



The Arab-Jewish Community Center

Mission statement:

The AJCC, established in 1993, brings together conflicting populations and educating towards reconciliation, recognition and cooperation. Both facilitated and unmediated encounters between members of Jaffa's various ethnic and age groups transpire in the Center, including children from Jewish and Arab kindergartens, elementary and high school students, and adults. Membership at the Center is now over 5,000, with activities from morning to night.

The AJCC operates in four strategic areas:

- ◀ Society, Welfare and Community
- ◀ Enrichment and Educational activity for children
- ◀ Classes and Workshops for all ages
- ◀ Democracy and Co-existence

Our donors have included the EU, Beracha, Steinhardt, Sobell and Slifka foundations; the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa Municipal Council provides all operating costs, so all donations go directly to project costs, without any general administrative elements.

Programs at the Arab-Jewish Community Center:

Arab and Jewish Children-at-Risk' Day-care Center

The Children-at-Risk Day-care Center has been runs year long, providing forty Arab and Jewish children from Jaffa with a nutrition program, personal and group therapy, academic assistance, educational and enrichment activities (for example, intuitive drawing, story telling, drama and theatre, etc.), the children participate in fully-subsidized workshops from the variety of AJCC's activities. The involvement in these external frameworks enables the children to feel a part of a large community in a "normative" non-labeling manner.

AL'AMAL - Women's Economic Empowerment

The Al'Amal project answers two central needs: Lack of professional qualification of women within the Arab community on one hand, and the lack of willingness on the part of many workplaces to accept Arab women on the other. This innovate program escorts Arab women through professional qualification courses (approved by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor), empowerment workshops, workers rights' education, and finally - integration within workplaces and/or entrepreneurship support. By completing professional qualification and receiving assistance finding a workplace, Arab women gain autonomy within their family and the Israeli society.

Voices of Peace

The unique Jewish Arab youth choir is conducted by the Israeli renowned musician Shlomo Gronich. Singing in three languages, Hebrew, Arabic and English, the importance of this choir lies not only in its words and songs but also in the message it conveys to both Jewish and Arab audiences in various parts of the country.

