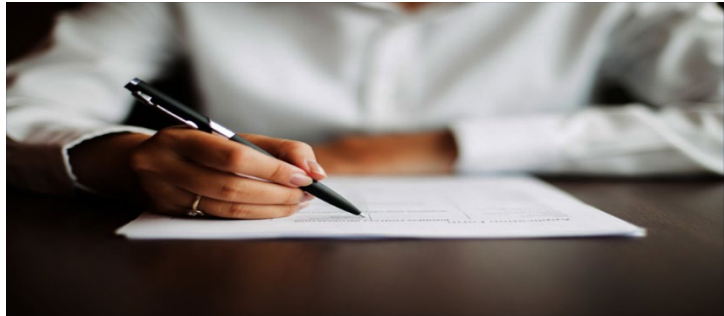


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Naor wants to study in Germany



In the two months that Naor spent with us last autumn, the decision was prepared. During this time, he met with many renowned clarinet teachers at German music academies, played for them and talked to them about his plans and ideas. When he travelled back to Jerusalem at the beginning of November, it was already clear to him that he did not want to continue his studies in the USA as originally planned. A few weeks later, we received a message from Jerusalem that he had decided to study in Germany with Prof. Martin Spangenberg at the Hanns Eisler School of Music in Berlin, provided he will pass the entrance exam, for which he is now preparing intensively. Naor's decision is a brave one, as he not only has to learn German, but also retrain for a different instrument. Until now, he has been playing the French clarinet and not the German one. As he told us, this makes a considerable difference. With a scholarship, we are financing the lessons that the highly talented, very pleasant clarinetist from Jerusalem with Ethiopian roots needs to prepare for the entrance exam. Of course, we will be delighted when he will come to Germany. This promises us the chance to follow his inspiring clarinet playing live on one or two occasions.

„Filling another person's life with confidence means living twice.“

(William C. Chandler)



Israel/Palestine – Healing the wounds of war!



The need to take small steps, with the courage of despair, to help people in this crisis-ridden and now war-torn region to find a spark of hope that at the end can become perhaps a flame for peace is unavoidable. The Hebrew University in Jerusalem has literally planted one of these small sparks with seeds in fertile soil.

Since 31 December 2023, universities in Israel have resumed regular academic operations. There was great uncertainty and concern as to whether the many Palestinian students who are now studying on the campus would come and, above all, whether there would be peaceful learning and studying together with Israeli students again.

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Under the motto "**Living Learning Together**", around 170 faculty members and

administrative staff took part in a volunteer project. Led by the Diversity Unit, the Dean of Students and the Students' Union, the programme was designed to convey a message of welcome to all. Throughout the day, volunteers wore T-shirts that read "Living, Learning Together" in Hebrew, Arabic and English. They stood at the gates of the campus to welcome the students. They walked through the public areas (libraries, cafeterias, main corridors) to answer questions, welcome



and, helping the students to find their way around or simply smiling and wishing them a successful academic year. Volunteers handed out brochures explaining the work of the Diversity Office and outlining the guidelines for free speech on campus. Signs with the same slogan were also hung around campus. The project was extremely successful. It made the universities appear friendly and welcoming and conveyed a sense that the university is responsive to the needs and sensitivities of all its students and staff.

An inclusive space in times of war: A green terrace on the Mount Scopus campus

Another project in this context is "Creating an Inclusive Space During Wartime: A Green Terrace on the Mount Scopus Campus".

Forty students, 20 Israeli and 20 Palestinian, took part in a course aimed at facilitating a process of planning and building a new, inclusive meeting place on campus that would be ready for all when the university opened. The course included inspirational talks on relevant topics that served as analytical building blocks for the construction of the green terrace, as well as practical work on the planning, construction, and maintenance of the terrace. Time was also spent in each session developing additional initiatives to make the campus an inclusive and safe place for all. The course combined both practical work and dialogue between the different groups of students and graduates. The underlying idea of the course is that such a process of learning, planning and collaboration could be the first step towards rebuilding a shared future of mutual trust on campus.



Find out more at: <https://diegorotman.huji.ac.il/InclusiveSpace>

These and the other projects we support at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, such as the Good Neighbor project or the training of Palestinian social workers from and for East Jerusalem (in cooperation with the Jerusalem Foundation), are based on a fundamental and partnership-based advocacy of the diversity of the people living in Israel/Palestine. Nothing expresses this basic attitude better than this short film, which readers of this newsletter should watch:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vbim03pugUXiulI4Z7rrHo4464ppXpdp/view?usp=sharing_eil_m&ts=65549c31&sh=924iFOCSM7CNvj9_&ca=1

We welcome Shrouq as a new member of our scholarship program for students from Palestine



Shrouq is 23 years old, married and a mother. She lives with her family in the Old City of Jerusalem. A few years ago, she began training as a nurse in Jerusalem. But her real goal is to become a doctor, preferably a paediatrician. She is fighting for this with all her strength. Two years ago, with little savings and a little support from her hard-working husband, she dared to start studying medicine at Al-Najah University in Nablus. However, due to the consequences of the war, it is not possible for her to continue her studies without financial support. As a first step, we have accepted her into our scholarship programme with a reduced scholarship in order to give her the chance to pursue her dream of working as a paediatrician one day.

Our second trip to Uganda starts shortly



The packing has already begun. In three weeks' time, we will be travelling to Uganda for the second time to look after the ongoing support projects there. The list of destinations is long: Teddy and her protégés at the Motherhouse in Masaka, Jude and the more than 400 schoolchildren at St. Jude Nursery & Primary School in Kikondo, a first meeting with Lisa

from Kasese, Naster, who is learning German after completing her studies last year and is still looking for a good job, and many more. We will be accompanied by Gerhard Haag, whom we got to know as a friend and expert in connection with our sponsorship projects in Tanzania. We will certainly return full of new impressions and will be happy to report.



This year's concert of our foundation with Avishag and an ensemble of the Maqamat School for Eastern Music from Safed/Israel will take place on

Saturday, 28 September 2024 in Leonberg-Warmbronn



„What the world of tomorrow will look like depends to a large extent on the imagination of those who are just learning to read.“

(Astrid Lindgren)



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