

Middle East ~ Oasis of Peace

[Film: 5 minutes](#)



Problems arise when people simply do not understand one another. At the community school in [Neve Shalom-Wahat al-Salam](#) — named in both Hebrew and Arabic — children learn both languages at a very young age, thus cultivating a spirit of communication and mutual understanding. The village is a true rarity, as Jews and Palestinian Arabs live together in cooperation and respect.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Grades 6 - 8

World History

World History - Standard 44. Understand the search for community, stability, and peace in an interdependent world

- Understand the role of ethnicity, cultural identity, and religious beliefs in shaping economic and political conflicts across the globe

Resource - [McREL Content Knowledge – Standards & Benchmarks](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 🗨️ *Is this school in Israel or Palestine? What makes you think that?*
- 🗨️ *The teacher says “The whole concept is to bring people together in the name of peace. The Arab and the Jew, together, where they can work alongside one another and create the roots for a future.” How will this school accomplish that school?*
- 🗨️ *Consider the importance of communication and dialogue between cultures. How is this reflected in your own community? What are the language and cultural issues in your community? Your state? Your country?*