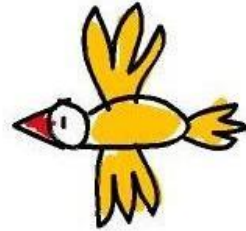


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MOHAMAD MARZOUK

Director of the Community Department, Hand in Hand

Mohamad been a social-political activist for 20 years, and is one of the founders of the Hand in Hand school, Bridge over the Wadi. Most of Mohamad's work has focused on social change and the advancement of civil society in Arab communities in Israel as well as on peace education through Jewish-Arab dialogue. In addition to helping establish the Hand in Hand school in Kfar Kara, Mohamad established and directed the branch of Shatil in the Triangle area in Israel, which works for the advancement of local Arab social initiatives and organizations. He also initiated a program for Arab communal leadership, which worked to strengthen the Arab community in Israel. In addition to his experience in community organizing, Mohamad has also spent many years in advancing Palestinian-Israeli dialogue, facilitating and coordinating dialogue programs, which brought together groups of politicians, teachers, university students, and children. Mohamad lives in Kfar Kara with his wife and three children, two of whom are graduates of the Hand in Hand Bridge over the Wadi school, and one now a student in the 4th grade there.



REBECCA BARDACH

Director of Resource Development & Strategy, Hand in Hand

Rebecca worked for almost two decades in migration, development and foreign aid before joining Hand in Hand. She directed refugee assistance programs in Hungary and in Bosnia (1994-1998). When moving to Israel in 1998 she worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with asylum claimants and government policy makers on refugee issues, and then with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to establish its Center for International Migration and Integration (CIMI). In her 13 years at JDC, Rebecca also established their tsunami relief efforts in Sri Lanka and directed the Middle East Program, which conducts cooperative programs between Israelis and Palestinians in health and welfare. She earned an MPA in Public Policy and International Development from New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, and a BA in English Literature from Columbia University. She is a Schusterman Fellow, and was honored by Young Judea as an alumna making significant social change in Israel. Originally from Berkeley, California, she grew up in Jewish day school and Jewish summer camp frameworks. Rebecca is married with three children, all of whom attend the Max Rayne Hand in Hand Bilingual school in Jerusalem.