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Ein Bustan (Maayan Babustan) Bilingual, Multicultural Early Education



Ein Bustan is an Jewish-Arab non-profit organization for social change that works in the field of bilingual and multicultural education, based on the principles of Waldorf education. The association's goal is to bring people together and serve as a bridge between the Arab and Jewish neighboring populations, in order to build together a society based on shared life and peace. The organization was established in 2005 by Jewish and Arab parents from neighboring communities in the Lower Galilee, and it provides an opportunity for the children of both peoples to get to know, respect and interact with one another from an early age.

“We share our languages and cultures, and regard our differences as a resource and opportunity for enrichment and learning, and not as a source of conflict.”

The members of Ein Bustan's association share a social vision in which Jews and Arabs live together in equality, peace, and mutual understanding. Creating such a reality is achieved by sharing each other's languages and cultures, and regarding their differences as a resource and an opportunity for enrichment and learning rather than a source of conflict.



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Main activities:

Today, the organization operates educational facilities for children aged 1-6: a Nursery and a multi-aged kindergarten, located in the Bedouin village of H'ilf, under Basmat Tabun's local municipality. The children attending Ein Bustan's facilities come from neighboring towns: Kiryat Tivon, Basmat Tabun and other villages and towns nearby.

Ein Bustan also organizes and encourages other activities which bring together and promote dialogue and understanding between the Jewish and Arab communities, such as study groups, classes, listening circles, lectures, cultural events and joint family activities (such as hikes, picnics, story telling and more).

The Ein Bustan kindergarten and nursery employ the Waldorf approach, utilizing nature, music and the arts to establish common ground, with a bi-lingual curriculum in Hebrew and Arabic. We put an emphasis on compassionate and non-judgmental listening skills and see the instruction "love thy neighbor as thyself" and "seek peace and pursue it" not just as biblical injunctions but as everyday guidelines to live by.

The educational programs of the Ein Bustan Non-Profit Association are held since 2005 and its' kindergarten has already received an outstanding award as an educational initiative of tolerance and peace, and the official recognition of the Ministry of Education.

Government funding covers only part of the needs of Ein Bustan (The kindergarten alone receives subsidized tuition from the Ministry of Education as a 'recognized, non-formal' institution. The Nursery does not receive any government support.) and the association needs your support to maintain and expand its' activities.

A donation to Ein Bustan is a contribution to the future of real friendship and trust between the Jewish and Arab communities in Israel, and will be much appreciated and cherished.

Contributions: Ein Bustan, account 283753 in Bank Hapoalim, Branch 735

