

HANDS of PEACE

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Greetings from Executive Director Julie Kanak! Well, the Hands of Peace 2010 Summer Program ended back in August, and all those purple shirts have long been put away. Thanks to our incredible volunteers and community supporters, our amazing summer staff and the leadership of Program Director Ashley Bates, it was program full of a lot of fun and hard work, new friendships, knowledge and ways of thinking. Our participants were very busy with our many different activities, and each one dove deeply into dialogue and came up with new skills, insights and renewed inspiration to work toward peace. See below to read in their words about the impact HOP has had....



Hands of Peace made me think one level higher than any other person my age. I will always remember that Hands of Peace was my first step into the leadership world.

--Adi, Arab Citizen of Israel XL

Hands of Peace let me speak freely in the dialogue sessions and because of that I can now listen to people that have different opinions. Hands of Peace has made me wiser.

--Anas, Palestinian XL

Hands of Peace is in my heart with everything I do and say. It shaped my life in an indescribable way.

--Kara, American XL

Hands of Peace changed my life. It is as simple as that. It gave me more courage, more understanding and more hope. In Hands of Peace I grew up.

--Noa, Jewish-Israeli XL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Summer Program Dates: Tuesday, July 12—Thursday, July 28, 2011

Participant and Host Family Applications will be available on our website on December 1, 2010.

News from the Middle East...

A fond farewell to Regional Coordinator Jasmine Tamuz who has been with HOP for 2 1/2 years...thank you, toda, and shukran for everything! And a warm welcome to Hadas Zur, our new Jewish Israeli Regional Coordinator--we're glad you're here! Hadas joins Rana Haddad and Huda Barakat on our Middle East Team.

The Middle East delegations each met separately to review and reflect following the Summer Program. There was a well-attended Alumni Club meeting in Jerusalem on October 8th, and all the Hands were happy to see each other! Due to the overwhelming success of last year's retreat in Haifa, planning for another 2-3 day retreat for our Middle East Alumni is getting underway.

FROM BOARD CHAIR LAURA BERNSTEIN...

I am honored to be stepping into the role of Board Chair at Hands of Peace. Knowing I can count on past Chair Joanna Sullivan's heartfelt help and support gives me confidence in assuming this new role. We are delighted to welcome Terri Bernsohn and Linda Tandet to the Board, as we regretfully say goodbye to Rabbi Brant Rosen, Rev. Stan Davis and Kit Harper, and thank them for all their efforts. We look forward to a year of hard work, creativity and expansion as we plan the first HOP-sponsored trip to the region in 2011.

FROM OPERATIONS CHAIR LINDA TANDET...

I'd like to say how happy I am to be the new Chair for the Operations Committee. I'm hoping to do as good a job as my predecessor, Jim Tatsuda. I'd like to thank Carrie Hanson and Laura Bernstein for all their hard work as they "retire" from the Ops Committee, and also welcome some newcomers onto the committee—Jody Bernstein, Volunteer Coordinator, Kara Garvey, XL Representative, and Oscar Marquis, Board Representative. I look forward to leading the Operations Committee and working with all the amazing HOP volunteers!

A big THANKS to Jim Tatsuda as he retires from his role as Chair of the Operations Committee. Jim won't go far, though, and will stay involved with HOP doing local recruitment, helping the US Alumni Club, and working on our database. A long-time volunteer, host dad and tech support man, Jim and his wife Gail were recipients of the Olive Branch Award in 2010. Jim - you're amazing!



HOP IS HOSTING A UNIQUE 2011 TRIP TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE!

See accompanying flyer for details.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH HANDS OF PEACE?

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Jody Bernstein at 847-537-6006 or volunteer@hands-of-peace.org. We always welcome more Helping Hands!

SAVE THE DATE:

**The 2011 GALA WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 16!**

*Details will be provided in the next newsletter, or
check the website in December!*



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