



Neve Shalom ~ Wahat al-Salam
واحة السلام (Oasis of Peace) נווה שלום

Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam and The Global Network of Religions for Children invite you to a conference on:

Religion, Social Identity and Education Among Arabs and Jews in Israel

Questions and challenges of religious identity
facing educators in a multi-cultural society

At Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam,
February 25 - 26, 2004

Sponsored by the Arigatou Foundation

Program

Wednesday, Feb. 25th

13:00: Registration

13:45: Introduction

Castro Daoud, Secretary of Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam

Agneta Ucko, Director of the Myochikai-Arigatou Foundation,

Geneva Office

Bob Mark - one of the initiators and organizers of the conference

14:00 – 15:00 First Panel: Religion and Identity in Palestinian Society in Israel:

Ahmad Hijazi – Chairperson

Dr Shukri ‘Araf from the Oranim Teachers College: “Expressions of religion in Arab society and education.”

Sarab Abu Rabia from the Ben Gurion University: “Between Feminism and Islam.”
Sources of Islamic feminist identity.

Marzuk Halabi: “Religion and National Identity among the Druze in Israel”

15:00 – 16:00 Responses from Jewish panelists and discussion with the audience.

16:00 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 17:30 Second Panel: Religion and Identity in Jewish Society in Israel

Dr Yair Oron – Chairperson

Dr Rachel Livne Freudenthal from the Alma College: “The Vision lost between Religion and State.” Judaism as a tradition and culture beyond religion and nationalism.

Dror Yehoshua from Mizrah Shemesh: “Al ‘Aravim Talinu Kinorotenu.” The voice of music that is not heard.

Dr Zvi Bekerman from the Hebrew University: “When Secular Liberals Need Religion.” Overcoming fears in integrative Jewish – Palestinian Education.

17:30 – 18:30 Responses from Palestinian panelists and discussion with the audience.

19:00 Dinner

21:00 A Concert by Zimar

Original Arab music

Thursday, February 26th

8:00 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 Tour and Discussion of Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam

9:30 – 10:30 Third Panel: Religion in Educational Initiatives in Israel

Chairperson: Dr Ariella Be'ari Ben Yishai

Dr Mahmoud Masalha from the Ministry of Education: Educational programs on Islam in Arab Schools

Dr Ra'id Mu'allam: The Mar Elias Campus - the first Arab University in Israel.

Ruth Lahavi, founder and principal of the Keshet School in Jerusalem: The integration of secular and religious Jews in an educational framework.

10:30 – 11:30 Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Refreshments

12:00 – 13:00 Fourth Panel: Religion in the work of Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam

Chairperson: Muhammad Abu Lahja Ratib

Fatin Zinati and Eva Zari: Religion and Identity in the Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam Jewish – Arab Primary School.

Omar Aghbariya: Religious Identity in School for Peace Encounters

Raida Ayashi Hatib and Dorit Shippin: The place of a Spiritual center in Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam

13:00 – 14:00 Discussion and closing

14:00 Lunch

The Conference will be conducted with simultaneous translation in Hebrew, Arabic and English

Costs: NIS 150 for the entire conference including room and board, or NIS 50 per day including meals without overnight accommodations.

Please register in advance.

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