

Resources for Intergroup Work with Jewish and Palestinian Communities:
Public Dialogue Work for Social Justice

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Websites and Programs:

A Different Future <http://www.adifferentfuture.org/index.php>

Highlights the work of Arabs and Israelis working together, through professional communication programs, convening community leaders, and assist the moderate majority in reclaiming policy and public space.

All for Peace Radio <http://www.allforpeace.org/> A joint Israeli-Palestinian radio station

Arabs for Israel <http://www.arabsforisrael.com/pages/1/index.htm>

Arabs and Muslims who support the state of Israel and the cause of peace in the Middle East.

Ariga <http://www.ariga.com/humanrights/index.shtml>

An extensive listing of human rights and peace groups related to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel <http://www.acri.org.il/english-acri/engine/index.asp>

“The Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) was founded in 1972 as a non-political and independent body, with the goal of protecting human and civil rights in Israel and in the territories under Israeli control.”

Bat Shalom <http://www.batshalom.org>

“Bat Shalom is an Israeli national feminist grassroots organization of Jewish and Palestinian Israeli women, formed in 1993, by Jewish and Palestinian women from the kibbutzim, moshavim, villages and towns in the region of northern Israel known as Megiddo, Nazareth and the Valleys, who are working together for a genuine peace grounded in a just resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict, respect for human rights, and an equal voice for Jewish and Arab women within Israeli society.”

Beit Hagefen Arab-Jewish Cultural Center <http://www.haifa.gov.il/beit-hagefen/>

“A municipal, national and international center founded in 1963 to create a meeting place for social and cultural encounters between Jews and Arabs and to encourage and promote understanding and coexistence. The center operates as a non-partisan association and is supported and funded by the Haifa Municipality, the Ministry of Education Culture and Sport, the Ministry.”

Bitter Lemons- Palestinian Israeli crossfire <http://www.bitterlemons.org/>

“A website that presents Israeli and Palestinian viewpoints on prominent issues of concern. It focuses on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and peace process. It is produced, edited and partially written by Ghassan Khatib, a Palestinian, and Yossi Alpher, an Israeli. Its goal is to contribute to mutual understanding through the open exchange of ideas. *Bitterlemons.org* aspires to impact the way Palestinians, Israelis and others worldwide think about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.”

Bridges- The Israeli-Palestinian Public Health Magazine

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/notes/2004/np26/en/>

Published by the World Health Organization

Brit Tzedek v'Shalom/ Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace <http://www.btvshalom.org>

“A national organization of American Jews deeply committed to Israel's well being through the achievement of a negotiated settlement to the long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.”

Citizen's Accord Forum between Jews and Arabs in Israel <http://www.caf.org.il/>

“The Citizens' Accord Forum between Jews and Arabs in Israel (CAF) was established with the vision of building a just, equal, and peaceful relationship of accord and stability among Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens. To enable a social change in accordance with these guidelines, CAF operates in five targeted areas: media, advocacy, networking, education & culture, and local & community development.”

The Compassionate Listening Project <http://www.compassionatelistening.org>

Founder and director Leah Green, leads compassionate listening projects and is internationally recognized as a leader in Jewish-Palestinian reconciliation.

Creativity for Peace <http://www.creativityforpeace.com/>

“Creativity for Peace brings adolescent girls from Palestine and Israel out of the violence and conflict of their communities and into the safe and beautiful New Mexico countryside for a summer program that teaches leadership skills, understanding, trust, reconciliation, and peaceful co-existence.”

The Dialogue Project <http://www.thedialogueproject.org>

“Brings together adult Palestinians, Jews/Israelis and supportive others for intense dialogue and intimate conversation. Founded by Marcia Kannry, former non-profit consultant and religious studies scholar.”

Givat Haviva Educational Institute <http://www.dialogate.org.il/children>

Jewish-Arab Center for Peace at Givat Haviva, has promoted education for peace and democracy as well as tolerance, coexistence and social solidarity for the last fifty years.

Gush Shalom <http://zope.gush-shalom.org/home/en>

The Peace Bloc. An extra-parliamentary organization devoted to the Israeli peace movement and influencing Israeli public opinion toward a reconciliation with the Palestinian people.

Hand In Hand- The Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel <http://www.handinhand12.org/>

“Hand in Hand is bringing a revolutionary vision to Israeli education: integrated, bilingual schools where Jewish and Arab children learn together, helping their families and communities live together.”

Interfaith Encounter <http://www.interfaith-encounter.org/>

The Interfaith Encounter Association (IEA) is dedicated to promoting coexistence in the Middle East through cross-cultural study and inter-religious dialogue.

Israeli-Palestinian Bereaved Families for Peace <http://www.theparentscircle.com/>

“The Families Forum, as the expanded group of about 500 families is called, seeks to solve the ongoing conflict between Israelis and Palestinians through dialogue and mutual understanding. We call on all parties to promote reconciliation as the only way to reach true co-existence and peace.”

Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI) Education for Peace Project _
<http://www.ipcri.org>

This project has been in place now for five years, and is the largest and most comprehensive undertaking of its kind in Israel and the OPT. It involves multidisciplinary curricula, skills training in conflict resolution, and experiential encounters. It is being conducted in 32 schools, developed out of the Neaman Center for Negotiations and Meditation from the Technion, and the Consensus Building Institute of MIT in Cambridge, MA.

Jerusalem Peacemakers <http://www.jerusalempeacemakers.org/home.html>

“A support network in Israel, Palestine, UK, Europe and Asia bonded since 2000 by shared concerns about justice and peace. A UK non-profit organization that raises and sends moral, financial and human support to peacemaker friends in the Holy Land and helps them communicate with the wider world.”

Noa Baum <http://www.noabaum.com>

An Israeli storyteller and performer who performs “A Land Twice Promised” based on her own and a Palestinian friend’s stories.

Oasis of Peace in Israel- Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam/ Oasis of Peace <http://www.oasisofpeace.org>

“A cooperative village of Jews and Palestinian Arabs of Israeli citizenship founded in 1972 who are demonstrating the possibility of coexistence between Jews and Palestinians by developing a community based on mutual acceptance, respect and cooperation.”

Open House /Ramle <http://www.openhouse.org.il/>

“A mixed city of 65,000 residents founded in 1991 to further peace and coexistence among Israeli Arabs and Jews.”

Peace Child Israel <http://www.mideastweb.org/peacechild/>

“Founded in 1988 to teach coexistence using theater and the arts, and educates for democratic values, tolerance and mutual respect. Arab and Israeli teens work with counterparts from around the country to create original dramas about coexistence. The plays, in Arabic and Hebrew are performed for family, friends and the public at-large.”

Peace movements/NGOs- <http://www.betterworldlinks.org/book03d.htm>

Peace Now <http://www.peacenow.org>

“The Israeli Peace Movement, founded in 1978 by Israeli reserve officers in the Israel Defense Forces, whose goal is to seek negotiations and mutual compromise with Arab neighbors.”

Rabbis for Human Rights <http://www.rhr.israel.net>

“Israeli Rabbinic organization comprised of Reform, orthodox, conservative and reconstructionist rabbis, founded in 1988 to give voice to the Jewish tradition of human rights.”

Seeds of Peace <http://www.seedsofpeace.org>

“Founded in 1993, and dedicated to empowering young leaders from regions of conflict with the leadership skills required to advance reconciliation and coexistence.”

Seeking Common Ground <http://www.buildingpeace.com>

A non -profit grass roots organization that creates peaceful communities through communication, integration, socialization and leadership development. One of its programs is Building Bridges for Peace- a camp in Colorado that brings Israeli and Palestinian teenagers together to live and work during the summer.

Shemesh <http://www.shemesh.org/>

“Started by the people of the Arab village of Shaab and the Jewish community Shorashim as a grassroots good neighbor organization, SHEMESH is one of the central forces of coexistence and friendship between Jews and Arabs in the Galilee Region of Israel today.”

Sikkuy - The Association for Advancement of Equal Opportunity

<http://www.ariga.com/humanrights/sikkuy.shtml>

“Sikkuy was established in 1991 with the aims of enhancing civic equality for the Arab Citizens of Israel as well as the development of citizen identity as one shared by all Israeli citizens.”

Tapestry <http://www.rootswings.com>

An Arab/Jewish storytelling performance by Audrey Galex and B.J. Abraham.

The Tolerance Project <http://www.bu.edu/irwa/programs/tolerance.html>

“A Project of the Boston University Institute on Religion and World Affairs, that combines a global perspective on inter-religious dialogue with social scientific research on tolerance and a pluralistic approach to pedagogic practice. The Tolerance Project is designed to identify and explore the resources for tolerance and pluralism intrinsic in the three revealed religions-Judaism, Christianity, and Islam-in a global context, with a particular emphasis on the relevance of these resources to educational practice.”

Traubmans Living Room Dialogue <http://www.traubman.igc.org>

Palestinian/Jewish living room dialogue started by Len and Libby Traubman in San Mateo California, with an extensive list of dialogue and action resources addressing the Palestinian/Israeli conflict.