



Jerusalem Tolerance Week 3

November 14 - 24, 2018

Thirty tolerance activities took place in Jerusalem by Jerusalemites, for Jerusalemites, about Jerusalemites in the days before and after International Tolerance Day 2018. This is the third year of “Jerusalem Tolerance Week” which acts as a platform for Jerusalem activists to remind us all that Jerusalem is the World’s Tolerance Capital, that in Jerusalem sees its diversity as an asset, that the residents of the city want to meet each other and learn about the different cultures who share the city.

Jerusalem Tolerance Week is supported by the Jerusalem Foundation, the Leichtag Foundation, and Natan.

Following is the description of all events that took place during Jerusalem Tolerance Week 2018.

A Jerusalem Mosaic – The Old Yishuv Court Museum

A journey to 19th century walled Jerusalem through the Old Yishuv Court Museum, during the days in which Jerusalemites shared life's ups and downs with each other, regardless of religion, race, or gender.

How did they overcome conflicts that arose from living life together with different types of people? What can we learn from the past and what conclusions should we implement today, in modern times? What is an Islamic charm doing in a Jewish home? These questions led us through our journey.



Rehavia Shabati

Shabati is a project that brings Shabbat-friendly culture to create space for secular and religious Jerusalemites to meet in the public sphere on Fridays and Saturdays. The activists behind Shabati invited Racheli Hazon Tessler, activist and the Jerusalemite Movement's "Meeting Place" director, for a discussion regarding dialogue in the public sphere.



Cheese, Wine, and a Jerusalem Hyde Park – Tarbus

Tarbus is a group of Haredi activists who bring culture to Haredim and seculars together. In honor of Jerusalem Tolerance Week, they created a Hyde Park event with Jerusalemites of all backgrounds. The speakers spoke about a Jerusalem for all – Jerusalem of Torah, Jerusalem of Yemenites, Jerusalem of Haredim who serve in the IDF, Jerusalem of the religious LGBTQ community, Jerusalem of women, Jerusalem of Jewish human rights, and Jerusalem of Haredi art.

Ariel, one of the initiators of the event, said, “I felt that many Jerusalemites, including my closest friends, talk about this city in a warlike fashion as a result of these past elections. This really is a city for all of us, even those who we don’t usually mean to include when we say “all of us. In my opinion, this is the most important time to bring hearts together. These are the building blocks of healing the city – a more tolerant city, and thus a more interesting city.



Movie Screening: Mohi – HaMiffal

For seven years, Mohi, a heartbreaking Palestinian boy from Gaza, has been living in Tel HaShomer hospital – the only home he ever knew – and he cannot return to his family in Gaza. Mohi grew up raised by Jews and Arabs who surpass identity, religion, and the conflict that splits his world. The Miffal – an alternative Jerusalemite culture bar – decided to screen the film “Mohi” and mediate a discussion regarding the topics that arise from it.

Netta, one of the initiators in the Miffal, said, “It was a really moving evening. Especially interesting was the discussion that followed the movie with Buma Inbar. It was complex and not easy, but it was a fascinating and important glimpse into the crazy, complex, generous human stories that don’t receive the spotlight in the crazy violence of our world today.”

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A Tub of Empathy – Linda Natan and Muslala

How do we bring tolerance into our lives in its deepest meaning, crossing borders of gender, sector, language, and more?

As part of a weekly meeting on empathy, a workshop was held on Muslala's rooftop in the Clal building, to explore the spaces of empathy.



The Politics of Love – Film Screening: Ashkenaz – Hand in Hand

The screening of Rachel Jones’s “Ashkenaz” and the discussion that followed with Dr. Yael Berda, a Hand in Hand community member, brought 20 Jerusalemites outside of their warm homes and into the Jerusalem night.

The movie discusses the Ashkenazi story, which begins in the Holy Land and ends in the Rhine Valley - or perhaps, the opposite? - and asks: how did “the other” in Europe turn into “Europe” for the other?



Combat and its Aftermath - Resisim

A group of men (and a few women) engaged in a discussion about the acceptance (or lack thereof) in our society of those who carry with them the traumas of combat. We spoke about the importance in listening to the stories from the battlefield, about the ways of creating a listening space in the public sphere, and of the part that each of us can take in creating a tolerant and healthy public discussion. Some of the members of the group opened up for the first time and shared difficult experiences, while receiving, for the first time in their lives, support and understanding.



The Haredi Digital World – ALYN Hospital and the JICC

The “ALYN Hospital celebrates a decade of cultural competence” lecture series also noted Jerusalem Tolerance Week!

Shmuel Drilman, CEO of “Webetter” – a Haredi digital advertising company and a social activist – lectured about the social media and digital aspect of the Haredi world. He exposed us to the challenges and the uses of digital media in acquiring knowledge and services, and we spoke about the possible solutions to the challenges facing the Haredi-digital world.



Cross-cultural Environmental Initiatives Fair

The Jerusalem Community of Arava Institute for Environmental Studies Alumni

We got to know the various cross-cultural environmental initiatives from all across Jerusalem. Though the initiators of the event expected a small, intimate, 10-person gathering, twice as many people arrived, including East Jerusalemites, West Jerusalemites, and even a Jordanian!

Omri, one of the initiators of the event, said, “It was amazing. I didn’t think it would work so well. We started at 8 p.m. and talked into the night until we were asked to leave at around midnight!”



A Women's Evening – The Art Shelter Gallery

Especially organized for Jerusalem Tolerance Week, the Art Shelter Gallery which is located in the heart of a Haredi neighborhood and presents Haredi artwork decided to screen the film "The Wig Mask." The documentary, produced by Rachel Elizur, opens the gateway to the world of Haredi women. Elizur shows us the path of the Haredi woman through her personal, family, and social stories as experienced with the wig, in order to ask questions regarding external vs. internal, femininity, beauty, social norms, modesty, marriage and childbirth, and modern day careers.

Following the screening, we held a discussion with Rivka Har Zahav, a dancer and poet, regarding religious and non-religious femininity.

Noa, the director of the Art Shelter gallery, said, "It was exciting to see the power of 70 women coming together from all spectrums of the Jerusalem scale. We watched a brave movie which shows authentic voices from the Haredi world and had an intense conversation afterwards, all in the beautiful space of the "Ezrat Nashim" exhibition which is currently being exhibited."



Jews and Arabs Climb on Walls – Climb4Change and Hadi Family Center

An event that is the result of collaboration between sports, the mental illness world, East, and West!

Rami Aliyan and Nadav Yudkowitz are the founders of “Climb4Change,” an initiative that brings together Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem to learn together rock-climbing and rappelling. They joined forces with the Hadi Center for Families of the Mentally Disabled in East Jerusalem, and created a moving meeting on the walls between Arabs and Jews, and the mentally disabled and less-disabled.

This was one of the extraordinary partnerships that came together specifically for Jerusalem Tolerance week ☐



A Jerusalem Soccer Tournament - HaPoel Katamon

The Neighborhood League Tournament by HaPoel Katamon took place during Jerusalem Tolerance Week. 150 kids from 4th through 6th grade, from all over the city, played together soccer and created a Jerusalem mosaic on the soccer field!



The Blue Door – Zion

The blue door is the first multifaith second-hand boutique in the city, initiated and run by the Zion community of Baka in conjunction with Christian and Muslim communities of the city.

The boutique opened up especially for Jerusalem Tolerance Week, and residents from all over the city bought second-hand clothing. All profits go to interfaith causes in the city.



Sign Language Learning

“Street Smart” and the Hattie Friedlach School for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

Learning sign language lesson in the public sphere, in a community garden in Arnona, was the theme of this event. The Hattie Friedland (Kiach) School for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired brought a sign language teacher to Arnona, where parents and children learned sign language and a bit about the world of the deaf during one Jerusalemite afternoon.



Women's Language Exchange – Manar Bader and Lior Urian

Manar and Lior are the two co-founders of a movement of women who study Hebrew and Arabic together in bi-weekly meetings with over 80 participants. The group celebrated Jerusalem Tolerance Week in a language exchange meeting in the old city.



Conflict Resolution Workshops

Mosaica: The Center for Conflict Resolution by Agreement

Four different conflict resolution workshops took place during Jerusalem Tolerance Week, through the community centers in East Talpiot, Katamonim, and Har Homa. We received tools to learn ourselves and the other, to learn what stands behind our actions, and how to understand our inner emotions.



איך נתכוונן לשיחה שאנחנו חוששים ממנה?

סוחב/ת משהו כבר הרבה זמן?
רוצה לפתוח את זה בשיחה אבל זה מורכב?
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How Literature Creates Tolerance – Ehud Uziel

Ehud Uziel, an activist in the Katamonim neighborhood, organized a meeting to discuss tolerance in literature. Authors Tamar Verete and Ronit Haham (“Moon’s Rebellion”) led a discussion and writing workshops for parents and children on leading social change through literature, and on the ways of speaking about equality and discrimination through children’s stories.



Singing in the Garden in Elwyn Village

As every year, Singing the Garden created a special event with an emphasis on tolerance. This time, they partnered with Elwyn, a center for the disabled. Elwyn opened their home to the public and hosted an especially moving karaoke event with people with and without disabilities, from all parts of Jerusalem.



Meeting Point – The Jerusalemite Movement

The most important place in our city to create a discussion on living together is the public sphere. We came together in Zion Square to discuss the recent municipal elections, the conflicts that arose from them, and the ways to keep working together for a better Jerusalem for all. We spoke of the power of language in the physical and virtual public sphere, especially regarding the tribes of the city and the (de)legitimization of opinions we regard as “others”. Together, despite the Jerusalem winter, we created an open discussion open to the passersby of the city, allowing them to participate or leave as they wished, and leaving an impact in the public sphere.



The Birth of the Prophet Holiday Celebration – Open Holidays

In a special tour for the Islamic holiday celebrating the birth of Muhammed, we toured the old city in Prophet Muhammed's steps. The tour was led by tour guide, linguist, and Arabic and Palestinian Culture teacher Dr. Anwar Ben Badis, and focused on the connection between Jerusalem and Muhammed, and how Jerusalemites celebrate this holiday. We finished the tour with a discussion with Anwar at the Jerusalem Intercultural Center.



Not Black and White – A Tour in the Art Shelter Gallery initiated by Beita

Following the success of an event that took place during Sukkot, Beita recreated a tour for Jerusalem Tolerance Week. “Not Black and White” was conducted together with the Art Shelter Gallery, and focused on today’s artwork in the Jerusalem Haredi world. We visited street art in the Makor Baruch neighborhood, met the different types of Hassidic communities in the area, and got an inside look at the story behind the scenes of the Art Shelter Gallery which exhibits Haredi artwork.



Yoga for All – Good Neighbors Abu-Tor/A-Thuri and Go.Connect.Breathe

“Good Neighbors Abu-Tor/A-Thuri” brings together the Arab and Jewish neighbors of the Abu-Tor neighborhood. For Tolerance Week, they decided to hold an outdoor yoga session and breakfast for neighbors from East and West.



Musrara Mon Amour - Beita

Following the success of an event that took place during Sukkot, Beita recreated a tour for Jerusalem Tolerance Week. “Musrara Mon Amour” took us through Musrara, a beautiful Arab neighborhood with rich stone homes from Jerusalem’s cosmopolitan days. We walked through architectural wonders to a seam neighborhood where the Black Panthers grew up and started rebelling, saw the days when Musrara turned into a fascinating field for social Israeli artwork, through visual arts and design of the neighborhood and its unique story. We got to know then-Musrara and now-Musrara, and visited the special galleries of this constantly renewing neighborhood.



Bike Riding With and Without Disabilities – Etgarim (Challenge)

Etgarim's bike riding groups met throughout Jerusalem Tolerance Week for a joint bike ride with people with and without disabilities, along Jerusalem's forest scenery.



The Story of a Mentally Disabled Woman – Tamar Bar Levi and Ruach Nachon

Tamar Bar Levi is a Jerusalemite activist who works towards bringing together the different types of Jerusalem and making the city better for all its residents. She also happens to be dealing with a mental disability. A high school film group in Ma'ale Adumin decided to document her story, and she chose to screen her film and create a discussion with Ruach Nachon, a preparatory program in Jerusalem. The students and Tamar talked about her life, Jerusalem, the challenges and the successes.

After the meeting, Tamar wrote, "Thank you so much for the opportunity that you gave me to tell my story about the illness, and for the inspiring discussion we held afterwards."



Speaking – Arnona and Sur Baher Community Centers

A new project in Arnona and Sur Baher brings together women from both neighborhoods to study Arabic and Hebrew, and then to language-exchange and meet. The group also met during Jerusalem Tolerance Week.



Interfaith Study Hall – Zion and the Shimon and Hana Catholic Community

As part of the regular interfaith meetings between Jewish Zion and Catholic Shimon and Hana, an interfaith study session was held during Jerusalem Tolerance Week.



School Activities around Jerusalem – Jerusalem Municipality Education Department

Even the municipality took part of Jerusalem Tolerance Week! The Education Department sent out notices and asked teachers and principals to note Tolerance Week during their classes and in their schools.

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