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- ⌘ **4/30-5/2 Poverty, Justice, & Jobs Think Tank:** The Charles Hamilton Houston Institute & the Advanced Leadership Initiative, **Info:** A solution-finding workshop on poverty, justice, & jobs. The stimulus funds being sent to cities and states under the Obama administration agenda provide an opportunity for new ideas on how to make these expenditures effective for all people, especially those at the bottom. **Location:** Harvard Law School, Harvard Sq., Cambridge, MA. **Time:** Varies, **Contact:** www.charleshamiltonhouston.org/events/event.aspx?id=100092
- ⌘ **5/2 GLSEN Boston Annual Conference:** The Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network **Info:** The conference will have resource tables & brochures from various LGBTQ organizations as well as other supportive agencies available to conference attendees (students, teachers, administrators, parents, community members, etc.) **Location:** English High School, Jamaica Plain **Contact:** by phone – Rebecca 410-428-6051/ email rsp181@mail.harvard.edu or visit the website <http://chapters.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/boston/resources/article-148.html>
- ⌘ **5/2 Wake Up the Earth Festival & Soul Revival Afterparty:** Spontaneous Celebrations/ Beantown Society/Soul Revival, **Info:** 10,000 person festival with 2 stages & DJs born out of the social justice movement, **Location:**(Festival)Stonybrook Park & Stonybrook Station, Jamaica Plain (Afterparty) Spontaneous Celebrations 45 Danforth St. Jamaica Plain, **Time:** (Festival) 12-5pm (Afterparty) 6pm-1am **Contact:** www.reviveyoursoul.com
- ⌘ **5/3 Darfur: What Next?:** A Day of Education, Inspiration, Solidarity & Action, Andover Newton Theological School & Hebrew College. **Info:** Community-wide forum will help all attending deepen their knowledge of the crisis in Darfur and take purposeful action together. The program will include Darfuri speakers & musicians. The keynote speaker is Rev. Gloria White-Hammond, Chairwoman of the Save Darfur Coalition. **Location:** 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA, **Time:** 3-8pm, **Contact:** Rabbi or Rose at orose@hebrewcollege.edu or 617-559-8636 **Cost:** \$10, \$5 for students/seniors price includes dinner (all food is kosher; financial assistance is available upon request)
- ⌘ **5/8 Boston Master Peace Youth Arts Showcase:** Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, **Info:** An evening for youth/families to enjoy performances from youth groups, dancers, singers, rappers, poets, & steppers from all around Boston, **Location:** Blackstone Community Center 50 Brookline St. Boston, MA **Time:** 5:30-8pm, **Contact:** Matt Parker 617-935-2739 or go to www.louisdbrownpeaceinstitute.org **Cost:** Tickets are \$3 in advance & \$5 at the door.
- ⌘ **5/9 17th Annual Boston Peace Conference:** Center For Teen Empowerment, **Info:** Teen Empowerment's annual Youth Peace Conference brings over 800 youth together each year for an afternoon of exploring the root causes of violence in urban communities through an original multi-arts stage show created and performed by Boston youth. This year's conference is called **Reality Check, Make It Real**. Tickets are \$3

at the door, \$2 in advance, **Location:** Jeremiah E Burke High School 60 Washington St. (Grove Hall)
Time: 11am-5pm **Contact:** 617-536-4266 x304 or go to www.teenempowerment.org

⌘ **5/9 Youth Pride 2009:** The Friends of GLBT Youth Inc., **Info:** Youth Pride is a celebration of straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. Largely organized by a committee of young people, this celebration was started in 1995 as a rally at the steps of the State House and a march through Boston's streets. It is the first of its kind in the country! **Time:** 11am-4pm, **Location:** Boston Common Parkman Bandstand, **Contact:** ph: 617-450-1333 or email: info@friendsofglbtyouth.org

⌘ **5/10 13th Annual Mother's Walk For Peace:** Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, **Info:** The Mothers' Walk for Peace is held annually on Mother's Day and is a community pledge walk in Dorchester, Massachusetts that attracts participants from all across the state to promote peace and peace awareness, while remembering the victims of homicide. All proceeds raised support the peace education efforts and survivor services programs of the Institute, **Time:** 7:00am, **Location:** Townfield in Fields Corner Dorchester, **Contact:** ph: 617-825-1917 email: info@louisdbrownpeaceinstitute.org

⌘ **5/14 Understanding Our World: Gear Up for Peace Month with Bikes Not Bombs:** Boston Cares: **Info:** Understanding Our World is a monthly lecture and discussion forum, focusing on a different region of the world at each session. Participants will become empowered through understanding, and gain an appreciation for the region, its history, and the significance of colonization, religion, and ethnicity. Carl Kurz, International Programs Director for Bikes Not Bombs will discuss BNB's international work (sending over 33,000 bikes to Central America, the Caribbean, and Africa in the last 24 years), and the importance of this work in sustaining peace and social justice. **Time:** 6-8pm **Location:** Deutsche Bank 225 Franklin St. 25th Floor Boston, MA **Contact:** Ashley Boyd ph: 617-422-0919 x. 209 email: aboyn@bostoncares.org or visit <http://tinurl.com/PeaceMonthUOW>

⌘ **5/15 International Day of Families Parents Forum:** Parents Forum, **Info:** A panel discussion about what parents need and want for their children. **Time:** 2-3pm **Location:** CCTV 675 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA **Contact:** Eve Sullivan ph 617-253-7182 or visit www.parentsforum.org

⌘ **5/16 Peace Poetry Splash:** Bird Street Community Center, **Info:** Come hear youth express their hopes and visions for preventing violence through spoken word presentations. Special guest speaker Rev. S. Harris will be discussing the changes he has seen in the community as well as ways to move forward in the coming months. **Time:** 12-2pm **Location:** Bird Street Community Center 500 Columbia Rd. Dorchester, MA **Contact:** Shamekia Franklin ph: 617-282-6110 x. 12 **Cost:** Free!!!

⌘ **5/17 Liquary Jefferson Man-Up March & Gang Truce Rally:** **Info:** On Sunday, May 17, 2009 men, women and children from the Black and Latino community will march from Grove Hall to City Hall to show our women and children that we DO want change in our community and that we WILL hold ourselves accountable for where our communities have gone. Men! Wear white tee shirts to symbolize a

surrender to peace, and women: wear black tee shirts to symbolize your support for the men in our community. **Time:** 3-6pm **Location:** Grove Hall **Contact:** MC Spice at 857-492-2672

⌘ **5/22 You Can Go With Fresh:** AFSC/Blackstone Community Center **Time:**7:00pm, **Location:** Blackstone Community Center 50 Brookline St. Boston, MA

⌘ **5/23 Revolutionary Reels: "Palante, Siempre Palante! The Young Lords":** Reflect & Strengthen **Info:** Reflect & Strengthen's monthly film series continues with "Siempre, Palante Siempre! The Young Lords" Fighting for economic, racial & social justice, the Young Lords emerged to demand decent living conditions and raised a militant voice for the empowerment of Puerto Ricans & other Latino/as in the United States and for the independence of Puerto Ricans. "Palante, Siempre Palant! The Young Lords" documents the period from 1969 through the organization's demise in 1976. **Time:** 2pm **Location:** Teen Empowerment 2010 Columbus Ave. Roxbury **Contact:** Alexia ph: 617-442-2355 email: alexia@refelectandstrengthen.org

⌘ **5/29 Peace Vigil: Youth Transforming Violence:** St. Stephen's Place of Opportunity for Teens/ St. Stephen's After School Program, **Info:** The peace vigil is being planned by middle & high school students involved with the after-school program at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in the South End. We are hoping to involve other youth organizations in the area as well. The theme will be focused on youth's power to make a difference and be a voice for peace in their communities and the world. **Time:** 4:30-5:30pm **Location:** Blackstone Square, South End, Boston, **Contact:** Julia MacMahon ph: 781-420-2652 email: jmacmahon@wheelock.edu

⌘ **5/30 City Year Serve-A-Thon:** MFS Investment Management **Info:** Serve-A-Thon will celebrate its 19th anniversary as Boston's premier community service even. Serve-a-thon is a fundraiser for City Year Boston which unites over 1,500 citizens from across Greater Boston to bring new life to schools, playgrounds, vacant lots, housing developments & parks, **Time:** 10am-3pm **Location:** Jacson Square, Egleston Square, Highland Park, Roxbury **Contact:** John Francis ph: 617 927 2516 email: jfrancis@cityyear.org