1987
Cold War Citizen-driven
Breakthrough
The annual Beyond War Award for eight years (1983-1990) honored the great efforts of individuals, groups, and nations as humankind moves to build a world beyond war.

1989
Our Inspiration

Koinonia Southern Africa  Neve Shalom ~ Wahat al-Salam
"There are some things only governments can do, such as negotiating binding agreements. But there are some things that only citizens outside government can do, such as changing human relationships."

Dr. Harold Saunders,
former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, and Negotiator of the Camp David Accords
1992

Black-White Meal Sharing

Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue
420 Palestinians & Jews at Dinner-Dialogue
News Journalists Begin to Discover the Dialogue

Jews, Palestinians in dialogue group try to expand goals

Natalie Weinstein
Bulletin Staff

Eighteen friends gather around a chocolate cake and burst out with “Happy Birthday.” After slicing the cake, they joke and chat for nearly a half-hour before sitting down in a circle of chairs set up in the living room. “We finally get down to business,” as usual, begin talking about the latest obstacles to peace between Israelis and Palestinians. “Now we’re so comfortable. Should we keep meeting? What’s the point?” These questions were something the founders never expected to confront.

Traubman and her friend, Carol Kittenmaster of Belmont, decided to form the grassroots dialogue group after successfully helping to bring 10 Palestinians and Israelis to the Bay Area in 1991 to write an unofficial peace proposal. “We thought, ‘What if we tried our own experiment?’” Traubman said.

At first, the meetings were hosted by the group of local Jews and Palestinians who met several times a month in a private home in San Francisco. The meetings were held weekly, but over the years the participants have expanded to include anyone interested in dialogue.

Several Jews and Palestinians hold regular meetings in the area, including the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue in the Bay Area Dialogue Group, which meets every other week in San Francisco. The organization has more than 100 members, including Jews from the Bay Area, as well as Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The group holds meetings on a regular basis, discussing issues related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and working towards a peaceful resolution.

Jews, Palestinians Talk Peace in Bay Area Dialogue Groups

Jews, Palestinians put Mideast peace on the table

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Hanan Bisharat, a Palestinian-American who grew up near Ramallah and now lives in Danville, said that the conflict was not resolved. “We need to address the root causes of the conflict,” he said. “We need to work towards a just and lasting peace.”

It is important to note that there are many different groups working towards peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Each group has its own focus and approach, but all share a common goal of bringing about a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict.

In the Bay Area, there are several groups working towards peace between Israelis and Palestinians. The Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue is one such group, as is the Bay Area Dialogue Group. These groups hold regular meetings and work towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

We need to be encouraged by the voices of moderation in the community that is not our own. Young ended his speech with one of the evening’s most moving lines: “We need to work towards a just and lasting peace.”
Graphics

**Story**

"An enemy is one whose story we have not heard."
Gene Knudsen-Hoffman

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**Listening**

your story

my story

Most of life is not visible to us.

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**Usual Communication**

100% Attentive
Preparing to React
100% React

**Dialogue**

100% Attentive
Listening to Learn
100% Inquire

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**Expanding Identification**

All is One.

Success Story
Time
All that has gone before us.

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**Community**

Create
Cooperate
Communicate
Connect

Steps Toward Change
You

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Me
2000

Television News Begins Visiting the Living Room
2003-2007
Palestinian-Jewish Family Peacemakers Camps
High Schools
2007

Documentary Films

**DIALOGUE AT WASHINGTON HIGH**

**PEACEMAKERS: Palestinians & Jews Together at Camp**

**DIALOGUE IN NIGERIA: Muslims & Christians Creating Their Future**

**20 Years of Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue**
University Students
Muslim Mosque Youth
Skype-facilitated Dialogue in Asia

Singapore University

Korean-Japanese Reconciliation
Africa

Dialogue in Nigeria
Cote d'Ivoire  (Ivory Coast)

Tribal Reconciliation

Dignifying Persons with Albinism
DR Congo

Dignifying Citizens with Physical Handicaps

Married Couples Improving Communication Skills
Conference Booths
Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue
celebrating 23 years of talking, listening, and cooperating

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