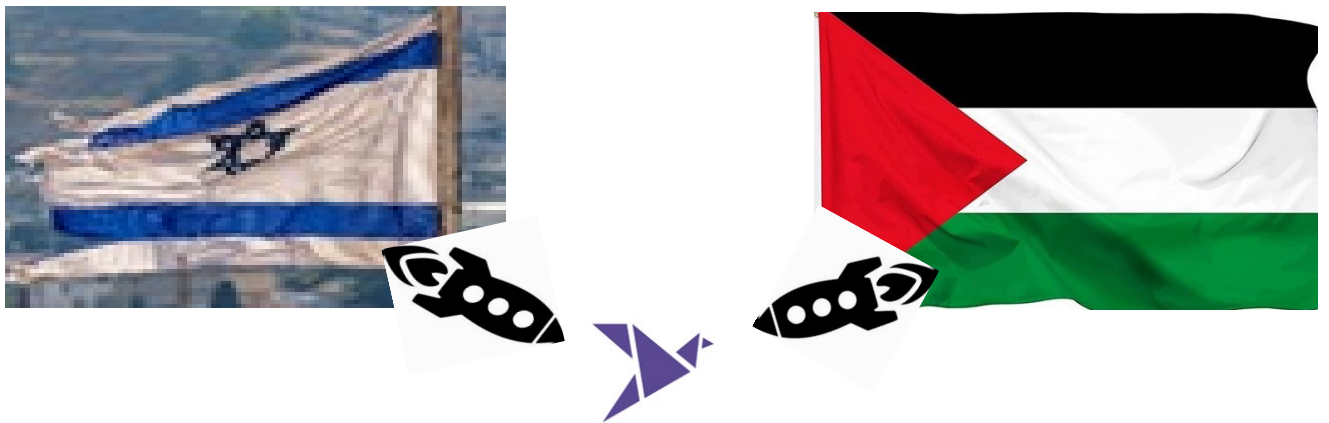


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Violence – Terrorism – War **Does peace still have a chance?**



Our breath stands still. Images of unbelievable violence, cruel terror and horrific suffering have affected us deeply since 7 October this year. Our foundation's work, especially in Israel and Palestine, is based on the conviction that education is an essential factor in the development of peaceful living together between people all over the world, regardless of their religion, ethnicity or nation.

In the face of increasing brutal violence, terror and war, is this a mistaken belief, an unrealistic dream? Of course, we are asking ourselves this question again and again, especially now. But our answer remains the same even in the face of the terrible events and images from the areas we call the "Middle East":

No, education, truthful information, openness and tolerance, are the medicines that can effectively combat hatred, delusion, violence, terror, war, exclusion, thoughts of revenge, bloodshed and the endless suffering of people caused by it.



Therefore, we will not stop using our means to support young people in their pursuit of education, in Israel and in Palestine, whether they are Jews, Muslims, Israelis or Arabs. We feel solidarity with the victims of Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorist violence on the side of Israel, but equally solidarity with the civilian population suffering

from reprisals and war in the occupied territories of Palestine. It is difficult to understand, but every act of terror and every warlike reaction to it follows a logic, almost an automatism of inflicted revenge and suffering. Their inherent fatal ingredients are error, ignorance and misbelief.

Among the projects we support for peaceful coexistence in this region are the following in particular

- **"Good Neighborhood"** : The Hebrew University of Jerusalem offers 12 Palestinian students from Issavia (East Jerusalem) the opportunity to study at one of Israel's most prestigious universities thanks to scholarships funded by us.
- **LEAP (Legal Aid for Palestinians)** : An organisation founded by committed Israelis, LEAP supports Palestinians living and working in the West Bank by means of Israeli-trained lawyers, on a voluntary basis, for obtaining or re-obtaining the necessary permits to cross the border into Israel day by day. They depend on these permits to support their families. We help to finance the training of the staff needed for this.
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- **Micha**: This voluntary organization runs a therapeutic facility in West Jerusalem where Arab children, mainly from East Jerusalem, are supported on a daily basis in overcoming their handicaps resulting from hearing impairment, with the aim of integrating them into a joint childcare facility with non-hearing-impaired children. In 2022, we funded further training for the therapists working there.
- **Study scholarships**: We run a scholarship program for young Palestinians studying mainly at Palestinian universities. We are currently granting



scholarships to 8 students at the Al-Quds University in Abu Dis and the Arab American University in Jenin, as well as to 2 Arab students to study at the RWTH Aachen University.

- **Training young Arab students as social workers:** In cooperation with the Jerusalem Foundation and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, we will in future co-finance the training of young Arabs from the settlements inhabited by Palestinians in East Jerusalem as social workers, who in return take on the obligation to work as social workers in the settlements from which they come.



We will do our utmost to continue these projects, to expand them as far as possible. Their success is a success for peace and a victory against violence, terror, exclusion, discrimination and war. We are currently seeking cooperation partners who will support us in this with their financial resources.

In addition, we will take part in an information event at the headquarters of our foundation in Leonberg-Warmbronn in the community centre on 15 November 2023 from 7:30 pm onwards, organized by local entities, in order to make the information sent to us about our friends and partners in Israel and Palestine accessible to the population.



Teddy's children from the Motherhouse in Masaka are making good progress at school

Most of the 16 children from Teddy Nakanwagi's Motherhouse in Masaka who we support with school grants have already received their school reports for the second term of the current school

year. Teddy sent them to us and they are impressive. Their teachers at different schools certify that they are making efforts, that they are performing satisfactorily, well or even outstandingly at school and that they are on the right track.



Since this year, little 5-year-old Melvin, who goes to "The Lions Nursery" in Masaka, is also one of them. The little boy had a terrible early childhood, left by his 15-year-old mother, who was at the end enforced to do it, to his alcoholic grandfather, from which Teddy pulled him out and nursed him back to health. We reported on this in the January edition of our newsletter. In his school report we can now read, among other things, the following:

„He can write numbers 1 - 50 (A) - He is a good team player (A) - He writes well (A) - He can write syllables (B) - He can shade well (B) - He is active and friendly (A)“

A stands for “very good“, B for „good“ The report ends with the comment of his teacher:

„He is always ready to follow commands“ and of the headteacher: „Thank You Melvin for the good performance“.

A beautiful and encouraging story that can be expanded with many similar testimonies from the children. Thank you, Teddy, on behalf of "your" children and their future, that you give them!

"To fill another person's life with confidence is to live twice."

(William C. Chandler)

The list of our projects that are already successfully finished has become remarkably long:

The list of our Foundation's successfully completed projects, which is filling up in the meantime, also shows that we are already entering the fifth year of our Foundation's work next year. We can look back with pleasure and pride on the following 13 projects:

- **Mira and Dunia**, two young Palestinians from Jerusalem have successfully completed their training as speech therapists.
- **Valerie** graduated with distinction from the Mc Auley House School in Johannesburg at the end of 2022.
- **Afnan** passed her bachelor's degree at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in sociology, anthropology, and education in June this year.
- **Majed**, a refugee from Syria, passed his Abitur at the Leonberg Business High School in the summer of 2023 and has now started an apprenticeship as a business IT specialist.
- **Ghada** completed her bachelor's degree in midwifery with distinction at Bethlehem University.
- **Ali** has successfully completed his specialist training as a lawyer to support Palestinians living in the West Bank at LEAP.
- **Itzik and Refael** successfully completed their studies in psychology and law after leaving the ultra-Orthodox living communities as yotzim.
- **Avishag** successfully completed her music education at Maqamat Music School for Eastern Music this summer.
- **Marian** also graduated this summer with a bachelor's degree in laboratory biology from Bethlehem University.
- **10 girls from the Massai tribe** supported by us completed their vocational training at the MVTC in Mbeya/Tanzania.
- The **drinking water well at St. Jude Nursery & Primary Day & Boarding School in Kikondo-Kyotera/Uganda** was fully completed these days.

We wish our "alumni" all the best for their future and their path in life and would be pleased if they would keep in touch with us for a while.

May the "spark of peace" that may have been ignited in them spread!



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If you wish to do so, you will find the necessary information on our homepage. Our donations account at Kreissparkasse Böblingen (BIC BBKRDE6BXXX) has the IBAN DE17 6035 0130 00011098 14.

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