

International Online Face-to-Face Guests

via Skype, for the

Monday, 12 December 2011 — 20th Year-End Season of Light Gathering

Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue of San Mateo

Omar Hawajri - Alexandria, Egypt • **Elad Vazana** - Tel Aviv, Israel • **Monica Emmanuel** - Geneva, Switzerland

Tuesday morning, 13 December 2011 • 05:30 AM Palestine-Israel Time
Monday evening • 7:30 PM Pacific Time



(Photos follow biographies)

Omar M. Al Hawajri



Omar, 25, a Palestinian Muslim, is single and lives with his family in Jabalya Refugee Camp. He is a staff nurse, youth worker, and social activist. He is working in the Gaza Community Mental Health Program, and volunteers in many civic organizations. He writes: "My mission is to work for justice and peace in Palestine." First contact with Omar was made in March 2011 on the "Facebook of Middle East peace," **MEPEACE**, <http://www.mepeace.org>, an Internet site for building relationships. The 5:30 AM Skype conference was needed, because Omar's electricity in Gaza often goes out by 6:00 AM. However, for these four days he was invited to a youth conference in Alexandria, Egypt.

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Elad Vazana

Elad, 39, an Israeli Jew, and his wife, Iris, live in Tel Aviv and await the birth of their first child. Elad participated in the **Palestinian-Jewish Peacemakers Camp** here -- <http://traubman.igc.org/camp2007.htm>. He has organized and facilitated during many Sulha and youth Sulhita face-to-face gatherings of Palestinians and Jews. He has also been invited to facilitate and speak in North America. Most recently Elad is hosting a series of radio programs that models listening, while guests tell their personal narratives. He is always considering, "What's next?"

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Monica Emmanuel

Monica, 39, a Nigerian Christian, is presently in Switzerland for her Ph.D. studies at Geneva School of Diplomacy. She had recently worked in Abuja at the African Centre for Strategic Research and Studies, Department of Conflict, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Studies, for Nigeria's National Defence College. First with her was in Jos, central Nigeria, at the 2010 International Conference on Youth and Interfaith Communication -- <http://traubman.igc.org/nigeria2010.htm>. Monica has traveled to Palestine and Israel to meet, hear, and appreciate the parallel narratives of the diverse citizens. Monica is a champion and spokesperson for the citizen face-to-face public peace process in parallel with government endeavors. She is featured in the new 2012 documentary film, *Dialogue In Nigeria* -- <http://traubman.igc.org/vidnigeria.htm>.

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Principles



*All is one. We are neighbors forever.
The means are the ends in the making.*



Means

Internet communication technology was used to connect face to face the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue in San Mateo County, California, USA, with citizen relationship-builders in the Middle East and Europe.

They were a Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew with homes in Gaza, Nigeria, and Israel.

Timing

To include everyone and avoid the common experience of power shut-off beginning at 6:00 AM in Gaza, the was very early, 5:30 AM (0530 GMT) in the Middle East and 7:30 PM (1930 GMT) in California.

To assure technology success as much as possible, earlier practice communication occurred in advance of the evening, and there was early check-in and testing that night.

Technology

Equipment in California included a laptop computer, LogiTech QuickCam video camera, and digital projector.

A portable audio amplifier and two wireless microphones provided sound to the room and to the long-distance Skype participants.

A paid Skype Premium account allows group video calling like this and requires Skype 5.0 or newer.

Each participant required a computer, Webcam, earphones, and microphone, with Skype 5.0 or newer.



Food



Jerusalem Chicken — Rice Mujadara — Three Salads — Bakalava — Tea and Coffee

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