

The 'Jerusalem Educators' photo exhibit is part of the 'This is Jerusalem: Celebration of Jerusalem Day. This year a coalition of Jerusalemites who believe in a better and pluralistic future for the city offered myriad ways to express their views on Jerusalem. The offerings included unique photography exhibits, outdoor events and specialized tours connecting past and present to the future.

In this exhibit, through the faces of the city's educators we see the future and hope of Jerusalem. The 'Jerusalem Educators' exhibit tells the story of 12 educators from a variety of schools across the city. Each and every one of them is committed to an educational mission which they practice in their daily work. They connect their students with different and varied backgrounds, to recognize the multitude of faces in this unique city. These unique educators bring to their students a spirit of openness to the other and a belief in their abilities as human beings created in the image of God. Getting to know them provides a stage for the amazing educational work in our schools and to the hopes of the future generation in Jerusalem.

Want to learn more? Host the exhibition in your community? For more information and education activity . follow the link: www.thisisjerusalem.org

The educators :



Hagit Lazarus Teacher of music, Halacha and literature teacher;
High-school coordinator at the Hartman Midrasha for Girls. (Orthodox)

"I aspire to educate the girls to feel at home within Judaism, to be active partners in thinking and doing, as well as being empowered women active and working in different fields, out of choice and with joy."



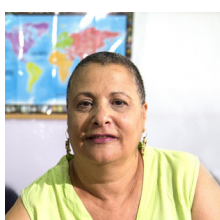
Rabbi Yishai Lipschitz
Teacher at the ultra-Orthodox high-school –Yeshivat “Hachmei Lev”.

"I educate myself and my students to observe all the mitzvot without losing their sense of creativity; the ability to live this way is a form of art."



Yisharag (Ishai) Zauda
Kindergarten teacher at Gan Haim, Kehillat Mevakshei Derech (Reform)

"Children are our future. They are innocent and thirsty for knowledge. The kindergarten's essence is to accept all and express the uniqueness of each and every one, especially in Jerusalem."



Yardenah Hemo
Teacher and activist at, Kedma School, Katamonim (Secular and Social Democratic School)

"What leads me is the desire to repair the wrongdoings of the education system and to provide real educational equality to residents of my community. "



Yuval Tzur Vice-principal of Ilanot School for Special Education, Gonenim
(serving Jews, Christians and Muslims)

"Ilanot is a very special school. It is what diversity is all about – Jews Christians, Muslims, Ultra-Orthodox and secular, and everyone lives peacefully with one another. It is special education that allows putting our differences aside and understanding what really is important."



Annie Coreland Senior Teacher of: Drama, Math, and Enrichment for Gifted
Children at the Keshet School (Secular and Modern Orthodox)

"I teach drama, and when I see a shy child with no self-confidence, reciting lyrics, singing, dancing on stage and doing things he never dreamt he could do, I know I have met my goals."



Ariella Reshef Homeroom teacher, Bible and English teacher, Denmark High-School,
Katamonim (Secular) Orthodox LGBT activist (Secular and Modern Orthodox)

"It is important for me to be there for my students and make them believe in themselves just as I believe in them."



Joel Shpitz Teaches at Mekor Haim – 'Shefa' Orthodox Boys High-School; social coordinator and a
member of the establishment and management team. Jewish studies teacher with a specific focus on Talmud.

"During the day to day education I try to instill in my students happiness, belief and curiosity. It challenges me to create an educational mix which combines religious commitment, intellectual open minded and a burning Jewish soul."



Raidhs Pa'or
Hebrew teacher at the A-tur School for girls – Mount of Olives (Muslim School)

"I cannot change the way of thinking right away. But I decided I want to begin with the Hebrew language. Communicating with one another may bring down the walls and make us more aware of what is going on here."



Reem Naser Aladin
English teacher at A-tur School for girls – Mount of Olives (Muslim)

"My dream is that East and West Jerusalem will receive equal education; that the students get more personalized attention and that it will be in coherence with the changing reality."



Bentzi Phaber
Teacher and director of the theater department Zelisberg High School (Secular)

"One of the most exciting moments, in the theatre department, is to see a student's turning point: when he realizes he has the power to stand on stage, enjoy and take responsibility for what he is doing."



Batul Salman Environmental education project coordinator at Atur Preparatory
School for girls on Mount Olives. (Muslim School)

"Works in the Green Network as organizer of teacher training and student programs, and Kidron Creek project coordinator through the "Community" organization. "As a teacher I see my job as a mission. The teacher's job is not easy, but when I see change taking place in the students, all the bad thoughts disappear."