

Just Back from Egypt! Phyllis Bennis to Speak in Cambridge May 16

The Middle East and North Africa:

New Hopes and New Dangers



Tunisia. Egypt. Bahrain. Yemen. Libya. Syria. For the past four months dramatic and often hopeful events have been sweeping through North Africa and the Middle East.

What are the various forces operating within each country?

What are the policies and goals of the United States amidst all these uprisings?

What is the implication of these developments for Israel and the Palestinians?

And what are the implications for our peace and justice movement?

Come to a presentation, discussion and slide show on these historic events with **Phyllis Bennis** of the Institute for Policy

Studies and **Ashraf Elkern** of the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester.

Monday, May 16, 2011, 7pm
Cambridge Friends Center

5 Longfellow Park, off Brattle St., near Harvard Square, Cambridge
\$5-10 donation requested – no one turned away

Phyllis Bennis is director of the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies. She has been a writer, analyst, and activist on Middle East and UN issues for many years. In 2001 she helped found and remains on the steering committee of the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation. She works closely with the United for Peace and Justice anti-war coalition, co-chairs the UN-based International Coordinating Network on Palestine, and since 2002 has played an active role in the growing global peace movement. She is co-author of *Ending the US War in Afghanistan: A Primer*, among other books, and authors a regular online newsletter.



Ashraf Elkern is an Egyptian-born physician who has practiced in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the United States. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester since 2000 and is a past President. "I am considered a brain washed American in Egypt and a naturalized alien in America," says Elkern.

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