

# ADOPT A CLASS



## Invest in the Future

### What do you get when twice as many Israeli Jewish and Palestinian children can begin school together?

You get the vibrant Primary School with double the number of first graders each year now, for three years! You get twice as much lived experience, twice as much bilingual achievement and twice as much practice in living and learning together.

### What do you get when you make it possible for twice as many Jewish and Palestinian families to be part of a vocal, community-active parents group together?

You get double the changed hearts and minds of the extended personal and community networks. You get double the dialogue about learning and living together. You get twice as many parents and their friends working with the Ministry of Education to reduce religious and ethnic segregation.

Costs Details	Totals
Pedagogical team (teachers and support staff)	\$107,452
Transportation for 25 children	\$29,032
Maintenance, administration, utilities, and other expenses	\$38,720
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$175,204</b>
<b>Total Cost per Child</b>	<b>\$7,008</b>
Income	
State	\$52,000
Tuition Fees	\$43,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>
<b>Amount needed for 2017/2018 school year</b>	<b>\$80,200</b>
<b>Amount needed per child</b>	<b>\$3,208</b>

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Supporting the projects of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, strengthening a shared society between Palestinians and Jews through education, engagement and activism. Support the projects of NSWAS by making a donation today.

## **What did the 2016 additional first grade get from being adopted?**



Twenty-seven in all, thirteen boys and fourteen girls, 13 Jews and 13 Arabs, and- surprisingly- one American girl neither Jewish nor Arabic –got what their parents hoped:

“...The school has a very special character... We want them to get a good basis in understanding first of all their own unique culture, and secondly to develop an understanding of the other culture and language. We want the children to be self-confident, based on a strong self-identity and on their acquaintance with that of the other people. First grade is a very important age in a child’s development – it all begins here.” Nibal, *parent of first-grader*

“...The cultural encounter is the most important aspect of this school - the possibility to meet the other people naturally and without impediments.” Tom, *Parent of first-grader*

“Sometimes we ask the children about what they talk about in school. What emerges is that they feel free to talk about everything with the other children. Even when discussions are unpleasant, they show that they can speak openly and with self-confidence. This is something they pick up especially in this school, which doesn’t exist in other places, for either Palestinian or



Jewish children. In a bicultural school children even understand themselves better, because they do not grow up knowing only about their own culture.” *mother of first-grader*



### **But did twice as many actually become bilingual and bicultural in their understandings? Can that happen in first grade?**

“Besides reading, writing, arithmetic...when the children first come into first grade, they don't know one other and need to get acquainted. ...we seat each

Jewish child next to an Arab child. Because they need each other, and have to ask for help, they overcome their initial difficulty and learn to ...work together. I love to be a part of the encounter between Arab and Jewish children, and to be a bridge between the two.” “...children meet heart to heart, without racism.” *Yael and Nadwa are the 2016 Adopt-A Class teachers*

## **What do you get when you support the 2017/2018 Adopt a Class program?**

You get the satisfaction of making a life-changing impact on 27 Jewish and Palestinian children. You get the joy from stories that come to your mailbox or inbox as the children live into the year. You get to plant the seeds of your own commitment to building a fully egalitarian, fully integrated, daily-lived shared society for Israel’s future. Make a commitment to the next class of Jewish and Palestinian children who will begin their first grade experience in just six weeks! They will begin their journey of walking in each other’s shoes- and you will make it possible!



***“We live in a country that it dominated by politics and the conflict. Raising our children in a school like this, we know that it will be easier for them. Maybe the future will be better - we can't know. But you see that their experience gives them a basis to be hopeful. Walid, father of first-grader***

## Remembering our Supporter and Friend



On June 10th friends and family of J. Zel Lurie gathered to bury his remains under an olive tree in the village he so loved. A new plaque was dedicated in his honor next to the main entrance of the Primary School, naming the building after him, his family and friends. We will miss our dear friend Zel.



## Planning for the Future



Ilana and Jack Miller visited Wahat al-Salam Neve Shalom for the first time in 1998 staying in the village's guest house for a week while touring Israel. This Spring, nineteen years later, they made a decision that will leave a lasting legacy. In a recent conversation with us, Ilana expressed hope that peace would come in her lifetime or in her grandchildren's but even so, there would always be a need for the model of co-existence that the Oasis of Peace provides now for generations to come. For this reason, and to inspire others to follow their example the Millers made the choice, in finalizing their trusts, to name AFNSWAS in their will as a bequest. Their vision for the future, and their strong sense of wanting to be part of shaping that future, will make a significant difference in how that future unfolds. Ilana and Jack's children and grandchildren are lucky indeed to have such visionaries in their lives!

The most widely used method for making legacy gifts is through your will or living trust. With proper planning you can provide financial security for your loved ones first and, like the Millers, you can also designate the Oasis of Peace as a recipient. You can include the Oasis of Peace in your will or trust through specific dollar bequests, a specific property, or as a beneficiary of all or a portion of a life insurance policy, an IRA or an investment account.

We are happy to provide you with any needed information.

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