



Oasis of **واحة السلام** Wahat al-Salam
Peace **נווה שלום** Neve Shalom

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

INAUGURATION:

ON THURSDAY, 22.4.10 AT 17:00, OF THE

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The Jewish – Arab community of Wahat al-Salam – Neve Shalom (est. 1970) is proud to open its new peace library, a purpose-built 750 sq. meter building that will enhance the village's unique educational contribution to peace, equality and understanding between Palestinian and Jewish citizens of Israel.

The library will provide books and manuscripts on peace and conflict, education for peace, health and proper nutrition, and fine literature in Arabic and Hebrew serving the village and area residents. In addition, it will be a venue for meetings of academics and field workers dealing with peace and human rights issues.

Guests of Honor at the Opening:

Prof. Avishay Braverman (Minister of Minorities)

Ruth Almog and Salman Natour (Authors)

Dr. Hanna Swaid and Chaim Oron (Members of the Knesset)

Prof. Ariela Friedman (Tel Aviv University)

Wahat al-Salam ~ Neve Shalom is a village of 60 families, situated 5 minutes south of the Latroun Interchange of highway 1. Its Jewish and Arab members live together in cooperation and equality as an alternative to the prevailing reality in Israel. The village educational institutions include a **bilingual school** for 250 Arab and Jewish children, **The School for Peace**, conducting courses and seminars for Arab and Jewish youth and adults in Israel and the Palestinian Autonomy, a **Pluralistic Spiritual Center**, which draws from religious, cultural and spiritual resources while educating for peace. A **Hotel**, with dining facilities and conference halls, offers comfortable accommodation and a variety of educational programs.

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