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Goals of Peace Summer Camp 2014

This year's summer camp was held at the Nir HaEmek youth village in the Wadi Ara region. For 4 days and 3 nights, 74 children ages 10-15 participated in camp activities; 39 of these children were Arab and 35 were Jewish. 32 of the Arab campers and 25 of the Jewish campers responded to the survey. The camp consisted of mixed groups, both Jews and Arabs, with each team led by several Jewish and Arab counselors and a soccer coach. A group of the Jewish children are players from the league that play regularly and are affiliated with Barkai; the Arab children came to camp through the Welfare Ministry's non-formal education department, all of the Arab campers were from low socio-economic backgrounds. The campers came from three villages affiliated with the Menashe Regional Council, Eleran, Meisar, and Umm at Katuf.

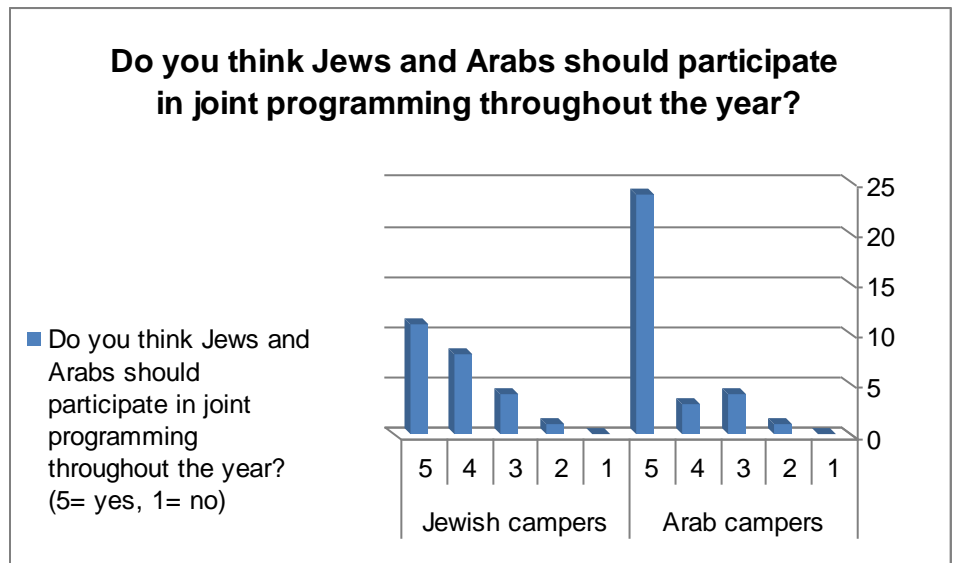
The camp's programming included soccer practices and tournaments between all the campers. The soccer practices were accompanied by educational dialogue, problem solving and group activities covering the topics of identity and "the other". The camp was also a great social outlet for the campers who had access to the village's pool and cultural activities.

As part of our evaluation of the camp, we conducted a survey amongst the participants, just as we did in previous years. The results show the strong positive impact the camp makes on all of its campers.

The first section of the survey dealt with participants' views about the "other" and their interaction with them at camp. 52% of the Arab campers and 60% of Jewish campers said that before camp, they had never had a friend of a different religion. 71% of Arab campers and 96% of Jewish campers said that they met more of the "other" at camp than they previously had at school, or after-school activities. Encouragingly, 90% of the Arab campers and 96% of the Jewish campers reported that they see themselves being able to be friends with the "other". 71% of Arab campers and 72% of Jewish campers reported that camp improved their relationship with the "other". 84% of Arab campers and 72% of Jewish campers said they plan to keep in touch with the new friends they made at camp. 90% of the Arab campers and 100% of the Jewish campers reported believing in long-term peace.

An overwhelming majority of the participants, 91%, have stated their desire to

return to the camp next year (93% of Arab campers and 84% of Jewish campers). Interestingly, only 12% of the campers had doubts about attending camp this year due to the security situation (7% of the Arab campers and 16% of the Jewish campers).





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Notably, Arab campers felt more strongly about the prospect of joint programming between Arab and Jews throughout the year, although without examining the level of excitement about the prospect of joint programming throughout the year, 82% (84% of Arab campers and 80% of Jewish campers) of the campers answered on the positive spectrum to joint programming.

The complete analysis of the survey can be found below. We are very encouraged by the results of the survey, along with the extraordinarily positive feedback we received from the counselors and coaches who worked at camp this year. Our experience at camp this year reinforces our firm belief that Israel's future depends on projects that bring together Jews and Arabs, promoting friendship, equality, and understanding.

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Feedback Surveys' Analysis

75 total respondents (32 Arabs, 25 Jews)

Question 1: Will you return to the camp next year?

	Yes	No	Didn't answer	Don't know
Jews	84%	16%		
Arabs	93%	7%		

Question 2: Did you and your parents have doubts about attending camp this year in light of the security situation?

	Yes	No	Didn't answer	Don't know
Jews	16%	84%		
Arabs	7%	93%		

Question 3: Should there have been a year-long program, would you take part? (On a scale of 1-5 with 5 meaning "absolutely yes" and 1 meaning "absolutely no")

	5	4	3	2	1
Jews	46%	34%	16%	4%	
Arabs	75%	9%	13%	3%	

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Question 3:

- Jews -			
The Question	Agree	Disagree	Didn't Answer
I usually don't have Arab friends	60%	40%	0%
I met more Arabs in the camp than elsewhere	96%	4%	0%
I believe that Arab Israelis enjoy Soccer as much as Jewish Israelis	92%	8%	0%
I think I can be friends with an Arab	96%	4	0%
I would like to keep in touch with the Arab friends I've met	72%	28%	0%
My attitude towards Arabs has changed due to the camp	72%	28%	0%
I believe in peace for the long term and prefer it over the current situation	100%	0%	0%

- Arabs -			
The Question	Agree	Disagree	Didn't Answer
I usually don't have Jewish friends	52%	48%	0%
I met more Jews in the camp than elsewhere	71%	29%	0%
I believe that Jewish Israelis enjoy Soccer as much as Arab Israelis	90%	10%	0%
I think I can be friends with an Jew	90%	7%	3%
I would like to keep in touch with the Jewish friends I've met	84%	13%	3%
My attitude towards Jews has changed due to the camp	71%	29%	0%
I believe in peace for the long term and prefer it over the current situation	90%	10%	0%