

### Sacred Connections

**I**n an attempt to share a voice of moderation, Brenda Rosenberg of Bloomfield Hills told 200 worshippers at the Islamic House of Wisdom that peace is possible only if people connect to God, to themselves and to other people.

"The great religions of Islam, Christianity and Judaism can be a powerful force for good — a force so powerful that it can heal our wounds," said Rosenberg, during the Dearborn Heights mosque's evening service on Nov. 22.

"With God as our partner, we can create the sacred connections that will help us heal and create peace," she said.

After the services, Rosenberg, the first Jewish woman ever to speak at the mosque, was warmly received during a question-and-answer session, said Noor Abdallah of the House of Wisdom.

While those who attended weren't heads of state or influential in number, they still have the "ability to plant seeds," Abdallah said. As Rosenberg "speaks in our community about Christianity, Judaism and Islam in a very peaceful way, then people have a positive impression about Jewish people. That helps to build bridges and have more understanding and dialogue between the communities of faith.

"The message gets carried on."

— Harry Kirsbaum



Far left:  
The new  
Cyrano boat.

Left:  
Brenda  
Rosenberg with  
Arab friends.

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