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The women are part of the nonprofit Partners for Peace tour, Jerusalem Women Speak: Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision. Their discussion is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, in Jesse Philips Humanities Center Sears Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Partners for Peace provides a public platform for the voices of Israeli and Palestinian women working for a peaceful and just resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to the organization's Web site. Since 1998, the nonprofit has sponsored tours that bring ordinary women from each of the three major religions in the Holy Land to speak to Americans about their daily lives and efforts for peace.

Special topics in this tour include the Gaza "Disengagement" and its aftermath and the ongoing political and humanitarian crisis in the Palestinian territories.

The University's religious studies department, women's and gender studies program, the Women's Center and the College of Arts and Sciences dean's office are sponsoring the event. The Center for International Programs will host a free reception following the discussion.

The speakers include:

Enas Muthaffar, a Palestinian Muslim, is an independent filmmaker born and raised in Jerusalem. Muthaffar's films have been screened internationally in cities such as Jerusalem, Amman, Zurich, London, Chicago and Montreal. She has also worked as a producer/fixer for international media organizations including CNN, National Geographic and the London Times.

Julia Chaitin, a Jewish Israeli, is a professor, mother of three and lifelong advocate for peace and conflict resolution. She is a senior lecturer in the department of social work at Sapir College near Sderot, Israel, and a senior staff member at the Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development. Chaitin has also been an active member of several organizations that promote peace, equality, nonviolence and dialogue.

Lucy Talgieh, a Palestinian Christian, is a project coordinator for women and youth at the Wi-am Center for Conflict Resolution, a grassroots organization empowering Palestinian women and youth through training and education. She is an active volunteer with organizations promoting democracy, nonviolence, human rights, gender equality and conflict resolution.

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