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## ACLU files complaint against TIZA and MN Department of Education

The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota filed a lawsuit in January in Federal District Court against Tarek ibn Ziyad Academy (TIZA) and the Minnesota Department of Education stating that the charter school has violated the Establishment clause of the U.S. Constitution by using taxpayer money to illegally promote religion. The Minnesota Department of Education was named as a co-defendant because it has failed to provide proper oversight by disbursing taxpayer funds despite TIZA using such public funds for religious promotion.

TIZA is a charter school organized under Minnesota law as a non-profit corporation, sponsored by Islamic Relief USA with campuses in Inver Grove Heights and Blaine. TIZA is supported by tax funds from both the State of Minnesota and the United States Government. The Minnesota Department of Education is charged with approval and oversight of charter schools and with certification of schools' entitlement to state funding. The Commissioner has certified funds for TIZA despite its constitutional violations.

TIZA operations are problematic for a number of reasons including: TIZA leases both of its campuses from religious groups, TIZA and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN) and TIZA's landlords are linked by a complex, interconnecting set of personal and corporate relationships. The leadership and operations of TIZA and MAS-MN have always been overlapping and MAS-MN officials function in prominent leadership positions at TIZA; TIZA has been shown to advance, endorse and prefer the Muslim religion over other religions or nonsectarian approaches in connection with school activities.

The lack of government oversight is a matter of grave concern, because the Minnesota Department of Education

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## City dismisses RNC charges against photojournalist Nathan Weber

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The City of St. Paul has dismissed charges of gross misdemeanor riot leveled against photojournalist Nathan Weber. Weber was arrested on Labor Day, 2008 while he was working to provide photographic news coverage of protesters at the Republican National Committee Convention in St. Paul. He was one of several photojournalists arrested with a group of protestors on the first day of the convention. While two photojournalism students from the University of Kentucky and their advisor were released the following day and had their charges dropped, the charges against Weber were not. Weber's arrest was violent and at least one police officer stepped on his head. He was arrested despite wearing media credentials that identified him as a photojournalist and being weighed down by expensive photographic equipment. After Weber was released from jail on bail, he was deprived of his photographic equipment and was unable to continue working during the remainder of the convention.

ACLU-MN cooperating attorney James Ventura represented Weber in the criminal prosecution and was able to convince the City Attorney's office to drop the charges. Ventura argued that Weber was legitimately there documenting the protests as a photojournalist.

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# From the President

## Therese Marso



### Farewell article

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During the Winter Carnival, I took my kids to the State Capitol for a self-directed art history tour. I figured we'd kill 15 minutes in centrally-heated comfort in the name of education before we hit the colder-but-more-popular ice sculptures. We entered the building, and I got just the bang I was looking for – the look of wonder and awe in their faces as they viewed the majesty of the rotunda, the sobering, tattered Civil War flags, and the gargoyle-like benches. We were enjoying ourselves so much that we stayed on, and I started looking closer. While the kids were searching for sculpted gophers in the railings, I began reading the walls:

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

-Thomas Jefferson

"Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

-Benjamin Franklin

Approximately 50 quotations, selected a century ago to represent our state democracy, adorn the walls of our Capitol, and not one of them seem outdated. We've read them all before, but in the grandeur of the Capitol, surrounded by ample evidence that this Country's freedom was hard fought and its democracy novel, I'll admit I was overpowered. I tried to read some of the quotes to my kids and explain why I was so moved, but their three and seven-year-old brains could not comprehend the complexities of fighting to maintain freedoms that they've never considered and that we all take for granted.

As we left the Capitol and I plucked the inevitable parking ticket off my windshield, I kept pondering the timelessness of the quotations. If Jefferson, Franklin and their ilk were writing

today, they would undoubtedly be written off by many as unrealistic extremists. More than 200 years after this country was founded on such ideals, it remains a fight to continue them. The ACLU uniquely continues the vigilance described by Jefferson, and no matter the time or the people in power, there is always work to be done.

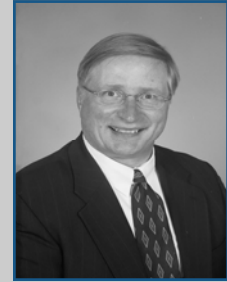
This is my last newsletter as president of the ACLU-MN. I am very proud of the work that the organization has done over the last few years, but as Thomas and Benjamin predicted, there will always be more work ahead. In facing the next challenges, the ACLU-MN is particularly fortunate to have Wally Hilke as its incoming Board President.

Wally is a partner with the law firm of Lindquist & Vennum, and he has taken many leadership roles within the ACLU-MN in the last several years. Wally chaired the Public Education and Membership Committee, and he recently spearheaded the work of the Long Range Planning Committee. Undeterred by the challenges facing all non-profit organizations in the current economic climate, Wally is actively working to maintain and expand the work of the ACLU-MN. Wally's passion, tenacity, and intellect are tremendous assets to the organization. Please join me in welcoming Wally as President! (You can read Wally introduction of himself on page 8 of this newsletter)

I am grateful for the last two years, and I have been constantly humbled by the commitment of so many: you as members, our amazing staff, and by our outstanding board members. Thank you all for your support of the ACLU-MN and for your eternal vigilance. Jefferson and Franklin themselves could not have picked better advocates for liberty.

# From the Executive Director

## Charles “Chuck” Samuelson



## The year in review

One year ago President Bush reigned over perhaps the most dysfunctional government in US history. His regime conducted torture and extra legal trials not only in Guantanamo and Iraq, but also in a number of other countries around the world. The ACLU fought against these efforts and documents now indicate that there was little, if any, legal basis for their work.

We stopped the implementation of the Real ID program in Minnesota by creating a coalition of liberals and conservatives who were interested in civil liberties. Three times we passed a bill killing Minnesota participation in the Homeland Security program to create a de facto internal passport. Three times Governor Pawlenty vetoed the bill and the third time he agreed to postpone implementation. At the veto announcement he accused the ACLU of MN of twisting the minds of the Democratic legislators. Of course, we continue in our efforts to protect civil liberties in the legislature, introducing bills to require race data collection, another anti-REAL ID bill, and other bills. We hope that Governor Pawlenty will have many more opportunities to criticize our work this May.

This year we were also at the Minnesota State Fair for the first time. We were swamped with requests for the Bill of Rights on a stick and for constitutions (thank you to an anonymous donor). We saw more than 10,000 people at our booth in the Education building, and this year we'd like to see twice as many people stop by. Plus we were at the Pride Festival for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row and we had hundreds of people at the Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project picnic in Bemidji. Finally we spoke to two dozen classes on civil liberties issues, presented in most of the counties in Minnesota, and distributed 20,000 copies of the US and Minnesota Constitutions.

We were extraordinarily busy in our legal program. While the final numbers are not in, the ACLU of Minnesota filed seven major suits this year – a new record. We filed five of them in regard to the Republican National Convention. We secured the best route possible and forced the city to

increase the length and width of the march to accommodate the number of protestors we projected would come. We could not and did not foresee the amount of chain link fencing, nor did we anticipate the number of arrests and the severity of the charges. Thankfully the vast majority of the arrests were dismissed at prosecution. That has already resulted in civil lawsuits and we anticipate that there will be a great deal more civil suits filed against the City of St. Paul in the future.

We also filed a major lawsuit against TIZA on church/state grounds. This charter school is structured in a way that funnels state money to the purchase and operation of two mosques. The state of Minnesota is also named in the lawsuit and the State Department of Education has introduced a bill that would require all charter schools to avoid the problems we found at TIZA. Stay tuned on this issue.

Finally we filed suit against Duluth and St. Mary's hospital for the wrongful death of David Croud, an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwa. He was arrested for public intoxication, beaten, shot with a Tazer, injected with three times the recommended amount of a sedative, and left to die on a hospital gurney in the corner of the emergency room.

Last but not least, the Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project, after five years and more than \$800,000 of ACLU funds, donated by people like you, has managed to cut the percentage of beds used by Native Americans in the Beltrami County jail from 85% of the jail beds to 45% of the jail beds. While that is much higher than is acceptable it is ½ of what it used to be.

This is all made possible by your support – your memberships and your tax deductible contributions. Despite a sagging economy you have voted with your dollars to continue the work of the ACLU here at the headwaters of the Mississippi.

## Legal update

### ***Photojournalist continued from front page***

He also noted the complete lack of any allegations against Weber in the police reports relating to the mass arrest in which Weber was swept up.

The ACLU-MN believes that Weber's arrest was part of an unfortunate pattern of journalists being swept up during the RNC for merely doing their jobs. Unfortunately, like Weber, many journalists who were arrested were deprived of the ability to resume their work when they were released because the police kept all of their equipment until after the convention had ended. While we applaud the City of St. Paul for doing the right thing by dismissing the charges against Weber, we are disappointed that he, other journalists and innocent bystanders were swept up in mass arrests during the RNC.

### **ACLU objects to potential recording ban**

A new suggestion by St. Louis County Commissioners would ban private citizens from recording at any board workshops. So, last week the ACLU of Minnesota sent a letter to St. Louis County Board asking them not to pursue any recording bans. We believe that such a move would not only violate the Minnesota Open Meetings law but also the state and U.S. Constitutional rights to freedom of speech.

The board is considering the ban because recordings that had been made by an attendee at previous meetings were made public and some County Commissioners were criticized for their opposition to the sale of tax forfeited land to local Indian tribes. The ACLU hopes that the St. Louis County Commissioner listen to us and do not put the ban into place

### **Minnesota Court of Appeals Upholds First Amendment rights**

ACLU of Minnesota applauds Minnesota Court of Appeals reversal of an earlier district court decision which restricted First Amendment rights.

In July 2008 the ACLU filed a friend of the court brief in defense of James Stengrim's First Amendment Rights. Mr. Stengrim was sued by the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, a local government entity, for

expressing an opinion critical of the District's flood control plans. Mr. Stengrim and other land owners opposing the flood control project filed suit against the District in 2002. At that time a settlement agreement was reached and one provision of it forbade the land owners from challenging the project again. Consistent with the agreement, Mr. Stengrim has not filed a legal challenge since, but remains an outspoken critic of the District's handling of the project. When he was sued for violating the settlement agreement, he tried to use Minnesota's anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) law which allows defendants to seek the dismissal of any civil suit that seeks to silence lawful speech or action aimed at government action, but the district courts refused to apply that law. So the ACLU filed an amicus brief in Mr. Stengrim's defense when the case was appealed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Earlier this week Mr. Stengrim was vindicated when the Minnesota Court of Appeals reversed the district court decision which said that the anti-SLAPP law did not apply in the Stengrim case. The ACLU's amicus brief argued that the anti-SLAPP law should protect Mr Stengrim, and that one cannot sign away their first amendment rights.

The court of appeals reversed the district court decision, and said that Mr. Stengrim has the right to use the anti-SLAPP law to defend his First Amendment rights.

### **TIZA lawsuit—continued from front page**

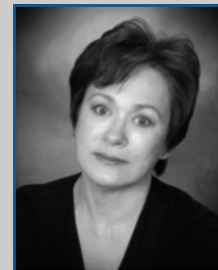
gives over \$30 million annually in rent subsidies to charter schools and due to the agency's lack of supervision, we have no way of knowing how much taxpayers are subsidizing religious organizations. The ACLU believes that despite how well-run and academically challenging a religious school may be, it is unconstitutional for public funds to be used for religious education.

Also named as defendants in the case are Islamic Relief USA based in California, the Minnesota Commissioner of Education, and individual TIZA Board members. The complaint was filed by ACLU-MN cooperating attorneys Peter Lancaster and Megan McKenzie from Dorsey and Whitney.

*“One cannot sign away their first amendment rights”*

# From the ACLU

*Rebecca Rand*  
*Minnesota's National Delegate*



## National board meeting

The ACLU National Board Meeting was held January 17-19 in New York. It was the first meeting conducted by our new board president, Susan Herman, who did a “helluva job” Susan has been in contact with all board members to assess their interests and expertise regarding committee assignments and has worked to streamline board communications. She has the experience and energy, along with the temperament and vision that are required to tackle the ever evolving challenges we face in guarding civil liberties.

Before serious business, old or new, we viewed a clip of Anthony Romero on The Colbert Report, (go to [www.hulu.com](http://www.hulu.com) to check it out.) Sitting down with Stephen Colbert must be intimidating, but Anthony held his own and made his points.

Carolyn Fredrickson, who heads the ACLU lobbying effort in Washington, reported on our transition work and efforts to influence the Obama administration policies. We were warned that repairing the damage done by the Bush administration is not a simple matter of “taking out the trash,” but more akin to “cleaning up a toxic waste site.” Don’t expect it to be easy

In executive session we reviewed the deteriorating financial situation and the belt tightening measure taken to address it. You may have already read that the National ACLU has cut back 10% of their costs, which means that had to let go of 35 employees and Anthony took a 15% pay cut.

Joseph Sweat, the affiliate representative from Tennessee has been working assiduously to resolve the situation in South Carolina. The board voted finally,

and officially, and irrevocably to dissolve the old South Carolina affiliate. There is a new affiliate in place, with new offices and a new executive director. Details remain to be resolved including the transfer of monies to the new affiliate, and securing the use of the ACLU name, but we are certain of our legal position in these matters.

A discussion on the proposed pension changes was preceded by a presentation by Roger Fonseca, formerly the affiliate representation from Hawaii and a pension attorney. There was strong resistance to the change and efforts to table it until the October meeting, but eventually a majority was convinced to act now. The Minnesota affiliate has voted to move to the defined contribution plan along with National. We voted to add \$20,000 to the \$165,000 paid annually to the 10 smallest affiliates to achieve our goal of strengthening civil liberties in places they have few defenders. (Minnesota does not receive these funds – we are a mid-sized affiliate.)

We concluded with reports from our National Security Project attorneys and learned more on the current situation with the John Adams Project (representation of Guantanamo detainees) and how this may or may not change in an Obama administration

As always I left with a deep appreciation for the hard work of our national staff and confidence that the ACLU is both crucial and effective in defending civil liberties in the national arena.

# Annual Meeting

**You are invited!**

**The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting of the members Saturday, April 25, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Hamline University Law and Graduate School Conference Center, Room 004, 1536 Hewitt Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota for the purposes of electing directors and any other appropriate business.**

◆ **WHO MAY VOTE**

All current members of the ACLU who reside in Minnesota may vote. Organizational members are not eligible to vote. Each member may vote once only.

◆ **INFORMATION**

For questions regarding the Annual Meeting of the members, contact Molly at [mmiller@aclu-mn.org](mailto:mmiller@aclu-mn.org) or 651.645.4097 x127.

## **BYLAW INFORMATION**

### **NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Current voting members have the right to nominate directors by mailing such nominations to the President. Nominations must be accompanied by:

- a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) voting members for each individual nominated;
- a statement by the nominee that she/he is willing to serve as a director; and
- an accurate, written biographical statement of the nominee no more than eight (8) typed lines of no more than sixty (60) characters per line.

### **COMMUNICATING WITH THE MEMBERSHIP**

An ACLU-MN member may, at his or her own expense, have a designated commercial mailing house mail information to all or some of the Voting Members. Communications to the membership must be conducted by a blind mailing. There will be no censorship of the mailing piece either by the board or staff of the ACLU-MN.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

Both the Board of Directors and the Voting Members shall have the power to amend these Bylaws as follows:

Amendment by the Board. The power of the Board of Directors shall be subject to the power of the members with voting rights under Section 8.1.4 to adopt, amend or repeal Bylaws adopted, amended or repealed by the Board. The Board of Directors may amend the Bylaws by adopting a resolution setting forth the amendment by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the entire Board of Directors then in office. The Board of Directors may not adopt, amend, or repeal a bylaw fixing a quorum for meetings of members, prescribing procedures for removing directors or filling vacancies in the Board of Directors, or fixing the number of directors or their classifications, qualifications, or terms of office.

Proposal by the Board. The Board of Directors may also propose an amendment to the Bylaws by adopting a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted for adoption at a meeting of the members.

Proposal by Minority of the Board. An amendment to the Bylaws may also be proposed upon the (a) written resolution signed by any five (5) members of the Board or (b) written resolution signed by any two (2) members of the Board accompanied by the written endorsement of one hundred (100) Voting Members, and delivered to the Secretary.

Voting Member Proposal. An amendment to the Bylaws may also be proposed by written resolution by a Voting Member accompanied by the written endorsement of at least 150 Voting Members and delivered to the Secretary.

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The Governance Committee of the Board of Directors has recommended the following nominees for the 2008 ACLU-MN Board of Directors:

### **New Board Member Nominees**

#### **Susan Harper Ritten -**

Susan Ritten has a background in marketing and promotion and has worked at many media sources including Minnesota Public Radio, *The Wichita Eagle*, and the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Susan has been an active volunteer for many educational and community organizations. She served two terms on the Board of Director of Catholic Charities-Minnesota. Susan has written promotional and support materials for a variety of organizations including: Providence Academy, WomenVenture and the Jeremiah Program in Minneapolis. Susan has a B.A. from Yale University.

## 2008 Board of Directors Nominees

### **Tami J. Pierret (TJ)**

TJ currently works in real estate and previously worked as a senior level merchandising executive for companies such as Christopher & Banks and Wilson's Leather. She is also an active volunteer for Great Rivers High School and Highland Park Elementary. TJ received her B.A. from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul.

### **Sandra Feist**

Sandra Feist is an attorney at Aronson & Associates which specializes in immigration law. She received her J.D. from William Mitchell School of Law and helped lead the ACLU school chapter there. She currently serves on ACLU-MN Young Professionals Board. Sandra is also active with the Minnesota Women Lawyers.

### **Current Board Members Seeking Re-Election**

#### **Timothy E. Branson**

Tim Branson is a Trail partner with Dorsey & Whitney. In 2007, he was named a 2007 "Attorney of the Year" by *Minnesota Lawyer* magazine. He has served as a volunteer attorney for the ACLU-MN in several cases. Tim led the multi-year legal efforts of the ACLU-MN's *Berg v DEA* lawsuit, settled in August 2007, which is the first known case of the DEA making a payment to settle a racial-profiling case. He received his J.D. from the University of Iowa and has argued many cases on behalf of ACLU-MN

#### **Judge Jonathan L. Lebedoff**

Judge Lebedoff was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge on September 20, 1991. He was reappointed in 1999 and served through 2005. He received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1963. Jonathan is the current chair of the ACLU-MN Governance/Nominations committee.

#### **Jennifer L. Martin**

Jennifer Martin has worked as a CPA for more than thirty years. She received her M.B.A. from the University of Denver and has also served as a board member of NARAL, Pro-Choice Minnesota

#### **Todd A. Noteboom**

Todd Noteboom is a partner with Leonard, Street & Deinard. He received his J.D. from the University of Denver, and was named a "Super Lawyer" by *Minnesota Law and Politics*. He has served as an ACLU-MN volunteer attorney in several cases and is the current chair of the ACLU-MN Legal committee.

#### **Vance K. Opperman**

Vance Opperman is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Key Investment, Inc. He is the former President of West Publishing Company and received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1969. He was named to the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America in 1991 by the *National Law Journal*, one of the top twenty-five winningest litigators in *Minnesota Lawyer* in 1991, and one of the nation's top litigators by the *National Law Journal* in 1992. Vance is the current chair of the ACLU-MN Development committee.

#### **Raleigh Levine**

Raleigh Levine is a professor of law at William Mitchell School of Law teaching Constitutional Law-Liberties as well as several other classes. She received her J.D. from Stanford Law School. Raleigh currently serves as the ACLU-MN's Affirmative Action Officer.

#### **Wally Hilke**

Wallace Hilke is a partner at Lindquist and Venum law firm. He has been a board member of the ACLU of Minnesota for YEARS and has served as vice president/president elect for the last two years. He was a student member of the U of M board of Regents. He was a chair of the public education/membership committee of the ACLU of Minnesota.

## Thoughts from our new Board President, Wally Hilke



Wally Hilke

This is an exhilarating time to become president of the ACLU-MN. Thanks, unfortunately, to the excesses of the last administration, many Minnesotans have a renewed focus on civil liberties. This concern was evident during our first-ever appearance at the State Fair last summer. Over 8,000

Minnesotans stopped by our booth in the Education Building and voted for their favorite First Amendment Right. The final tally was fascinating:

- 42% Freedom of Speech
- 17% Freedom of Religion
- 15% No government establishment of Religion
- 10% Freedom of Assembly
- 9% Freedom of the Press
- 8% Petition government

Even more fascinating was the voters' comments and behavior. The vast majority did not hesitate for a second. They instantly knew which First Amendment Right was most precious to them. Others hovered for minutes, with some commenting that the vote was as difficult as choosing a favorite among their children. Several ultimately gave up, saying that they just could not put one right above another or that the most important right always seems to depend on the governmental mischief du jour.

This passion for civil liberties is counterbalanced by the perennial insistence of many Minnesotans that majority rule trumps minority rights. This is captured perfectly in the Osseo School District's decision to spend over \$350,000 on attorneys' fees in a failed effort to prevent SAGE (a student club devoted to promoting the tolerance and understanding of gay students) from having the same access to school facilities that were granted to other non-curricular student organizations. That's \$350,000 wasted on unconstitutional intolerance.

If history is any guide, we should not expect the tough economic times ahead to bring out the best in those who do not understand or support civil liberties. While we hope for renewed support of civil liberties in Washington, we have no reason to expect a similar change in state and local government. So the good fight continues. We are grateful for your support and for the thousands of hours and millions of dollars worth of time that our members and volunteer lawyers contribute every year.

## GMRJP Update

### **Greater MN Racial Justice Project Update**

The Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project (ACLU-MN) has been focusing on "bridging the communities" this past quarter. At the beginning of the project many intakes, concerns and hope came from our native American people and non native communities in the seven county area. It has been the biggest challenge to sort through these issues and provide a sense of logic to it all. Five years later, the engrained perception of people in this area is still to assume racial injustice as non-existent and therefore not necessary to work for justice. This was shown recently in a study that the Headwaters Regional Development Commission completed utilizing a well known research group that current race relations are in a very poor place in Northern Minnesota. While our project already knew this before the survey was released we still appreciated being a part of the board that participated in organizing this survey. The key findings did an excellent job in reflecting an overall picture of Bemidji area resident's perceptions and attitudes towards race and equality issues.

Please contact our office if you would like a copy of this study – thank you to our membership for supporting this important work in Northern Minnesota

## Upcoming Events

You are cordially invited to attend

### **ACLU-MN Annual Membership Dinner April 9, 2009 5:30 p.m.**

*Tutto Bene Italian Ristorante,  
300 Beltrami Ave NW, Bemidji*

### **“ACLU-MN update and the MN Legislature”**

*Featuring*

Charles Samuelson, Executive Director  
Wallace G. Hilke, President

***Please RSVP 218-444-2285  
entrée: vegetarian or standard***

**\$20 per person at the door** (*a portion of  
the proceeds funds ACLU-MN, GMRJP*)  
5:30pm social (*cash bar available*),  
6:00pm dinner, 7:30pm speakers

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**In Memory of Andy Seitel**  
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*Edwin & Ruth Jones*

**In honor of Matt Stark**  
*Dianne Cooke*

**In honor of Joyce Chalupsky's  
80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
*Molly Miller Mons*

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at the Guthrie Theater for  
award winning playwright **Tony Kushner's**  
world debut of:

*An Intelligent Homosexual's Guide to  
Capitalism and Socialism with a Key to  
the Scriptures*

Thursday, May 28

6:00 p.m.—drinks & hors d'oeuvres  
7:30 p.m.—show time

\$40 ticket includes:

- A drink and hors d'oeuvres (at the Target Lab)
- Your seat for the show

To find out how to reserve tickets  
please call the ACLU at  
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discounted price, so call today!

Commissioned by the Guthrie, the new Kushner play  
will be directed by Michael Grief, director of *Rent*  
and *Grey Gardens*. All the Guthrie has said about  
the play is that it “will have a family dynamic, and  
will be dealing directly with gay issues”. Guthrie  
Director Joe Dowling declares Kushner to be “one of  
the most important voices in American theater to-  
day.” Tony Kushner has won a Pulitzer an Emmy  
and two Tony awards for his work.

For more information go online to:  
[www.aclu-mn.org/events](http://www.aclu-mn.org/events).

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