

(photos of evening)



**Celebrating
the 18th Birthday Meeting of the
Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group of San Mateo
and 12 Years of the
Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue of San Francisco
Monday evening, July 12, 2010**

**Opening
Introductions
Popcorn & Film Program**

Part 1

Three films – 12 minutes

Koinonia Southern Africa experience of engagement and change

5-minute video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iomC0jDF_c

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/606.htm>

A model for our Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue, in apartheid 1980s Koinonia ("fellowship") Southern Africa was established to bring two worlds together. Blacks and whites courageously and successfully engaged at the heart, face-to-face, sharing meals and personal narratives, sometimes in public and at risk to their lives. From within, person-to-person, they grew to involve thousands more citizens who helped transform the fabric of their culture.

Midwives for Peace

3-1/2 minute video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mDIxTpGSew>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/602.htm>

Giving birth to peace, The Midwives Coexistence Project is a group of Palestinian and Israeli midwives freely sharing their combined knowledge to help pregnant Israeli and Palestinian mothers experience safe and natural births. A coexistence project of Circle of Health International (COHI) since 2004 the midwives have worked with women throughout Israel and the Palestinian Authority. They cooperate to (1) reduce anesthetics during birth and (2) enable women to safely and naturally give birth without a doctor, assisted only by a midwife, by choice.

Galilee Moms find a recipe for peace

3-1/2 minute video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXe2-sTD4hU>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/611.htm>

The Galilee Moms was birthed in 2005 to share their lives and model how authentic peace begins at home. They first get to know each other through their common interest in sharing culinary recipes, life cycles, and more, to "practice the possibility of peace." The core group of 10 women -- Muslims, Jews, Druze, Christians -- meets every Sunday, then invites all the women in the Galilee to monthly seminars and occasional outings or "mom camps." Diverse in many ways, "what they share is a mother's heart and willingness to go out of their comfort zones to create something better."

Assimilate in triads -- 6 minutes -- Share time equally, while responding to two questions:

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Part 2

Five films – 13-1/2 minutes

Coexistence in Israel - Jerusalem YMCA Peace Preschool

3 minute video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OE65R26Jaqk>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/609.htm>

The Jerusalem International YMCA Peace Preschool has been a model of living together for decades. Today Forsan Hussein is its first-ever Arab CEO. While the media may not show it and you might not know it, the diverse children of the YMCA's Peace Preschool in Jerusalem make coexistence a normal way of life. Refusing to go up and down with the headlines, the YMCA Peace Preschool has been succeeding for 25 years.

Creativity for Peace Camp Young Women

4-minute video -- Summer 2009

<http://www.creativityforpeace.com/mediagallery/videos.html>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/612.htm>

In a rural New Mexico camp setting each summer, Creativity for Peace nurtures the next generation of female leaders and peacemakers in Palestine and Israel. Deepening in their own faiths and identities, they expand their identifications to have empathy for the "other" and their ability to stand up to speak about their newfound strengths and vision of a shared future.

Peacing It Together

3 minute video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3Ic5KAAu9A>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/593.htm>

Israeli and Palestinian youth attending Peace It Together Camp in Vancouver, Canada, expand their summer Dialogue and their personal strengths by creating inspiring films. Their youth-made videos are part of an educational package to help students (1) broaden their understanding of the Palestinian-Israeli relationship, (2) identify with their peers in the region, (3) participate in peace building in general, and (4) make a difference in their communities and in the world.

Together We Build a world community

2-1/2 minute video

<http://www.togetherwebuild.org/Videos/pattersonpark.wmv>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/615.htm>

Together We Build A World Community was the post-9/11 response of Eastside Seattle, Washington Muslims, Jews, and Christians. They gathered at Bellevue's Downtown Park and together prayed of unity, of cooperation, and of efforts to build a better world beginning where they live. They formed a coalition unprecedented in the Pacific Northwest to build homes each September for East King County Habitat for Humanity, the international nonprofit housing organization. In 2010, Together We Build is in its 9th consecutive year of multi-faith team construction, with more than 20 volunteers working on the houses at all times during the one-week annual home-building.

Painting for Peace on the New Haven Green

15 sec ad + 45 sec news report = 1 minute video

WTNH-TV Channel 8 News broadcast

<http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/community/%27painting-for-peace%27-on-new-haven-green>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/615.htm>

"We Refuse To Be Enemies" says the huge 48-by-14 foot mural now posted since May 3rd on Interstate Highway 95 in West Haven, Connecticut. Sunday, April 25th, 2010, over 100 citizens from local mosques, synagogues, and churches creatively, collectively painted the peace mural billboard. Participating with them was a former Israeli soldier and former Palestinian fighter. The message is being seen by 100,000 travelers each day. The diverse neighbors demonstrated that Muslims, Jews, Christians and others can work together for peace.

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Part 3

Two films - 9-1/2 minutes

Encounter

5-minute video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABxcIT0Hdrl>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/609.htm>

Encounter corrects one-sided views by providing Jewish Diaspora leaders from across the religious and political spectrum with exposure to Palestinian life. They have taken over 750 current and rising Jewish leaders and change agents from across the political spectrum on educational visits to the West Bank and its people. Through ground-breaking tours to Palestinian cities and follow-up programming in North America, American Jewish engagement regarding the Israeli-Palestinian relationship is being transformed by training key Jewish leaders to address issues and foster safe, honest intra-Jewish dialogue about Israel across ideological lines.

Lod Community Foundation

The Media Line - <http://www.themedialine.org/> --25 Nov 2009

4-1/2 minute video

<http://media.themedialine.org/media/Lod.wmv>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/614.htm>

Lod, Israel – Lydda, before 1948 – has a Triangle of Peace where a church, synagogue, and mosque share walls. An inspiring, citizen-powered movement is now restoring Lod's past dignity to its diverse residents, with community responsibility and pride. Shoulder-to-shoulder they are returning Lod to its historic multi-cultural splendor. The Lod Community Foundation is widening the circle of citizen-participants who think and act for the sake of everyone.

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Part 4

Two films – 16 1/2 minutes.

WhiteFlag Palestinian-Israeli band

8-minute video (until 5:50)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2Mb0EiIPvY>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/messages/613.htm>

WhiteFlag – Israeli and Palestinian musicians side by side – met in 1998 to work together for positive change. Difficult as it is for them to get together, they do. WhiteFlag shows that "the reality" is not only the dark symptoms of ignorance. Reality for them is partnered Palestinians and Jews painting a picture of the future in song and cooperation.

1984 Beyond War Award Ceremony

First Moscow-San Francisco Spacebridge

49:00 - 57:30 (8-1/2 minute video -- Blue Green Hills of Earth

<http://www.archive.org/details/BeyondWarAward-1984-Ippnw-FirstSf-moscowSpacebridge>

Full story at <http://traubman.igc.org/bwaward.htm>

The successful Beyond War Movement was a precursor of the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue. This historic TV satellite "spacebridge" allowed American and Soviet audiences to see one another's faces – for many, for the first time – and begin to humanize each other with the use of satellite technology. It accelerated citizen creativity and relationship building, while transcending old psychological and physical walls.

Group Assimilation

(In large circle, share by triads what meaning the evening had for participants.)

Closing



THE BLUE-GREEN HILLS OF EARTH

Oler/Halley

First Verse

*For the earth forever turning;
For the skies, for every sea;
For our lives, for all we cherish;
Sing we a joyful song of peace.*

Second Verse

*For the mountains, hills and pastures
In their silent majesty;
For all life, for all of nature
Sing we a joyful song of peace.*

Third Verse

*For the world we raise our voices
For the home that gives us birth;
In our joy we sing returning
Home to our blue-green hills of earth.*