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JERUSALEM ‹ In calling for elections, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has sharpened the choice facing the Palestinian people: Back his Fatah party and have peace with Israel and the promise of economic prosperity, or support the rejectionism of Hamas, whose nine months in office have brought only war, chaos and impoverishment.

Abbas' call Saturday for early elections in the Palestinian Authority triggered fierce street fighting between Fatah and Hamas, which won the last election in January. Despite a hastily arranged cease-fire Monday, the two factions remain on the brink of civil war.



At last week's first-time North American Rabbinic Conference on Judaism and Human Rights, Georgetown Imam Yahya Hendi, second from left, announces the founding of Imams for Human Rights and Dialogue. Looking on are, from left, Rabbis for Human Rights chair Rabbi Gerry Serotta, an unidentified participant and Ken Roth of Human Rights Watch. Photo by Stacey Witt/courtesy of RHR

Human rights parley draws Jewish leaders

by Paula Amann

News Editor

Rabbis offered support at the recent first-time North American Rabbinic Conference on Judaism and Human Rights in New York as a Georgetown University imam unveiled a new group for moderate Muslims.

Imam Yahya Hendi of Frederick, who attended the conference with three other Muslim leaders, heralded the creation of Imams for Human Rights and Dialogue, which he says has already amassed backing from at least 50 other Muslim leaders. The fledgling group, which will formalize its structure over the next six months, aims to address such global concerns as child labor, sex trafficking and religious minority rights in Iraq.

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