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Jerusalem Hug foundation is a non profit non sectarian organisation, containing 'lovers of Jerusalem, Jerusalem peacemakers and Jerusalem Hug Holland.

"When real peace in the holy land will be realised, then it will be possible to engineer peace in the whole world."

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Newsletter Jerusalem Hug 2009

With great joy we present to you the first Jerusalem Hug newsletter. In this letter we will give you general information about the Jerusalem Hug, its aim and goals and the activities that are planned. We will also give you the latest news of activities that are going to happen in the near future and other interesting news about peace activities around the world. When you want to contribute to this newsletter you are much welcome. We want to make this newsletter in a worldwide information platform about peace activities that are aiming to bring light to the heart of the Self and to humanity in order to create a space where peace will emerge and darkness will dissolve.

The Jerusalem Hug. Aims and goals

The Jerusalem Hug is a symbol for another way to achieve peace. Everywhere the belief in a political solution of the Middle East conflict has been gone down to point zero. We believe that when we find peace in ourselves and when we are able to forgive, world peace will come closer. The Jerusalem Hug gives expression to this wish for change as a concrete statement.



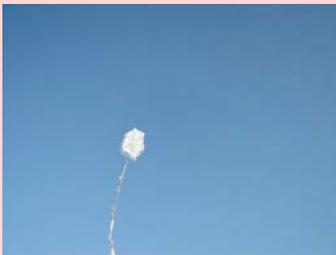
In Jerusalem there is a growing group of people of all kinds of denominations who live in peace already. They form the beginning of a transformation. Jerusalem stands as a symbol for peace and forgiveness in the world. Let Jerusalem be a city of connection, the heart of the world where unity and peace will be a fact. Every year, we will increase the Jerusalem Hug to a larger event with more participants. Let the Jerusalem Hug fill Jerusalem completely with love, so there will be no place for hatred anymore.

Jerusalem, city where Christianity, Judaism and Islam come together, this Holy City will become a symbol of unity and peace in the world. We want to achieve that the community of Jerusalem, Palestinians and Israeli, international musicians, artists, spiritual and political leaders of the world will celebrate peace together, devoting themselves for peace and unity in the world. It is up to us that this really might happen, that by trusting and believing in the Good we can make everything possible.

Planned activities

1 Jerusalem Hug 2009

On June 21 the Jerusalem Hug will take place for the third time. Around the city and at various gates groups of people will experience and express what is peace. The audience will be accompanied by musicians, singers, dancers, artists and healers, coming from many places around the world. Spiritual leaders hold hands together with local residents of Jerusalem, forming a human chain around the walls of the Old City. [For more information contact us on mail@jerusalemhug.org](mailto:mail@jerusalemhug.org)



2. Drumming for Peace.

Drumming together is a returning activity in every Jerusalem Hug, connecting the different population groups. Through the rhythm of the drums movement arouses in us. We let go, we open up ourselves and we forget our differences. In the rhythm we are all equal. Rhythm is of all races, of all people and drumming together emphasizes that we are all one unity from one source. White Eagle, coming from Alaska with Grand MotherDrum, will be present with her giant drum on which the audience will be invited to drum with her. Cesar Zuiderwijk, drummer in the rock band Golden Earring will be present, together with drummers of other famous rock bands to join him in supporting the Palestinian and Israeli drummers. If you want to join this activity pleas contact us at mail@jerusalemhug.org

3. Kites for Peace

The Jerusalem school kids, at least one class of Palestinians and one class of Israeli children are coming together to fly their 'Kites for Peace' above the thousands of participants. They express that the children of Jerusalem want to live in a city where peace, freedom and tolerance are the foundation of coexistence. 'Warchild' Foundation, known for their wonderful activities in war areas, will support this event. In collaboration with them a similar event on Dutch schools will be organized to support the "Kites for Peace" event in Jerusalem. You can help by organising the same activities on schools in your homeplace. To know more about this please connect us at mail@jerusalemhug.org

Journey for Peace

An important part of the event is the unison of people from all over the world. We want as many people as possible to come to Israel for this event. That is why we organize a Journey for Peace with different activities and excursions to historical and spiritual places. Part of the journey will be meditation sessions on the Rooftop Promenade in the Old City, a Pre-Hug Conference and the Jerusalem Hug itself. More detailed information will follow soon! If you are interested in the peace journey apply at mail@jerusalemhug.org

5. Pre-Hug Conference

This conference will be organized on the 19th of June, two days before the Jerusalem Hug to align all the participants and to connect the light energy together. The Franciscans Order will serve this Pre-Hug Conference to provide accommodation for free in the St. Savior's Monastery in the Christian quarter of Jerusalem. A variety of spiritual leaders and humanitarian speakers will be invited to share their heart and love energy with us. They represent spiritual and peace organizations who will bring many of their adherents to the Jerusalem Hug, like the TM organization, the Oneness Blessing, the Blue Star and the Emissary of Light. More detailed information will come. When you have interest to be part of the conference please contact us at mail@jerusalemhug.org

6. Peace events world wide By an effective use of video connections through internet, concerts, gatherings and street hugs will be organized in New York, Los Angeles, Washington DC, London, Anchorage, Rajasthan, Warsaw, Copenhagen, Budapest, Bucharest, London, Montreal and Ottawa and possibly at more places in the world to support the Jerusalem Hug. In this way communities in the whole world will express that Peace in the Middle East is what we all desire. When Peace can be realized in Jerusalem, the burning heart of this Peace will effect the whole world.



There is something in a simple hug which always encourages the heart to welcome us back home and to makes it easier to start.

A hug is a way of sharing the joyous and bad times through which we pass, or it's just a way for friends to say you care.

Hugs are for everyone, for those who really matter to us, from your grandma to your neighbour, or your little teddy bear.

A hug is a wonderful thing, it is just the perfect way to express the love we feel for often we cannot find a way how to say ..

It's funny how a little hug makes everyone feel good.

The location and language always understood and hugs do not need special equipment, special batteries or parts.

Just open your arms wide in an embrace and all you need to do is to open your heart.

(by Francisco Antonio Socías Hernández from Chili)

World wide hug party on 21 march 2009

On March 21 2009, a Worldwide Hug Party will be organized in many discotheques and clubs all over the world; in Amsterdam, Jerusalem, La Paz, Rome, Hiroshima, Madrid, Cologne and also in every other village or town that might join this initiative.

We are all part of the collective consciousness, connecting everything with all. We are able to heal our planet and unite everybody with each other in peace and tolerance. So let us demonstrate our unity, showing our fellow-men that we are all One, no matter what kind of religion, race or culture we represent. We are able to love and respect each other.

Every individual person might take the initiative to participate in the Worldwide Hug Party. Just find a central meeting location for this party, a discotheque, club, gallery, community centre; a place with internet access. It will not be difficult to find such a place, because March 21 will be on a Saturday night, so everybody will be in the mood for dancing and hugging for peace and tolerance. You can call up all your friends to join at the chosen location. The participants might start the Worldwide Hug Party with some specific rituals to express the Oneness. At the end of these sessions everybody will give hugs to each other and will dance together. A camera or webcam will register this celebration and will broadcast it live through internet to the other clubs in the world. The participants are able to watch and follow the Hug Parties in other locations on a flat screen, where the images will be projected. Every discotheque can switch over to other locations, 24 hours long, to all the cities where the Worldwide Hug Party will be organized. On the website www.worldwidehugparty.org you can register your club as participant. On a world map with time zones, you can find other clubs that join the Worldwide Hug Party and with one touch on your computer you will be connected with them live!

We ask you to contact all your friends in the world in order to join the Worldwide Hug in their own city. Please go to the following link and download a free and safe video program. It will make possible that we can show live images of our hugs to each other. This program is able to expose 6 locations on your computer screen at the same time, including your own hug session. There will be 6 hugs to be seen in one time.

We are trying out this new program and we need your help for testing.

<http://www.oovoo.com/download/oovoosetup.exe>

For installation support: <http://www.oovoo.com>

Once installed we can find each other through email addresses.

If you have still problems to open the program or when you have opened it successfully, please send a mail to our technical manager

support@worldwidehugparty.org

For more information contact us at: mail@jerusalemhug.org



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www.robschrama.nl

www.servas.org

www.blue-star.org

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www.tm.nl

www.emissaryoflight.com

www.sirajcenter.org

www.warchild.nl

Jerusalem Hug Foundation Amsterdam

This foundation has been established on 23rd of December with the aim to organise and support the Jerusalem Hug 2009 in a professional and international way. The board of the Foundation is formed by three motivated and inspired peace workers:

Rob Schrama: is a well known artist and festival producer who gives lectures at European Universities and Art Schools. He has written different books and is famous for his Pyramids of Light which he has created in different cities in the world. For him art is a vehicle for transformation and since many years he is involved in peace activities.

Jayanti van der Meer: is a coach and trainer for self development and inner growth. She has her own company for many years and is since 10 years involved in meditation and yoga at a movement for inner peace through self transformation called the Blue Star. "when you find Inner Peace world peace comes closer."

Jeannette Albers: has walked from Amsterdam to Jerusalem for Peace. She gives counselling to all kind of people, such as the homeless. In Israel, Africa and in the Netherlands she is involved in the organisation of *Oneness Blessing*. "When there is peace in Jerusalem, peace in the whole world will come."

Lovers of Jerusalem

Dvora Pearlman: driving source behind the organisation of the Jerusalem Hug 2007 and 2008 is a professional organizer and travel guide in Jerusalem. She and the large group of volunteers around her are "committed to make the world a more loving and respectful place, starting with Jerusalem."

Jerusalem Peacemakers

This interfaith Peace organisation has organised the Jerusalem Hug in 2007 and 2008 and will organise it again in 2009. This group of motivated peace workers come from different backgrounds.

Hagit Ra'anan: "I wish to make it possible for others to move beyond their own inner stalemate."

Sheikh Bukhari: wishes Peace for the holy land, comes from a Sufi tradition and travels a lot to contribute to peace activities.

Rabbi Menachem Froman: Brings people from different religions together. "To love your neighbours is the key to religion."

Ibrahim Issa: project coordinator at the Hope Flowers School in Bethlehem. "Peace starts with yourself."

Ibtisam Mahameed: is a counsellor who works for improvement of relations between Jews and Arabs and status of women.

Eliyahu McLean: is an interface peacemaker. "We can fly when we work together and learn to respect each others difference."

Ibrahim Abu el-Hawa: is a walking Philanthropist, supports wherever people are in need. "People only see the bad things happening here, but also many good things are happening."