

Please join the Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice in the

**NINTH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE
OF THE WAR IN IRAQ
Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 4p.m.**

INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR PEACE

**at First United Methodist Church
214 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo**

Keynote Address:

“The Path to Peace in Israel/Palestine”

Mark Braverman

(Service will be followed by discussion)

Mark Braverman's roots are in the Holy Land – his grandfather, a fifth generation Palestinian Jew, was born in Jerusalem, emigrating the U.S. as a young man. Growing up in the United States, Braverman was reared in the Jewish tradition, studying Bible, Hebrew literature, and Jewish history. Trained in clinical psychology and crisis management, Braverman devoted his professional career to working with groups and individuals undergoing traumatic stress. Returning to the Holy Land in 2006, he was transformed by witnessing the occupation of Palestine and by encounters with peace activists and civil society leaders from the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities.

Since then, Braverman has devoted himself full-time to the Israel/Palestine conflict. He is a co-founder and Executive Director of Friends of Tent of Nations North America, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting Palestinian land rights and peaceful coexistence in historic Palestine. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions-USA, the advisory committee of Friends of Sabeel North America, and the advisory council of the Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace. He is a charter member of American Jews for a Just Peace.

Co-sponsors of the service: Kalamazoo Non-Violent Opponents of War, the Muslim Community of Kalamazoo, Great Lakes PeaceJam, I-Witness for Palestine, Kalamazoo Campaign for a Department of Peace, Women in Black, Skyridge Church of the Brethren. Donations will be accepted for Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, Iraqi Health Now, and United Methodist Committee on Relief for relief efforts in Haiti.