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Dear all -

We are honored to be co-hosting a private reception on **… [date] from [time]** for Palestinian activist Khalil Sayegh / Silvia Marjeyeh and his friend and colleague Orthodox Rabbi and Zionist settler Hanan Schlesinger, who are leaders of a unique and transformational project on the West Bank called Roots. Together they are demonstrating to the world what is possible when we reach across a seemingly impossible divide amongst unimaginable hostility and fear and begin talking to one another.

As so many of us struggle to find common ground across the widening partisan chasm in American culture and politics, Roots is a powerful source of inspiration as it invites religious settlers and their Palestinian neighbors to meet, speak and work together. They are creating a grassroots infrastructure for co-existence and peace – one person, one family, one community at a time – not just for the distant future but for today.

There is a quote we're all familiar with from the speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Obama that actually originates with Theodore Parker, a Unitarian minister, reformer and abolitionist in the 1830's. This is the entire quote - comforting, empowering and timely: *"I do not pretend to understand the moral universe; the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways; I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice."*

At a time when American, Israeli and Palestinian leadership is doing less than ever to promote peace in the region, we need civil society to fill the void. This project is small but mighty and we are very excited to share it with you. Here's a link to the website: www.friendsofroots.net.

We will send the event address and details when you RSVP. Please feel free to share this invitation with family, friends or colleagues whom you think would be interested and potentially moved by this experience. Just be sure to have all guests RSVP at [email address].

We look forward to seeing you!