizers aim to showcase and develop a Massachusetts movement infrastructure and begin to create a bold common agenda that promises work, hope, dignity and real security to our families and the possibility of healing the planet.



formed into a society based on the welfare of all. For many of us, it was the first time our values and needs were made front and center. We were elevated and inspired by a common agenda of fairness and justice.

We now have a greater awareness of the potential power we represent if we mobilize ourselves and encourage others to become involved participants. It is time now for us to think strategically on ways to harness and recapture the spirit of the political revolution we glimpsed, and place that energy toward action for change.

If we are to realize our hope for solidarity, cooperation, justice, security

Making Waves on Israel and Palestine

*Brenton Stoddart, Harvard and
Eva Moseley, Cambridge*

The “A New Day” (AND) network, launched by MAPA’s Palestine-Israel Working Group at a well-attended conference a year ago, organizes its members by Congressional district and works to change US Israel policy.

One initial aim is to persuade Members of Congress to conform to the policy of every administration since 1967, that Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories are “illegitimate” and “obstacles to peace.” MAPA board member and Democratic State Committee member Carol Coakley drafted a resolution on settlements supporting Obama administration efforts to oppose them, to be taken up in November by the DSC.

Last December, in an obvious conflict of

interest (COI), ten state senators took an all-expenses-paid trip to Israel planned and funded by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), shortly after the Senate passed a JCRC-promoted resolution opposing the BDS movement, which promotes Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions of Israel and companies that profit from Israeli occupation. Congress is considering a law encouraging states to suppress BDS, and Gov. Baker has signed an anti-BDS letter circulated by the American Jewish Committee.

To make sure all legislators are aware of the COI issue, we distributed to all 200 state legislative offices a booklet with a letter, signed by about 40 people, and Frank Phillips’s *Boston Globe* articles about the Israel trips.

A July attempt to legislate against BDS

failed, but JCRC promises to try again next year. MAPA joined with Jewish Voice for Peace – Boston and the Alliance for Water Justice in Palestine to hold a forum on the Freedom to Boycott on Oct. 29th.

Attorney General Maura Healey also went on a free trip to Israel. A MAPA delegation met with her staff and asked whether Israeli security practices—such as firing live bullets on peaceful protesters, or maintaining separate, unequal legal systems for Israelis and Palestinians in the same areas—provide lessons for Massachusetts law enforcement.

Susan Nicholson, Jeff Klein, and Noble Larson presented a workshop on state-level activism at the annual conference of the newly renamed U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights.

Challenging U.S.-Saudi War Crimes in Yemen

Paul Shannon, Somerville (adapted from an article in the AFSC Newsletter)

While the U.S. media focus on Syria, another disaster is unfolding in Yemen. In Yemen, the U.S. is collaborating with Saudi Arabia to do the killing. Yemen has been wrecked and children are being killed daily – primarily by the Saudi bombing and blockade of supplies needed by the population.

The U.S. provides targeting and mid-air refueling for the Saudi air attack, and sells the Saudis both the bombs that are killing civilians, and the sophisticated jet bombers which drop these powerful weapons.

For instance, a bomb manufactured by our biggest Massachusetts war contractor, Raytheon, was used in the October massacre in which over 150 Yemeni civilians were killed and 500 wounded as Saudi jets repeatedly attacked a funeral in the heart of Yemen’s capital.

Can you imagine the response if another country did that to Washington, DC? But there’s hardly a peep from the

Democratic leadership about the disaster we and the Saudis are creating in Yemen – the poorest country in the Middle East.

To stop U.S. crimes against the people of Yemen, MAPA has launched a campaign to end U.S. weapons sales and collaboration with Saudi Arabia. The campaign focuses on the Yemen war,

by Quakers in Wilmington and by activists in Providence, RI. Textron was making cluster bombs and selling them to Saudi Arabia, which used them in civilian areas of Yemen. A July vote in Congress to stop the sales failed, though supported by all 9 Massachusetts House reps. Then, just a few weeks after MAPA’s demonstration in Wilmington, Textron announced that it was

ending production of cluster bombs, saying: “The current political environment has made it difficult to obtain these approvals” needed to sell such weapons to the Saudis.

Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren supported a measure to block the President’s new \$1.15 billion sale of tanks to the

Saudis, which failed in October but received 29 affirmative votes.

Medea Benjamin gave six Boston-area talks on Oct. 19-22 on her new book, *Kingdom of the Unjust: Behind the U.S.-Saudi Connection*, and we followed up with a rally at MIT calling for it to stop its collaboration with a major Saudi technology institute.



on Saudi and U.S. support for violent sectarian groups in Syria and throughout the Middle East, on Saudi financing of the spread of intolerant ideology throughout the region, and on Saudi internal repression.

In July MAPA brought 40 protesters (above) to the Textron plant in Wilmington, MA, following demonstrations

No to the \$1 Trillion Nuclear Weapon Escalation

Jonathan King, Cambridge

The disappointing outcome of the 2015 UN Review Conference of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty was a serious setback to proponents of nuclear disarmament. Re-armament proposals have emerged from the Pentagon, the Administration, and weapons industries, for a 30-year \$Trillion dollar “modernization” of the three types of nuclear delivery systems. This proposal represents in essence the launching of a new nuclear arms race. In response, MAPA’s Nuclear Disarmament Working Group has opened a campaign to rebuild a broad-based U.S. movement for nuclear disarmament.

The Working Group’s assessment was that the proposal was so immoral, so destabilizing in terms of true security, and so outrageous an expenditure of people’s tax dollars, that we would be able to build a campaign of resistance: “No to the \$Trillion Dollar Nuclear Weapons Escalation.”

The long-term political focus of this campaign is to cut the appropriations for nuclear weapons upgrades, which are voted on annually by the Appropriations committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. This political strategy builds on our understanding that continuing to appropriate billions of dollars for weapons purchases will require Congress to cut spending for housing, transportation, health care, education, biomedical research, environmental protection and sustainable energy development. The campaign proposes forming alliances with groups

fighting for those human needs. Thus, the core messages will be “Build Housing Not Bombs: Subways Not Submarines”; “Fund Healthcare not Warfare”; “Invest in Minds Not Missiles.” This strategy builds on the past three years of coalition building by the Mass Budget for All Campaign and the increasing support for the People’s Budget developed by the House Pro-



Peace Action Chapter at Tufts president Haleigh Copley (center) displays a banner signed by participants at the Hiroshima peace conference in August

gressive Caucus.

The Nuclear Disarmament Working Group presented its proposed long-term campaign to MAPA members at a meeting Oct. 24th. Elaine Scarry laid out the basis of our focus on the fundamental immorality of nuclear weapons, Peter Casey described the enormous costs to taxpayers, and Gary Goldstein explained the increasing danger of a nuclear exchange or accident. We heard from allies including Sayre Sheldon of WAND, Liz Gronlund of the Union of Concerned Scientists, and DiDi Delgado of Cambridge Black Lives Matter; from representatives of our campus committees; and from local political leaders including Cambridge City Councilor Dennis Carlone and State Representative-elect Mike Connolly.

On Saturday Oct. 22nd, we shared our campaign vision with Catholic peace activists attending the Massachusetts Pax Christi Fall Assembly. Marie Dennis of Pax Christi International reported on a Vatican conference’s recent rejection of the Just War doctrine that has long been Church teaching, and its affirmation of the immorality of nuclear weapons. Pax Christi and Peace Action members discussed working together over the coming year, organizing local forums and educational events.

One step forward has been constitution of a Faith Communities Outreach Committee. Chaired by Methodist Rev. Herb Taylor of Harvard-Epworth Church, with members Christie Dennis, Alice Kidder, Pat Ferrone (state coordinator for Pax

Christi) and Rebecca Garcia, this committee will develop relationships and activities with congregations and communities of faith in Greater Boston.

MAPA’s Nuclear Disarmament Working Group meets roughly monthly. In the near future we will identify local organizations advocating for housing, healthcare, education, and other human needs, and begin to determine concrete ways that cuts in the Congressional weapons budget could enable increases in funding for the programs they support. We intend to use the framework developed by the Progressive Caucus for the People’s Budget, and develop a People’s Budget for Massachusetts. To join the listserv for the NDWG, contact the office (*see p.8*).

Greening the Global Economy

Rosalie Anders and John MacDougall

Climate change, war and violence are closely connected. A tragic example is Syria, where four years of drought led to impoverishment, hunger and mass migration to cities. Young men protested in the streets. The government crackdown escalated to the current civil war. Climate disruption is likely to create more such crises, and it is urgent that we develop non-military ways to deal with them, and stop the suicidal escalation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Instead of relying on military-based economic growth and military solutions, we need to develop alternatives: to work towards a sustainable economy and stop spending hundreds of billions on the military.

We convene MAPA's peace and climate group, which promotes local actions, such as divestment by institutions from fossil fuels (FF), opposing new FF infrastructure, and promoting better facilities for transit, biking and walking. We also urge

action on national/international issues, for example by replacing foreign military intervention and weapons sales with economic and educational solutions. In our work with

the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change goal of reducing GHG in 20 years, most governments must invest 1.5-2% of their gross domestic product in energy efficiency and

clean, renewable energy. This will create millions of jobs—for instance, an estimated 650,000 in the US and 6.4 million in China. In this transition there are many opportunities for community-level programs, such as wind-farm co-operatives like those operating in Germany and elsewhere. In Massachusetts, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008 mandates a 25% cut in GHG by 2020 compared to 1990 lev-

els. But this target doesn't go far enough.

Paul Shannon of the American Friends Service Committee pointed out that GHG emissions by the US military are the equivalent of driving 14.6 million cars. To reverse climate change, he argued that we absolutely must stop the US war machine.



climate groups, we raise awareness of the importance of connecting climate and peace.

On October 5th our group cosponsored "Greening the Global—and Massachusetts—Economy" in Cambridge. The main speaker was UMass Amherst economics professor Robert Pollin. He argued that to meet

Beyond Boston

Carol Coakley, Millis

Café Palestina presented a talk on Syria by Jeff Klein in August, reports Pat Salomon. In the fall it will show four films highlighting these issues, including "The Occupation of the American Mind" at Friends Meeting House in Great Barrington. They are also working to prevent new anti-BDS legislation in the upcoming session of the MA legislature, have questioned candidates about anti-BDS measures, and have promoted the democratic right to protest injustice, using non-violent means such as BDS.

Metrowest Peace Action and Pax Christi Metrowest, with the Alliance for Water Justice, met with Sen. Rich-

ard Ross to discuss his trip to Israel; joined a Textron protest in Wilmington; with If Americans Knew NE hosted Richard Forer talking about a new perspective on the Israel-Palestine conflict; accompanied a CISPES delegation to Rep. Katherine Clark's office in Framingham; published letters to the editor on Yemen; and hosted a conversation on Saudi Arabia and Yemen with Medea Benjamin at the First Parish UU Church in Framingham.

Watertown Citizens for Peace Justice and Environment held their annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki vigil and hosted a Guns Across America concert. In October its Syrian Refugee Working Group showed two films with guest speakers

Omar Salem and Sami Abdullah.

Walpole Peace and Justice held vigils against gun violence and about Hiroshima/Nagasaki, organized meetings on the Spectra Pipeline, and attended the Moral Monday event in September.

North Shore Coalition for Peace and Justice organized anti-TPP demonstrations aimed at Rep. Moulton and helped with the Bennis talk in Salem and Defending BDS conference in October.

Phyllis Bennis spoke on Syria at Bristol Community College in New Bedford, Salem State College and Gordon College in Wenham as well as campuses in greater Boston.

After the Election

John Ratiff, Cambridge

Whether Clinton or Trump wins, we remain grateful for Sen. Bernie Sanders' inspirational and influential campaign. It won 13 million votes, earned 46% of pledged delegates at the Democratic convention, and won positive changes to the Democratic platform, opening a path to more progressive outcomes in the future, although the pro-peace planks of Sanders' platform were defeated by Clinton delegates.

Our Revolution, the organization founded to continue the Sanders campaign, is already making itself felt. In Massachusetts it campaigned for Mike Connolly for State Rep. and for the No on 2 campaign for public schools. The

progressive genie, fed by the yearnings of working people who have suffered enormously for decades, especially after the 2008 Great Recession, will be hard to get back in the bottle of the politics as usual Democratic Party.

2016 has also been historic in much darker ways. The hard right, racist, proto-fascist currents, which have always existed in American politics and were part of the ruling coalition in states of the old South, have now found their way into the center of national politics. Trump, the scion of a father involved in Klan activities, and himself charged with making racial discrimination in housing central to his pursuit of wealth and power, began his

campaign with racist attacks against Mexicans and Muslims. Combined with empty economic populist lines against free trade and Wall Street, the racist appeal helped defeat 16 other prominent Republican candidates. His campaign embraced the so-called alt-right and his slogan "Make America Great Again" implied returning to times when people of color, women, the LGBT+ individuals, people with disabilities and others were forced into diminished roles. Win or lose, the frightening forces of the right that Trump's campaign has unleashed and organized will be with us from now on.

Below: Our Revolution Massachusetts conference, October (Nancy Weinberg photo)



What do Syrians Want?

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In 2011 many Syrians began to protest for democratic reforms against the dictatorial and oligarchic Baathist government. It was a Syrian response to the popular upsurge of the "Arab Spring" throughout the region -- and to the deteriorating economic situation due to a years-long drought and neo-liberal reforms implemented by the government. But coinciding with the anti-government protests were also very large pro-Assad demonstrations in cities across Syria.

The civil protests were soon overwhelmed by a combination of government repression and dominance by armed extremists, supported from the outset by Turkey and the reactionary Gulf monarchies. The early call by Obama and other outside leaders that "Assad must go" gave hope to many Syrian oppositionists for a Libyan-style Western intervention that would lead to a speedy fall of the government.

Certainly, the US and its allies have long sought to overthrow the Syrian government for their own reasons. For

them, Assad's primary sin had little to do with "democracy" but was rather his long-standing alliance with Iran and the Lebanese political/military party Hezbollah. The US and the Gulf states were joined by Israel in preferring a weakened or destabilized Syria as preferable to its continued alignment with Iran.

Although a direct military attack on Syria failed to materialize, it has become clear that the conflict will endure as long as it is fueled by outside proxy interests. Tens of thousands of foreign jihadist fighters have entered Syria, facilitated by NATO-member Turkey to the north and by the nearly open borders with Iraq to the east.

Hezbollah and the Iranians did not join the fighting on any large scale until mid-2013; the Russians began their direct military participation only in 2015, when it seemed possible that the Syrian government was facing military defeat. This intervention was met with relief by many Syrians. The images of Vladimir Putin and Hezbollah's Hassan Nasrallah are on many items

for sale in Damascus souvenir shops -- clearly marketed to Syrians rather than to foreign tourists. In one restaurant during my visit, diners broke into spontaneous Arabic shouts of "Long Live Russia."

Unfortunately, most of the news we read outside Syria comes from opposition groups which are agitating for increased US military intervention -- starting with a "No-Fly Zone" -- to topple the Assad government. However, there are also democracy supporters, operating in exile or within the government-held areas of the country, who demand political reform but oppose foreign intervention.

In this complicated situation, it is imperative for peace supporters in the US to oppose, first of all, the on-going military intervention in Syria of our own country and its close allies. This could underpin a call for the exit of all foreign forces from Syria and the launching of a genuine diplomatic process that will give hope for winding down the fighting and negotiating a long-term political solution.

Peace and Justice Calendar

Fall 2016/ Winter 2017

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Nov 17 7pm	Jeff Klein: Palestine & Israel up close Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington RI
Dec 3 9am-5pm	The Next Four Years: Building our Movements in Dangerous Times, Simmons College, Boston
Dec 4 7:30pm	Assassination by Drone: Christopher Aaron Eliot Church of Newton, 474 Centre St.
Jan 14 7pm	Sing-Along Fundraiser for the Standing Rock Sioux Calvary United Methodist Church, Arlington
Jan 25 10pm-1am	Noise Against Nukes. Indie/experimental music Lilypad Inman, 1353 Cambridge St, Cambridge
Jan 31 7pm	Reese Erlich: Inside Syria: Back-story of Their Civil War & What the World Can Expect . Cambridge
Mar 4 7:30pm	Music for Peace: Masterworks for Piano Quartet Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church
April 29 7:30pm	Music for Peace: The Ultimate Prodigy Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church

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- Address specific issue areas in our working groups
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