

ISRAEL'S ARAB AND JEWISH CITIZENS: A JOINT SCHOOLS PROJECT, 2010 - 2011

In 2011 there were 34,000 Jews and 12,000 Arabs in Acco. The 'Peace Child Israel' project uses theatres and the arts to teach Arab-Jewish cooperation.

- Arab schools participating in joint projects, 2011-2012
- Jewish schools participating in joint projects, 2011-2012
- The pre-1967 Israel border (1949 cease-fire line)

The Abraham Fund Initiatives 'Education for a Shared Society' conducts joint educational programmes for neighbouring Arab/Jewish communities. It is advanced through the fund's bilingual Hebrew-Arabic online resource centre, to reinforce and support the work of civics and coexistence educators in Jewish and Arab schools. An interactive resource centre provides teaching materials and information on democracy and education for shared citizenship. The Jewish and Arab schools shown on this map are linked in joint activities.

The Abraham Fund Police/Arab Community Relations Initiative was established in response to the deaths of 12 Israeli Arabs in October 2000. The programme runs diversity and cultural sensitivity-training programmes for police staff, provides a forum for planning and problem-solving partnerships between local police and Arab community leaders.

The Nazareth Metropolitan Area includes five Arab and two Jewish local councils, with a population of some 210,000, of whom more than 125,000 (59%) are Israeli Arabs and 85,000 (41%) are Israeli Jews. It is the only urban area in Israel with more than 50,000 residents where the majority of the population is Arab.

In January 2011, the Abraham Fund participated in the UK Task Force On Issues Facing Arab Citizens of Israel. The visit was based in Nazareth. The Task Force supports Israel's Declaration of Independence promises of social and political equality for Jews and Arabs alike. It is committed to building a shared society between Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens. Its six UK founding member organisations were the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the New Israel Fund UK, the Pears Foundation, the UK Friends of the Abraham Fund Initiatives, the United Jewish Israel Appeal and the Zionist Federation.

