



Opening night of OFFERING RECONCILIATION.

# PARENTS CIRCLE FAMILIES FORUM

## ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN BEREAVED FAMILIES SUPPORTING PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND TOLERANCE

The loss of an immediate family member as a result of the endless and bloody conflict in our region causes a pain and longing which changes our lives forever. The PARENTS CIRCLE – BEREAVED FAMILIES FORUM for Peace, Reconciliation and Tolerance is home for hundreds of bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families who have chosen a path of reconciliation rather than revenge in order to prevent other families from experiencing their terrible pain.

We have chosen to convert the feelings of anger and revenge, helplessness and despair, into energies of hope and action, as messengers of a process of reconciliation. We who have paid the highest price possible, believe

that empathy for the pain and needs of the other can generate a change in Israeli and Palestinian awareness and public opinion.

A reconciliation process initiated by The PARENTS CIRCLE – FAMILIES FORUM puts victims, who refuse to revenge their loss, at the forefront of public awareness. In doing so, we humanize both sides and act as an example and inspiration to Israeli and Palestinian societies.

Members of the forum conduct intensive educational, public, and media activities to promote the path of reconciliation.

**“THE PARENTS CIRCLE’S WORK IS PRAISEWORTHY. THEY UNITE HUNDREDS OF ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES AS A RESULT OF THE ARAB ISRAELI CONFLICT. BETTER THAN ANYONE, THESE FAMILIES UNDERSTAND THE COST OF THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THEY WORK TO END THE FIGHTING THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS.”**

Bill Clinton, July 22, 2005

### OUR PROJECTS INCLUDE:

**DIALOGUE MEETINGS IN HIGH SCHOOLS**, conducted in Israeli and Palestinian high schools by Forum members, reach some 40,000 students in more than 1,000 classroom sessions each year.

**IN DEPTH BI-NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERS SEMINARS**, training both sides in dialogue techniques that culminate in open dialogue that lay the foundations for hope in the new generation.

**INTERNET RECONCILIATION PROGRAM** forming relationships between Israeli and Palestinian students through *blogs* on the internet.

**RECONCILIATION WORKSHOPS IN THE COMMUNITY** attended by thousands of adults in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

**OFFERING RECONCILIATION** art exhibit, an unprecedented collaboration of Israeli and Palestinian artists, spreading the vision of reconciliation and tolerance to wider audiences of Israelis and Palestinians, and creating new ambassadors of our unique message.

**KOL HASHALOM** bilingual radio program, produced and broadcast by two young members of PC-FF, on “All for Peace” radio station.

**OPENING HEARTS**, a groundbreaking dramatic TV series developed for Israeli and Palestinian audiences, based on the true-life stories of PC-FF members.

**HELLO SHALOM-HELLO SALAAM** chat-line, enabled over 1,000,000 calls between Israelis and Palestinians since 2002, creating an opportunity to humanize the conflict and encourage genuine dialogue.

**SUMMER CAMP** for Children of Israeli and Palestinian bereaved families.

**A TRI-LINGUAL WEBSITE** in English, Hebrew and Arabic, run by the Forum members.



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