



Wahat al-Salam Neve Shalom

Palestinians and Jews Living and Working Together
for Equality, Justice and Peace

~ Community ~

Wahat al-Salam – Neve Shalom (WAS-NS) is a village of Palestinian and Jewish citizens of Israel dedicated to building justice, peace and equality in the country and the region. Situated equidistant from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv-Jaffa, the community was established in 1970 by Fr. Bruno Hussar on land of the Latrun Monastery. It is a model of equality, mutual respect and partnership that challenges existing

patterns of racism and discrimination as well as the continued conflict. The community has established educational institutions based on its ideals and conducts activities focused on social and political change. Many of the village members work in peace, justice and reconciliation projects. It has a population of 70+ families and will grow to 150 families.

~ Primary School ~

The idea of establishing an educational framework that would express the village's ideals of coexistence and equality was born together with its first children. Accordingly, in 1984, it founded the country's first bilingual, binational primary school. From the late 1980s, the school began to welcome children from nearby communities. Today,



the school system serves approximately 270 children from the age of 3 months through 6th grade, who come from the village and 19 towns in the area. The school complex includes a nursery, kindergarten, a music room, animal corner, recycling center and ecological greenhouse, all of

which work with the aim of educating for peace between the two peoples.

~ School for Peace ~

The School for Peace (SFP) was established in 1979 as the first Jewish - Palestinian educational institution to promote broad scale change towards peaceful, humane, egalitarian and just relations between the two peoples. Some 65,000 Jews and Palestinians from Israel and Palestinians from the Occupied Territories have taken part in its programs.



The School for Peace works with young and adult, male and female, Jewish and Palestinian groups, in-

cluding students, professionals, members of NGOs and others. It offers workshops, training programs and university courses, and trains professionals from fields such as politics, media, environmentalism, education, urban planning, leadership in shared cities and mental health services. In programs based on a truly equal dialogue, the SFP boosts a joint awareness of the conflict and of the role played by the individual in creating or ameliorating it. The programs encourage the graduates to take personal initiative for establishing

ongoing joint projects.

The SFP produces publications in various languages on peace, dialogue and the conflict, and recently established a research center on these issues. The SFP's world class facilitator training program has

over 1,000 graduates, some of whom have gone on to lead peace, social change, and human rights organizations in Israel and Palestine.

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~ Pluralistic Spiritual Community Center ~

The Pluralistic Spiritual Community Center (PSCC) was established in commemoration of WAS-NS founder Fr. Bruno Hussar. It provides social and spiritual activities for the community and guests as well as a framework for personal and group reflection, study and encounter.

Among the initiatives of the PSCC is the "World Rescuers Garden", which honors those who acted to save and protect others from human rights crises and natural disasters.

Recently the village opened an art gallery, which organizes exhibitions and programs with the participation of Palestinian and Israeli artists.

The PSCC facilities include two beautiful halls, a courtyard, green spaces and the dome-shaped "House of Silence" (Beit Ha-Doumia / Bayt as-Sakinah), all of which provide a "safe space" for many kinds of programs and activities.

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~ Nadi: Youth Center ~

The "Nadi" Youth Center trains the young people of the community as future leaders. The Center seeks to foster and sustain interpersonal connections between the children and graduates of the village's educational system who necessarily study outside the village during their high school years. The Center promotes values of mutual acceptance and respect, hones awareness of Palestinian - Jewish relations and social justice issues, and encourages individual and social responsibility towards peers, towards the community and towards society. In addition, the Nadi develops informal educational programs that promote a shared existence.

The Nadi is run by a youth leader, who is assisted by parents and young adults.



~ Visitors Center ~

WAS-NS conducts programs that cater to the varied interests of international and local visiting groups.

For groups on a day or over-night visit, an introductory presentation on WAS-NS includes discussion with a community member and a tour of the village. Longer programs feature cultural, artistic or spiritual activities or alternative tourism. The Center offers a broad range of lectures and workshops in the field of shared existence, social and political issues, peace education and more. Programs may include a stay at the hotel or meals. Groups and individuals may apply to our visit programs director.

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~ Hotel ~

Situated between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and enjoying a superbly scenic location, the hotel offers an attractive base for touring Israel, visiting the village and/or participating in programs. Hotel rooms are well-designed, air-conditioned, and spacious, each with a private balcony. Facilities and catering for conferences, seminars or other events are available. An outdoor swimming pool is open in season. The hotel welcomes individual travelers and groups for accommodation or meals. Please book well in advance.

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~ Volunteer / Intern Programs ~

Wahat al-Salam ~ Neve Shalom accepts a small number of volunteers and interns who usually stay between six months and a year.

For details and application:
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The activities and ongoing development of Wahat al-Salam ~ Neve Shalom depend on the moral and financial support of all who believe in our mission.

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