

Accomplishments in Leadership and Peacemaking

Our Senior Young Leaders share a lifelong commitment to peace, social justice, and advocacy, and continue to create change well beyond the end of the program in a multitude of ways.

Eleanor Cohen ('13) volunteered at an after-school club for 9–12 year-olds in Kadima, Israel where she led activities that combined themes of peace and accepting others. She was recently published in the Jewish Federation of New Mexico's media outlet recognizing the impact of people to people encounters through *Tomorrow's Women* (NM Jewish Link, Vol.49, No.5, Winter 2019, pg.15).

Shoshana Ben-David ('13) created "[Runners Without Borders](#)," a running group for young Arab and Jewish women in Israel.

Shai Keidar ('13), Sivan Kedem ('05), Mai Shbeta ('08), and Ameera Said ('05) have trained with *Tomorrow's Women* to become dialogue facilitators.

Deema Yusuf ('12) and **Yaara Tal ('08)**, a Palestinian and an Israeli, respectively, were scholarship students in international relations and conflict resolution at the University of Oregon and have given talks about their work for peace in Washington, Oregon, Texas, and New Mexico. Deema's specific major focused on the Middle East and Arabic studies, and she currently works as a political analyst in Ramallah for a security analyst company conducting due diligence regarding political and security matters in Palestine, Israel, Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan for politicians, high profile individuals, NGOs and embassies.



Dror Sadot ('11) works as a spokesperson, and a social and political activist with experience working for the [Hotline for Refugees and Migrants](#), and with Ayman Odeh, chairman of [Hadash](#)—the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality—the only party in Israel that advocates for full equality for Jews and Arabs. She has organized and participated in many political actions, most recently organizing an Intersectional Women’s march protesting violence against women (2020) with more than 12,000 people in Tel Aviv. She is listed in *Forbes* magazine’s “30 Influential Under 30s” list.

Aia Khalaily ('10) received a scholarship to attend the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and while a student, organized the first Arab–Jewish book fair at the university. She has also taught Arabic to Jewish Israelis, and worked with refugees in Ecuador and Greece.

Efrat Peleg ('09) is a former instructor at the Arab/Jewish [Hand in Hand School](#) and program coordinator for Seeds of Peace. Efrat currently lives and attends art school in Japan.

Mai Shbeta ('08) is an entrepreneur, human rights lawyer, and mediator, born and raised in Wahat al Salam–Neve Shalom (Oasis of Peace), an intentional Jewish–Arab village in Israel. Currently, she is working in collaboration with the [Harvard Negotiation Project](#) on supporting leadership across the Middle East in managing their most complex negotiations. She was elected curator of the [Global Shapers Hub](#) in Israel and represented this group at the Regional World Economic Forum for the Middle East and Africa in Amman, Jordan. In 2013, Mai attended a meeting of the [Commission on the Status of Women](#) at the United Nations. In 2011, she spoke at the [World Economic Forum](#) in Davos, Switzerland about her work with *Tomorrow’s Women*, and the power of listening and speaking.

Ammie Wolf ('07) is studying medicine and law as part of Bar–Ilan University’s Program for Honors Scholars. She has participated in several peace delegations, most recently a Tufts University–sponsored symposium on the future of the Middle East and North Africa.

Siwar Hamati and Mai Freed ('07) taught a dialogue course for Arab and Jewish girls from the mixed city of Acre using the Compassionate Listening method. [Dr. Janan Faraj Fallah](#) was their mentor and [Nes Ammim](#), an organization dedicated to fostering exchange between Jews, Arabs, and European Christians, was generous enough to host the course.



Jwana ('06) met with Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad and a delegation from Cyprus to share the experiences of young Palestinians. She is a founder of “We Are Free,” an organization of young people in Palestine that takes on community projects that address literacy, breast cancer, building and street renovation, etc. She completed a Master’s degree in Conflict Resolution at the Arab American University in Jenin.

Khadrah AbuZant ('06) wrote an essay about young women peacemakers that won a writing competition in Israel/Palestine and was published in [Ha’aretz newspaper](#).

Noa Neumark ('06) wrote an article about her experiences with *Tomorrow’s Women* that was distributed by [Common Ground News Service](#) and published in numerous newspapers, including the Daily News Egypt.

Sivan Kedem ('05) has been actively involved with *Tomorrow’s Women* for 15 years—as a Young Leader, dialogue facilitator in training, and public speaker. She has worked for a number of social change organizations, and has participated in meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations with **Siwar Hamati ('07)**. Sivan was the director of the innovative [Cologne Peace Daycare Center](#) in Jaffa, Israel, the first such center to offer Arab and Jewish education and the first to serve a mixed population of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian students. She earned her undergraduate degree in society and government studies from The Academic College of Tel-Aviv-Yaffo and is currently pursuing her master’s degree in school counseling.

Ameera Said ('05) now works full-time for *Tomorrow’s Women* as the Palestinian Dialogue facilitator and coordinates our work in the West Bank. She organizes meetings and trainings, serves as a mentor to younger participants, and has given talks about her work for peace since 2006.

Hazar Hussien ('04) directs a large employment project for the Israeli government, assisting Arabs in preparing for jobs. She is a former manager at the [Abraham Fund](#) in charge of integrating the teaching of Arabic into Israeli schools.

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