Zoe's Bat Mitzvah
Giving voice to both Israeli and Palestinian youth

Zoe Meadow, a 12-year-old Boston-area artist, in Spring 2010 was preparing for her Bat Mitzvah right-of-passage Jewish ceremony. Her Bat Mitzvah dream was to create a calendar with artwork from Palestinian and Israeli teenagers. Zoe (ZMMeadow@gmail.com) had been inspired in 2009 by viewing in her Sunday School the 2001 Oscar-nominated movie, PROMISES -- http://www.promisesproject.org/

She searched for Palestinian and Israeli youth paintings or drawings to symbolize "something that is important to them in their daily life." Zoe asked each to write a paragraph or two that could accompany the printed art, explaining the artist's purpose in creating the image.

Her larger purpose was to sell the calendars and donate all net proceeds to three relationship-building organizations, equally:

ArtsBridge -- http://artsbridgeinstitute.org/
Hand in Hand Schools -- http://www.handinhandk12.org/
Seeds of Peace -- http://www.seedsofpeace.org/
Zoe never gave up.
This New Year, Zoe's 2011 dream calendar is online:

**MAKING CONNECTIONS**
2011 Calendar
Israeli & Palestinian youth art
http://www.zazzle.com/zoes_bat/gifts?cg=196247312256781408

She has already sold 60 calendars.
Even more, Zoe decided to additionally donate all the cash gifts she received from her Bat Mitzvah as well.

It totaled over $3,300, and has already been sent to the three groups who bring Palestinian and Israeli youth together for the Middle East citizen peace process.

SEE PHOTOS of Zoe's ceremony at http://traubman.igc.org/zoe.pdf