

## AMERICANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PEACE (AFDOP)

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### **Media Advisory**

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### **For Immediate Release:**

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Miko Peled, a San Diego Israeli, will speak at local Department of Peace meeting about taking action for peace in the Middle East

After losing his 13 year old niece to a Palestinian suicide bombing in Jerusalem in 1997, Miko Peled, an Israeli now living in Coronado, not only has turned grief and pain into hope for peace in the Middle East, he has an action plan.

Five years ago Peled met Nader Elbanna at a discussion group in San Diego called the Palestinian Israeli dialogue. Elbanna, a Palestinian, had lost his homeland and his best friend to the Israelis.

Despite deep losses and differences, Peled and Elbanna formed a friendship and became partners in peacemaking. Together they have given countless presentations and raised \$84,000 to send 1,000 wheelchairs to both Palestinian and Israeli children in the Holy Land who have been injured by violence.

Presently Peled and Elbanna are engaged in assisting *Hand in Hand*, a foundation for Israeli-Palestinian education which runs three schools in Israel, each with an Israeli and Palestinian principal. Classrooms have two teachers (again one of each) and are evenly split between Palestinian and Israeli children.

Come be inspired by Miko Peled's fascinating story and hear first hand about his dedication and passion for bringing hope and peace to the Middle East. You'll also learn about the campaign to establish a United States, cabinet-level, Department of Peace and Non-violence and ways you can personally get involved with creating a culture of peace on our planet!

**Tuesday, JULY 25, 2006, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Church of Today, 8999 Activity Road, San Diego, CA 92126**

Free of charge. All are welcome.