

## **A Jewish Woman's Personal Journey through the Occupied Territories\***

Congregation Nahalat Shalom, 3606 Rio Grande Blvd., as part of its Jewish Voices on Peace in the Middle East lecture-discussion series, will host Anna Baltzer speaking on "*A Jewish Woman's Personal Journey: Jewish Identity and Becoming a Witness in Palestine*" on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 7 pm.

Anna Baltzer is a Jewish American Columbia graduate, Fulbright scholar, and granddaughter of Holocaust survivors. She volunteers with the International Women's Peace Service and is now touring the United States with her presentation and second book describing her experiences in the West Bank, *Witness in Palestine: A Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories*.

Baltzer will tell her personal journey as a Jewish woman and discuss \* traditional social justice values and plurality of Jewish identity, as well as her feelings about her own identity as a Jew in relation to the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

Baltzer will also give a slide presentation documenting her work with the International Women's Peace Service in the West Bank. There will be time for questions. This lecture is free and open to the public.

This is the second in Congregation Nahalat Shalom's fall Lecture/Discussion series, "Jewish Voices on Peace in the Middle East." The first talk was presented by Israeli and Palestinian young women from the Creativity for Peace Camp in Santa Fe. The November presentation will be by Rabbi Min Kantrowitz, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm.

Congregation Nahalat Shalom is a spiritual and cultural center for Jewish Renewal in the Southwest. For more information, call 246-2231 or e-mail [chandlermuf@yahoo.com](mailto:chandlermuf@yahoo.com).