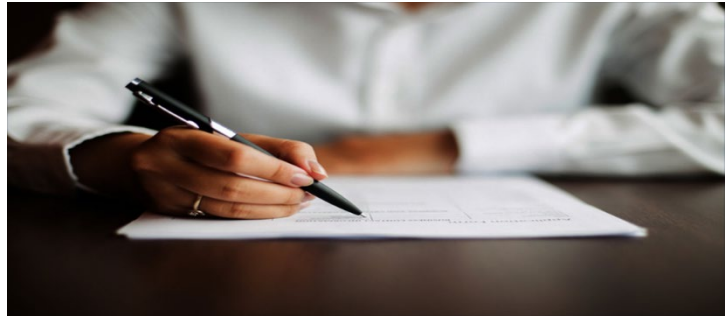
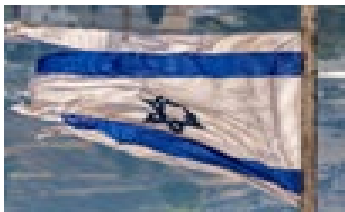


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We „fight“ for Peace !



Since 7 October, we have received many reports from Israel/Palestine. We have been deeply shocked by the brutal violence and endless suffering of innocent men, women, and children on both sides of existing, breached and newly erected border fortifications. Unanswered questions move us: "How could this happen?" "When and how can the war of destruction, death and suffering come to an end?" "Will hostages be released?" and many more.

The longer the war lasts, the more urgently one question comes up: "How should things continue in this country?". For information events on the current situation in Israel/Palestine, which we organized this month, we received several video messages and moving appeals from friends and cooperation partners in Israel and Palestine.

They all culminate in the same hope and resolute determination:

- **Israel and Palestine, Jews and Muslims, Israelis and Arabs depend on living together in peace in the future.**
- **There is no alternative to this.**
- **Trust between people must be rebuilt step by step!**

We quote from:



E-Mail from Prof. Israel Yuval (*Professor of Jewish History and former Academic Director of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Jewish Studies Scholion at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (emeritus), winner of the Mount Zion Prize 2022*) dated of Nov 6th, 2023:

„What will a decent person do? What can people, who want peace, do? In crisis situations, people tend to identify with the people who are close to them, with their family, with their fellow human beings. I say that we have to go beyond ethnic and national identification.

We - Israelis and Palestinians, Muslims and Jews, Arab Christians, and European Christians - must unite and raise the voice of hope and peace. We must build a future in good neighborliness with the wonderful children of Issawiya (*note: Palestinian settlement in East Jerusalem*).”



"Video-Statement of Prof. Kenneth Mann (*Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law at Tel Aviv University (emeritus) and co-founder of LEAP - (Legal Aid for Palestinians)*) from 12/11/2023:

„What does the Hamas attack mean for Israel's future? There are basically two answers: one is to increase military strength and power. The other is to intensify efforts to integrate the population on the basis of bilateral and multilateral agreements. But we know more than ever that such agreements and the normalization of relations cannot and must not exclude the Palestinians. Israel must realize that it must do more for Palestinian self-determination than it has done in the past. If there is no peace process between Israelis and Palestinians after the war, the only prospect for Israel is military power. But Jews will have a less secure status in such a state of Israel than in other places in Western countries where Jews live if we do not find the way to peaceful coexistence supported by mutual agreements.”

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<https://www.seedsofpeace.org/>

Mail from 08/11/2023:

Dear supporters of Seeds of Peace,

Over the past few weeks I have spoken or texted with many of our alumni who are all going through pain, anger and fear at this moment. In times like these, it's common to retreat into your corners. It becomes incredibly difficult to step out of ourselves, out of our own communities, to truly see one another and move compassionately. It remains hard to hold on to hope. While our seeds are not immune to all of this, my conversations with so many Palestinians and Israelis these weeks remind me that there are people who still speak in the "we" role.

As one seed said to me:

"We have become interdependent, inextricably linked. The desire not to have to deal with the other is an illusion. And I hope that this realisation will become a source of strength and not weakness. That we inevitably have to find a way to make it work for all of us, otherwise it won't work for any of us. This is the truth we are confronted with.

We know that the only way forward is for people to come together, decide that a different future is possible, and walk the path with courage and empathy."

As another seed put it:

"If we have the strength and courage to rise together from this catastrophe - Israelis and Palestinians, Jews and Arabs - and be the leaders we so desperately need for our peoples, then there could be hope."

Seeds of Peace will continue to make voices like these heard. We will continue to work with young people who, as they put it, "refuse to accept what is when they know what could be".



From an email by Prof Elisheva Baumgarten (Academic Head Jack Joseph and Morton Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem) dated 15 November 2023:

„Looking ahead to the period after 7 October and the day after the war, the two guiding principles that have held true until now remain most important:

1. to provide Palestinian students with the opportunity to receive a first-class education and to advance socially and professionally, increasing future employment and educational achievements to the greatest extent possible.
2. to create as many opportunities as possible for Israelis and Palestinians from different social groups to get to know each other and to realize that the "other" is not so threatening.

This is the best way to peaceful coexistence."

With this e-mail we received a video message from the Diversity Unit of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which can be found at this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/twc3uqdzly19s4rnuz2oy/diversity-film-nov-2023.mp4?rlkey=izo14garm2jpxp3oq4j59n6w7&dl=0>

This video is really worth watching!!!

Qualified Education for Social Work in East-Jerusalem!



Within the scope of our possibilities, we want to support projects in Israel/Palestine right now that have a positive effect on the future peaceful coexistence of the people living there. One of these projects, among others, is the joint project of the Jerusalem Foundation, the Hebrew University, and the Jerusalem City Council to train social workers from East Jerusalem. We have been able to persuade the Berthold Leibinger Stiftung <http://www.leibinger-stiftung.de/> to join us as an equal partner in this project, so that we are now in a position to support this great project with € 20,000. We are very grateful to the Berthold Leibinger Stiftung for this. After a few years of training at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, up to 50 young Palestinians in the Arab-populated suburbs of East Jerusalem will gradually be able to make a qualified contribution to helping the people there to find their way in their living environment so that they can find a real home there a little more than before.

There are many projects that serve the goal of peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Arabs, Jews, and Muslims, but also with other ethnic and religious groups in this region. These include:

- **LEAP (Legal Aid for Palestinians)** : An organisation founded by committed Israelis supports Palestinians living in the West Bank and working in Israel on a voluntary basis through lawyers trained in Israel in obtaining or re-obtaining the necessary permits to cross the border into Israel on a daily basis. They are dependent on these permits in order to earn a living for their families. LEAP focuses its work on more than 100,000 Palestinians living in the West Bank who go to work every day for hundreds of employers in Israel. In this relationship of daily co-operation between workers and employers, in which every of



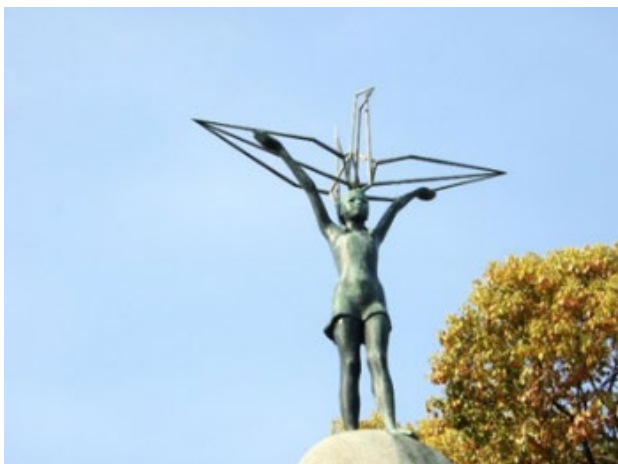


them recognise each other's personal needs, respect, and value them, there is great personal potential to rebuild mutual trust.

- **Good Neighbor, Multicultural Art Centre und Ambassador Program of the Hebräischen Universität** (see above Video)
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- **The Max Rayne Hand in Hand School**
<https://www.handinhandk12.org/school/jerusalem/> is an integrated bilingual school for Israeli (Jewish) and Arab (Muslim) children. The work at the Jerusalem school is guided by a transformative, values-based educational model that emphasizes equality, mutual respect, and empathy for others: teaching students to take an active role in improving society. Hand in Hand's Jerusalem students graduate with over a decade of continuous practice in a shared community and enter the world with exceptional interpersonal and communication skills as well as high proficiency in written and oral Hebrew and Arabic.



Help us!



If you would like to help us to do more for these projects because you, like us, are convinced that everything must be done to give the people in this country hope for a peaceful life together again, then we would ask you to make a donation to our account at Kreissparkasse Böblingen (BIC BBKRDE6BXXX), IBAN DE17 6035 0130 00011098 14 with the keyword "Peace projects Israel/Palestine". You can of course also specify a specific project that you would like to support.

„To fill another person's life with confidence is to live twice.(William C. Chandler)“

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If you would like to support our work, whether by providing information about educational projects worthy of support or in any other way, we would be delighted to hear from you. If you would like to support us through donations or endowments, you can also do so on a project basis. We guarantee that your donation will go directly and exclusively to the project of your choice. In the case of project-related endowments, we ensure that the income attributable to your endowment is used exclusively for the project of your choice.

If you would like to make this decision, you will find the necessary information on our homepage. Our donation account at Kreissparkasse Böblingen (BIC BBKRDE6BXXX) has the IBAN DE17 6035 0130 00011098 14.

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