

FRIENDS FOREVER
International Community Profile
Israel Program



Ein Mahel Comprehensive School

Founded:1969

Neighborhood: Ein Mahel Village, Israel

Mission: The Ein Mahel Comprehensive School is a state school established by the Israeli Ministry of Education. According to their government website, the framework of the Israeli education system was put in place to accommodate the multi-cultural nature of Israeli society.

Demographics:

Ein Mahel is a predominantly Arab village a few miles north of Nazareth. Roughly 60% of the population come from two extended families who originally founded the village and mainly identify themselves as Arab-Muslim.



Ma'ale Shaharut High School

Founded:1985

Neighborhood: The Arava, Israel

Mission: To service the educational needs of all the area's children in a framework which encourages community involvement at all levels. Our educational program is rich and varied in an attempt to overcome the deficits resulting from our distance from centers of education and culture.

Demographics:

Ma'ale Shaharut High School serves mostly Jewish-Israeli students living in kibbutz communities in the southern part of Israel. A kibbutz is a collective community, traditionally based on agriculture, that shares the responsibility for the welfare of each member, and ownership of its means of production and consumption.

Ein Mahel High School and Ma'ale Shaharut High School were the first partners to participate in the Friends Forever Israel program in 2008. The two schools have had a relationship since the early 2000's when their principals founded a program called Common Paths, aimed to provide opportunities for freshman students from both schools to meet youth from "the other side." Located about 6 hours by car from each other, the Friends Forever program was a natural fit to expand opportunities for students to participate in more formal co-existence work throughout their entire high school careers.

Friends Forever is an independent 501 (c) 3 whose mission is to inspire communities to promote trust, empathy and friendships among cultures in conflict by working with international and local youth leaders.

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"World Peace...Grown Locally"

Program: Israel Program

U.S Host Site: Seacoast, NH

International Partners: Ma'ale Shaharut, Ein Mahel

International Leaders: Avi Alcheck, Wael Abu Nasi



Rashed

Hobbies: Soccer
Favorite subject: Biology
Role model: Buffon (Italian Goalkeeper)
Favorite quote "It's not show off when you can back it up."



Itay B

Hobbies: Basketball, friends, TV, music
Favorite subject: PE/History
Role model: Michael Jordan, Martin Luther King
Favorite quote: "Veni, Vidi, Vici."



Shahar

Hobbies: Reading, hiking, cooking
Favorite subject: History
Role model: Leonardo de Vinci
Favorite quote: "Love your friends like you love yourself."



Faran

Hobbies: Music, friends, running, watching TV
Favorite subject: Sport
Role model: My grandmother
Favorite quote: "The sky is the limit."



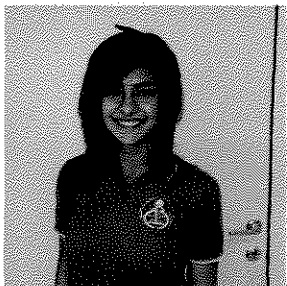
Itay S

Hobbies: Soccer, friends
Favorite subject: PE/ Electronics
Role model: Ilan Ramon
Favorite quote: "If you will it, it is no dream."



Nourhan

Hobbies: Horseback riding, dancing, singing
Favorite subject: Sport, math
Role model: My school principal, Jamil.
Favorite quote: "Hope exists and dreams come true."



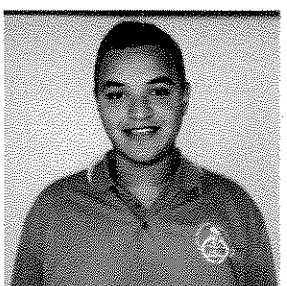
Rawan

Hobbies: Watching TV, dance
Favorite subject: Arabic
Role model: Oprah
Favorite quote: "Live like there's no tomorrow."



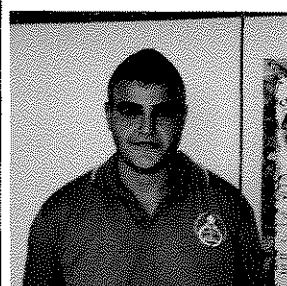
Amit

Hobbies: Reading, TV, acting, friends, music
Favorite subject: Theater
Role model: Ellen DeGeneres
Favorite quote: "A good goal should scare you a little and excite you a lot."



Aiman

Hobbies: TV, volunteering
Favorite subject: English
Role model: Mohammed, Albert Einstein
Favorite quote: "There's no difference between people."



Ibrahim

Hobbies: Football
Favorite Subject: Sports
Role model: Mohammed the Prophet
Favorite quote: "Only God can judge me."