

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

None of our work would be possible without the support of peacemakers who believe in our vision. Day by day you are helping us to create a social reality that is founded on mutual dignity, trust and respect.

Please consider making a donation and becoming a peacemaker today!

You can invest directly in our efforts by going to [www.friendsofroots.net/donate](http://www.friendsofroots.net/donate) and making a tax-deductible donation, or by sending a check to the address below.

You can also bring Roots activists to your community, participate in Roots programs, and volunteer with Roots in the United States or on the ground in the region.

Together, we can move beyond the destructive discourse and take constructive actions towards a better future. Please join us in making this work possible.



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**We are improving the lives of  
Palestinians and Israelis.**

**We are fostering empathy,  
understanding and humility.**

**We are creating a new social and  
political reality.**

**We are cultivating a foundation  
for peace across the deepest  
divides.**

**We are using religion as a bridge  
and not as a wall.**

**Won't you join us?**

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## ROOTS

*Fostering a grassroots movement of  
understanding, nonviolence and  
transformation among Israelis and  
Palestinians*



*Don't just be pro-Israel or pro-Palestine,  
be pro-solution.*

In 2014, a group of Orthodox Jews from the Gush Etzion settlements walked onto the land of a Palestinian refugee family in a nearby village. The Jews shared their story of fulfilling a 2,000-year-old dream. The Palestinians shared their story of pain and loss. Both peoples discussed their fears and anxieties. It was in this moment that the participants sensed the power of authentic conversation.

Together, these Palestinians and Jewish settlers founded Roots, a joint initiative that creates opportunities for transformative discourse where it matters the most—in the heart of the conflict.

Roots is the only group bringing together Palestinians and religious Jews inside the West Bank.



## What We Do...

### People to People Work

We bring hundreds of West Bank area Israelis and Palestinians together for language and non-violence workshops, summer camps, young adult programs and year-long adult initiatives. Hundreds of local families form connections through our outreach programs every year.

### Activism

By engaging with local leaders—from activists and city officials to the military—we are able to mediate conflicts and improve lives. For example, Roots worked with a Palestinian mayor and the IDF to gain permission for the creation of a Palestinian school.

### Creating New Discourse

By creating conversation where many believe it is impossible, Roots' example is powerfully changing people-to-people interactions in both societies. Our work with media, international journalists and religious leaders helps us to cultivate a new discourse focused on investing in peace and justice through relationships.



## We Promote...

*Leadership instead of victimhood*

*Shared futures instead of hostile pasts*

*Understanding instead of suspicion*

*Transformation instead of intransigence*

*Paradigm shifts instead of status quo*

*Hope instead of despair*

At Roots we offer a paradigm shift where it is most needed. We transform enemies into partners. Violence and conflict is a result of suspicion and fear. We counter this trend with relationships and hope.

## Building the Future...

- Roots brought local Palestinians to visit the home of an Israeli terror victim
- Roots' activists organized to help rebuild a mosque after an extremist attack
- Following the 2014 kidnapping and murder of three Israeli boys, Roots organized a meeting between Israeli classmates of two of the boys and local Palestinian leadership.
- Roots brings thousands of Israelis in pre-military academies to meet Palestinians and hear their stories.
- One-hundred Palestinian and Israeli children from the West Bank participated in our third annual joint day-trip to a bilingual theater and the beach.

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