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24th 25th OCTOBER 2009

at **OCEAN** 270 Mare Street, Hackney London E8

ADMISSION: FREE - TIME: 10.00am-6.00pm

Exhibition Rates: Business turnover over £100,000 - £75 per day
Business turnover under £100,000 - £50 per day

CLOSING LECTURE: 31ST OCTOBER 2009

by **Dr Frances Cress Welsing**, Author of The Isis Papers, the Keys to the Colors

Venue: Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8, 2NS

Admission: £15 at the door. £12 and £10 conc. in advance Time: 6.30-10pm



Centerprise Literature presents

Centerprise Literary events – July 2009

All events take place at **Centerprise, 136/8 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS**
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Wednesday, 1st July 2009 Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Book Launch – Harmattan Rain by Ayesha Harruna Attah

Harmattan Rain follows three generations of women as they cope with family, love and life. A few years before Ghana's independence, Lizzie-Achiaa's lover disappears. Intent on finding him, she runs away from home. Akua Afriyie, Lizzie-Achiaa's first daughter, strikes out on her own as a single parent in a country rocked by successive coups. Her daughter, Sugri grows up overprotected. She leaves home for university in New York, where she learns that sometimes one can have too much freedom. In the end, the secrets parents keep from their children eventually catch up with them.

Ayesha Harruna Attah was born in Accra, Ghana. She was educated at Mount Holyoke College and Columbia University, USA, where she studied Journalism. Her first novel, Harmattan Rain was launched in New York in February 2009.

Admission: Free

Sunday 5th July 2009 Time: 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Film Screening and discussion:

The Great Harlem Debate: The Obama Election, Was it Good for Black People. Featuring Dr Marimba Ani, Glen Ford, Donald Smith, Dr James Turner vs Charles Barron, Dr Leonard Jefferies, Sister Viola Plummer and Malik Zulu Shabazz

Admission: £3

Wednesday 8th July 2009 Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

43 Group with Morris Beckman

Having returned from serving King and country, Jewish ex-servicemen found themselves confronted with racist and anti-semitic attacks by Oswald Mosely's British Union of Fascists. 'Not enough Jews were burned in Belsen' they will chant. With the Labour Home Secretary James Chuter Ede refusing to take action and the Jewish establishment urging peaceful protest, the demobbed Jews had had enough.

In April 1946, Beckman was one of 43 people (38 men and five women) who met at Maccabi House, a Jewish sports club in south Hampstead, and the 43 Group was born. "We wanted revenge – the Holocaust was in our minds. We decided we had to out-fascist the fascists," he says.

Morris Beckman discusses his work and offers advice as to how to confront Nick Griffin's BNP.

Admission: £3

Sunday 12 July Time: 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Film Screen Screening and Discussion.

Nubian Spirit, African Legacy of the Nile Valley. Louis Buckley will discuss his latest film on Nile Valley contributions to Civilization.

Admission: £3

Friday 31st July 2009 Time: 7.00pm - 10pm

An evening with Jacob Ross

Jacob Ross reads from his latest work Pynter Bender, supported by Centerprise Writers Club with readings from participants of Narrative Drive course.

Admission: Free