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Examples of Resources to Learn about and Support the Cultural Creatives in Peace Making

IMPORTANT BOOK: *Beyond Bullets and Bombs: Grassroots Peacebuilding between Israelis and Palestinians*, by Judy Kuriansky.

Seeds of Peace www.seedsofpeace.org

Dedicated to empowering young leaders from regions of conflict with the leadership skills required to advance reconciliation and coexistence. See sidebar.

Sulha Peace Project www.appricom.com/sulha

Due to the Israeli – Arab conflict, Arabs and Jews in and Palestine have very few opportunities to meet one another as equal human beings. This lack of personal contact causes mistrust, prejudice and stereotypes. This project, a grassroots organization inspired by the indigenous process of mediation (Sulha), aims to rebuild trust, restore dignity and move beyond the political agenda. Working primarily on the grassroots level, we are preparing people for peace "from below" and complementing peacemaking efforts that are undertaken at the governmental and diplomatic level.

Rabbi for Human Rights www.rhr.israel.net

VICTOR J. GOLDBERG IIE PRIZE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

\$10,000 AWARD TO ARAB-ISRAELI TEAMS WORKING TOGETHER TO ADVANCE PEACE. The Institute of International Education (IIE) has created the Victor J. Goldberg IIE Prize for Peace in the Middle East, to be awarded annually to recognize outstanding work being conducted jointly by two individuals, one Arab and one Israeli, working together to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East.

www.iie.org//Content/NavigationMenu/Programs7/Goldberg_Prize/Goldberg_Prize.htm

Parents Circle Family Forum www.theparentscircle.com

- To prevent further bereavement, in the absence of peace;
- To influence the public and the policy makers – to prefer the way of peace on the way of war;
- To educate for peace and reconciliation
- To prevent the usage of bereavement as a means of expanding enmity between our peoples
- To uphold mutual support between our members

Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies www.humiliationstudies.org/index.php

A global transdisciplinary network and fellowship of academics and practitioners who are dedicated to ending humiliating practices and breaking cycles of humiliation throughout the world. Space is opened for mutual respect and esteem to take root and grow. We suggest that a mindset of cooperation and shared humility is necessary - not a mindset of humiliation - if we wish to build a better world, a world of equal dignity for all.

Common Bond Institute www.cbiworld.org/index.htm Sponsors a powerful, major annual conference called "Engaging the Other: The Power of Compassion". Well worth attending.

Treaties are negotiated by governments.
Peace is made by people.

Seeds of Peace is doing what no government can.

It is sowing the seeds of peace among the next generation of leaders.

It is educating them to develop empathy, respect and confidence.

It is equipping them with communication and negotiation skills.

It is enabling them to see the human face of their enemies.

By empowering them to emerge as tomorrow's leaders,

Seeds of Peace is working to forge the personal relations so critical to peacemaking and reconciliation.