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Summer is here, and incessantly in the news, the inhabitants in Israel and Palestine see no end to the fighting.

At Coexistences, this terrifying situation has not forced us give up. The hosting of groups is still being organised and the first one will take place this summer from 7 to 14 August. Reflections on the future of the association are also being pursued but, at the same time, we have engaged in the process of an internal dialogue. We have launched calls for solidarity and a number of journalists in the printed media or the radio are interested in our action or that of our partners.

You can discover all of that in detail in the following pages and we invite you to attend our next general assembly which will take place on 24 September next.

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JOURNEY TO HEALING 7-14 AUGUST 2024

In the present situation of almost daily news, of widespread trauma, violence and fear of the other, and the cessation of structured dialogue work, the activists and social workers are the only people who still continue to fight on, despite doubts, isolation and exhaustion. In view of this and our questioning of how we can help both parties, was born the **Journey to Healing** project.

Its aim is to offer twelve women activists from both societies a resourcing and healing voyage, allowing them to take a rest and distance themselves in order to return to their activism with renewed strength, and also to feel recognised and supported.

The stay will take place uniquely in a chalet (without any stay in families) and will last 7 days with meetings with us. It will be accompanied by Ufat Haider, historical facilitator of *Breaking The Ice* and Yael Maayan, facilitator of the second seminar of *Reinforce the mediators of the conflict 2023*.

Contact for this project: Fiuna Seylan Ongen (f.seylan-ongen@coexistences.ch)

BREAKING THE ICE SCHEDULED END OF AUGUST

The project has been cancelled due to insufficient inscriptions to date and a lack of reactivity from our partners. At the moment of writing, François Feihl and Massimo Sandri on a trip to Israel and Palestine, met with Asaf Ron from Beit Hagefen who proposed another project. We will be able to tell you more when they return.

Contact for this project: François Feihl (f.feihl@coexistences.ch)

ROZANA HEALTH 6-14 DECEMBER 2024

The programme > **Rozana Health Diplomacy** initiated in 2013, aims at promoting cooperation between Palestinian and Israeli health professionals. We will receive a group of head nurses participating in a project combining clinical training and building of peace.

These health professionals who work in seven major hospitals in the West Bank and Israel have undertaken a two-year cycle during which the teams improve their professional competences, learn from each other, build up a collaborative approach and find answers to the daily obstacles linked to the lack of confidence and prejudices between them and their patients.

After a few days together in a convivial place where they will be able to experience authentic coexistence, the participants will be hosted in mixed pairs (Jewish / Arab) in our host families. The stay in Switzerland will allow them to reinforce their interpersonal relationships, support their reflections on the Rozana programme and enrich their experience with Swiss society and culture as well as with professionals in the canton of Vaud.

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But still more:

REINFORCE THE MEDIATORS OF THE CONFLICT

In 2024 we continue to support, albeit not receiving them in Switzerland, the facilitators who participated in the project we conducted over two years in 2022 and 2023. Indeed, when this project ended in August 2023, the need emerged within the group to continue the work started in Switzerland. The tragedy of October 2023 transformed this need into a necessity.

Their present work plan consists in organising six Zoom meetings over the next 12 months, with the presence of interpreters for all the meetings, and two facilitators for three of them. The first meeting took place in November 2023 and responded to the expectations of the participants. In particular, it revealed that the confidence between them resisted the war, and that for some of them this was even the only place where it was possible to express themselves in complete transparency and frankness. A second meeting took place in February 2024 where they discussed the professional challenges they faced; three other meetings between March and June launched the process of internal structuring.

The aim of these meetings is to consolidate the work begun in Switzerland by giving them the means to consider the essential issues, for example: “Space for a binational dialogue in times of war” or “The day after”.

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PROCESS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE

After the massacres of 7 October, and the beginning of the following war, we wanted to communicate as quickly as possible by using, first of all the Facebook page of the association and then drafting with B8 of Hope a common announcement published in the digital version of the newspaper > [Le Temps](#).

In view of this crisis, we didn't really take the time to meet together, to exchange our own emotions, to concert about how to proceed, or even gauge the pulse of our members. The announcement proved very laborious, almost each word was subject to numerous exchanges. An uncomfortable feeling arose within the committee, laden with what was unsaid.

The committee then decided to open up for all the members of the association a first "facilitated dialogue space", on 20 November 2023.

That was not sufficient to dissipate the unease within the committee, and we realised that it had become crucial to tackle the problem. So we decided to undertake some serious mutual dialogue work.

A first session, facilitated by Marulla Hauswirth, (one of the three facilitators of the talking circle on 20 November), took place on 18 December 2023, with Fiuna, Halina, Nathalie, Massimo and Laurent. Delphine was unable to attend due to her professional overload.

This first session allowed us to, in all sincerity, express our emotions, our expectations and our fears concerning the conflict on the ground and the uneasiness within the association. We came away feeling lighter but conscious that we had not reached the end of what was unsaid.

So we organised a second session for 22 January 2024, between the five same members of the committee, and again with the facilitation of Marulla. This second session took place in a restored climate of confidence and enabled us to go much further. However, we deemed it appropriate to meet for a third time on 6 February, this time without facilitation.

These three sessions were beneficial: they led us to better understand our different sensitivities, to accept them and talk about the "red lines" not to be crossed in order to continue working coherently and in confidence, even in times of crisis.

The committee felt it could propose to all the members a new "facilitated dialogue space", which took place on 6 March 2024.

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DIALOGUE SPACES FOR THE MEMBERS

As mentioned above, a first dialogue space facilitated by psychotherapists was proposed on 20 November 2023. About thirty of our members were able to express in confidence their emotions in the face of the tragedy of the war and the violence of the situation.

A second talking space was organised on 6 March 2024 without the presence of psychotherapists. The participants appreciated the benevolence and respect with which their remarks were listened to. In a period where deep-seated and split opinions are so rife this does need mentioning.

HOW TO CONTINUE

Remember:

At the General Assembly on 11 April 2022, questions were asked about the future of Coexistences and Fiuna Seylan Ongen talked about the necessity to define a 5-year strategy. Then a first work group comprising Laurent Douek, Delphine Friedmann, Nathalie Katz-Lachavanne, Muriel Katz, André Katz and Massimo Sandri was formed and worked for a year to undertake a historical overview, a financial report, an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses, of the opportunities and threats, an identification of the different activities of Coexistences.

On the basis of their work which was presented and appraised at the General Assembly 2023, the present group "How to continue", prolonged these reflections, defined and structured them, and will be able to present a 4-action plan at the Assembly in 2024.

Do we want to continue? Can we continue? If so, how to continue?

Comprising Marc Dunant, Jean Lazega, André Katz, Sandra Modiano, Céline Rozenblat, Massimo Sandri and Massimo Tinghi, the new group have met eleven times since the mandate received at the General Assembly on 2 May 2023.

With the help and under the direction of > Gilles Chabré, expert in institutional support, the group highlighted its reflections in terms of a **vision** and a **slogan**, of the ensuing five **challenges** and fifteen priority **actions** to realise the challenges, set out in a document of a shared vision.

On Sunday 24 March, the discussion group and Gilles Chabré tested this document with twenty people active in Coexistences, in order to create a common basis giving a vision, challenges and actions established collectively.

Four priority actions will be presented in September at the GA

The reflection group then modified and completed this document following this meeting and chose five priority actions, proceeding by consensus. A meeting with the committee at the beginning of June made it possible to retain four actions judged foremost, which will be presented in September at the General Assembly; four action sheets are being drawn up in order to render these priority actions and their consequences tangible.

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SUPPORT

In this period of war, it is urgent to support those who strive to improve the daily lives of the populations involved. We have solicited your generosity to support these three projects:

NAQAB EMERGENCY / 5.11.2023

Sylvie Berkowitsch from Jerusalem told us of an Israeli and Palestinian binational initiative, which aims at providing shelters for the Bedouin populations in the south who greatly suffered from the massacres of 7 October.

The association **Naqab Emergency** was created by Lobna Alsana, a Bedouin architect from the Negev with the help of many Israeli Jews, of which Mikael, Sylvie's son. She works in favour of the Negev villages not recognised by the Israeli government. These comprise 37 Bedouin villages with a population of more than 100,000 inhabitants. They have no public infrastructure. Left to themselves, their inhabitants are exposed to the missiles and rockets from Gaza. They have suffered many destructions under the repeated attacks from Hamas and grieve for a number of their dead and wounded. However, we have heard of the heroism of some of them helping the fugitives who participated at the rave party on 7 October.

The committee appealed to the solidarity of the members of Coexistences to support three especially urgent actions:

1. **Unify the map of the several organisations active in the region.** Where to convey the help, by which logistics?
2. **Buy and bring the food to the villages.** The economic activity is paralysed, the people have no work and hence no resources or reserves.
3. **Buy anti-missile shelters.** The cost for a shelter for 12 people is approximately 60,000 ILS, i.e. nearly 12,000 CHF. A lot of communities aren't equipped, costs are very important.

> **For further information**

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CONCERT AT BEIT HAGEFEN 6.04.2024

In Haifa, Beit Hagefen has been promoting for many years the living together in this town with a large ethnic diversity. Beit Hagefen has been a major partner of Coexistences, in particular for the Breaking the Ice project, in which a number Jewish and Arab young people in Israel have come to trek together in our mountains.

Since 7 October, Beit Hagefen has been relentlessly striving to maintain relations between the communities living in Haifa, whilst having to resist to a strong opposition. The latest project, the one for which Asaf Ron, the director of Beit Hagefen, has sought financial support, consisted in the organisation of a concert during which love songs with the original words in Arabic were transposed into Hebrew, and vice versa.

> [If you would like to view some excerpts on Facebook](#)



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TOMORROW'S WOMEN 24.05.2024

Ameera Said, a participant in our project *Reinforce the conflict mediators* and responsible for the project at **Tomorrow's Women**, told us of the existence of campaigns to raise funds for the benefit of three ex-participants, inhabitants of Gaza, in their programme. They asked us to contribute towards their online kitty to help them escape. Since then, some of the participants were killed at the beginning of the bombings.

As the months went by, the Egyptian intermediaries extorted ever more astronomical sums to cross the border (presently about 5,000-7,000 USD per person, and this involves whole families who want to leave).

More information about this business > [here](#)

> **Tomorrow's Women** is an Israeli NGO which gives young Israelis and Palestinians the means to transform the conflict through dialogue and a binational encounter. The programme in which these girls participated is called **Gaza Girls Program**. It put into virtual contact (via Zoom) girls from Gaza, the West Bank and Palestinians in Israel for a ten-week programme to overcome the limitations of life in Gaza (limitation of travel and opportunities) via a support network, empathetic listening and a facilitated sharing by professionals to develop leadership and resilience. It also included contacts with some Americans including Jewish Americans.

"It gives me so much power and hope to realize that despite our distance and differences, we can open up to each other and take a chance to be truly human." Young woman in Gaza aged 22.

From the first weeks, Ameera and **Tomorrow's Women** organised money and material transfers for their participants in Gaza, in conjunction with *Women of the Sun*, a women's organisation in the West Bank, sister of *Women Wage Peace* in Israel.

These three calls for solidarity revealed your generosity and we warmly thank you all.

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YVES ALI ZAHNO & FRIENDS "HOME" / 3 AND 4 MAI 2024

Unique piece of 45 minutes, in French, English, Farsi, Hebrew and Arabic.

Yves Ali Zahno gave two beautiful concerts on 3 May at the Artefax studio and on 4 May at the church of Saint-François, with the participation of Siham Fayad (present via video) and Yossi Zebari. Coexistences participated in the preparation of this project by putting Yves into contact with several artists among whom Siham (participant in the facilitators project) and Yossi (Master of ceremonies of a number of conjoint commemorations of losses due to the conflict).

You will find the show booklet in French at the end of the news, p.15

For some explanations about this musical piece what better than giving the floor to Yves Ali Zahno:

"Home", in inverted commas, yes. Because, is it one's domicile, a land, an idea, a struggle, a right? Behind this tragic, mortal quest, there is a door always ready to be opened.

Middle East Conflict, Woman Life Liberty in Iran, migration, exile or homelessness. In these cleaving incomprehensible hours, sometimes all that remains is the ineffableness of music to make oneself heard.

> Yves Ali Zahno

Two different first names show his two different origins. Swiss from Fribourg and Iranian from Teheran. At the age of 16 he became a musician and a composer. Also journalist, co-producer-presenter of the 12h30 news on RTS 1. Before that, producer-presenter of the broadcast *Radio Paradiso* on RTS 1. And on RTS Couleur3, where he produced and presented the broadcasts *Tranches de Vie*, *Lutte des Classes*, *Société Anonyme*.



"HOME" AT ARTEFAX 3 MAY 2024 AND AT SAINT-FRANÇOIS CHURCH 4 MAY 2024, ©SYLVAIN CHABLOZ

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Dear Friends & Musicians

Siham Fayad, Palestinian citizen, member of the NGO Jerusalem Center for Women

Yossi Zebari, actor, Israeli activist

Pedram Mohammadi, sentir, Iranian citizen

Priscille Oehninger, alto

Lucie Göckel, cello

Jules Martinet, bass

Andrea Esperti, trombone

The SugaZz, choir

Yves Ali Zahno, voice, guitar

Bernard Amaudruz, sound

Nela Loncarevic, scenography

Sylvain Chabloz, photos

Maarki Delachauz, mapping, video

Johan Heutiger, video



"HOME" AT SAINT-FRANÇOIS CHURCH, 4 MAY 2024, ©SYLVAIN CHABLOZ

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Lobna Agbaria (BTI 2010, the group arrives at the summit of the Mont-Blanc) had been the director until this year of OGS “**Our Generation Speaks**”, an incubator of start-ups based in Boston, at the Brandeis University’s Heller School for Social Policy and Management, considered to be one of the ten best social and political studies schools by the US News & World Report.

The OGS mission, as explained on their site, is to create an entrepreneurial community of leaders who commit to shape an Israeli-Palestinian pacific future based on trust.

Today, the majority of Palestinians and Israelis aged around twenty to thirty have seldom met except in a military context. The absence of interaction feeds fear and ignorance and hardly enables each group to understand and appreciate each other’s humanity. Extreme voices and opinions dominate public discourse, whereas reason and reflection are ignored and marginalised.

Throughout the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, reconciliation has become synonymous to weakness. The young people’s future in the region is determined by a generation weary of the failure of past negotiations.

At OGS, they identify Israeli and Palestinian men and women who want to build an infrastructure of hope for the region – together. The young generation can’t look back. They can only turn to the future.

> [For more](#)



LOBNA AGBARIA, AFTER CLIMBING MONT-BLANC, 2010, ©ALAIN KISSLING

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The dramatic news in Israel and Palestine has drawn the attention of the medias on Coexistences' actions and those of our partners, peace activists. Here is an overview:

14.12.2023 NEW YORK TIMES

The Peace Activists Divided by Oct. 7

Susan Dominus, New York Times

An article on the two facilitators of the *Young Ambassadors for Peace* group (2023), Tamar Shamir and Mohamed Abu Jafar

> [read the article in English](#)

17.12.2023 FRANCE INTER

Israël-Palestine : talking of peace and coexistence after 7 October

Interception, France Inter

A podcast from France Inter in which a number of interviews were obtained by Coexistences: Souli Khatib (*Combatants for Peace*), Asaf Ron (Beit HaGefen, Haifa), Boaz Kitain from Neve Shalom-Wahat al Salam (*Sulha*)

Listen > [here](#) (in French)

15.01.2024 LE TEMPS

> [Cicatriser sans frontières](#), Gian Pozzy, Le Temps, portrait of Fiuna Seylan Ongen

17.02.2024 RTS

Broadcast Forum on RTS, **interview of Fiuna Seylan Ongen on Coexistences'action.**

Listen > [here](#)

13.03.2024 FIFDH, GENÈVE

Israel-Palestine: what common future is possible?

Moderated by Pierre Hazan, an extraordinary debate took place at the International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights, to which were invited Ali Abu Awwad (*Tagheer*), May Pundak (*A Land for All*) and Jean-Pierre Filiu (Middle East history professor, Sciences Po, Paris).

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NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE

On our site, on the tab “Association” we have created a page called “Resources”, where we have assembled a number of reference documents on the dialogue work and their challenges, as well as more general references.

As from now, you can make a donation by bank transfer via the QR code, or via Twint on the “Donations” page.

THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The date of our next statutory General Assembly has been scheduled for **Tuesday 24 September 2024, at 18h30.**

Renewal of the committee and the presidency

Fiuna Seylan Ongen has informed us that she will not represent herself either for the post of presidency of the association which she has held for more than ten years, nor on the committee. Also, two other members of the committee, which presently comports six, will not represent themselves either, namely Delphine Friedmann and Nathalie Katz. A call for candidacies was launched to all our members on 13 June.

Several stimulating challenges are awaiting this new committee and this new presidency. Apart from the usual tasks, these will involve:

- considering the recommendations issuing from the “how to continue” process, for example the relation between the members, the management of crises, the communication and internal organisation,
- taking advantage of the arrival in the association of new members who join us to support our action in the context of this present crisis,
- continuing to maintain the climate we have been able to reinstate within the committee, by respecting the different sensitivities, and taking care of our members who are particularly shaken or devastated by the awful situation on the ground,
- nurturing the collaboration already underway with a number of new organisations of meetings on the ground,
- exercising flexibility in a changing environment.

A warm thank you for all your goodwill in supporting our commitment: to help those, in Israel and Palestine, who, with incredible courage, are pursuing the perilous route of dialogue and the building of bridges, and who, more than ever, need our support today, in this terrible context of violence.

Please contact us to propose your candidacy or to simply discuss in detail the tasks and challenges, either by sending a message to comite@coexistences.ch, or by contacting one or the other of the present committee members.

We wish you a pleasant summer.

THE COMMITTEE OF COEXISTENCES AND THE COMMUNICATION GROUP
ENGLISH TRANSLATION: JENNY RICE

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« HOME »

Yves Ali Zahno & Friends

« Home », entre guillemets, oui. Car, est-ce un chez-soi, une terre, une idée, un combat, un droit ? Derrière cette quête, tragique, mortelle, il y a une porte toujours prête à s'ouvrir. Conflit au Proche-Orient, Femme Vie Liberté en Iran, migration, exil ou sans domicile fixe. Dans ces heures clivantes, incompréhensibles, il ne reste parfois plus que l'indicible de la musique pour se raconter simplement et se faire entendre.

Pièce unique de 45 minutes, en français, anglais, farsi, hébreu, arabe.

Siham :

Depuis le 7 octobre, j'ai été traversée par des vagues d'émotions, très humaines mais pas très bien acceptées par beaucoup de personnes...

Le 7 octobre j'étais, désolé de le dire, « heureuse », peut-être pas « heureuse », mais soulagée. Pour la première fois en 75 ans nous n'étions plus les victimes, plus les seuls à souffrir. On avait l'avantage. C'est ce que j'ai ressenti et que beaucoup d'autres aussi. Mais les premières vidéos, et réactions...je me suis dit, on célèbre la mort, la violence, et ça c'est pas moi. J'en suis incapable. Mais je comprends la frustration.

Un inconnu

Siham :

Que nous soyons des héros, pour d'autres des terroristes... à la fin de la journée, nous sommes des êtres humains, avec des vies, de l'espoir, des rêves, des familles, des enfants, des aspirations, de la colère, de l'amour, toutes ces émotions et éléments qui constituent un être humain

Yossi*:

De l'endroit où nous nous trouvons, les fleurs ne pousseront jamais au printemps.
L'endroit où nous avons raison est dur et piétiné comme une arrière-cour.
Mais les doutes et les amours creusent le monde comme une taupe, une charrue.
Et l'on entendra un murmure dans le lieu où s'élevait la maison en ruine.
De l'endroit où nous avons raison les fleurs ne pousseront jamais au printemps.

Siham :

La façon dont on a été séparés par un mur, utilisant nos peurs contre nous-même. Ils prétendent qu'un mur protège mais en fait il refroidit les relations entre peuples, il déshumanise, des deux côtés.

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Dream Maker

Pedram :

Avec la migration forcée, j'ai réalisé qu'il ne restait que des souvenirs de tout ce qui donnait du sens et les souvenirs... les souvenirs tuent. J'ai réalisé qu'après toutes ces souffrances, seule la cage avait été changée, sauf que l'oiseau est toujours prisonnier. Je rentrerai chez moi et je recommencerai ma vie là où elle s'était arrêtée. Même si cette pensée est impossible, elle me maintient en vie...

We were young

Siham :

Ce qui me rend vraiment triste c'est quel genre de futur vont avoir les enfants ? S'ils vont en avoir un. S'ils survivent à la guerre. Sur une vidéo on voit des enfants jouer dans les débris, autour d'un grand trou dans le sol. L'un d'eux s'approche de la caméra, tout sourire. Il dit « ben aujourd'hui on y joue et demain on enterre des morts ». Comme si c'était normal, la vie de tous les jours. Ce qui était et est toujours le cas

Yossi** :

Ma maison comptait à peine trois pièces
Mais elle s'étendait sur 15'000 miles.
Elle se trouvait dans une rue laide et non pavée, à côté d'un tableau d'affichage écaillé.
Une fois que vos yeux se sont posés sur les nécrologies
A côté des annonces de cours de guitare privés
Ecrits d'une main enfantine
Votre souffle presque imperceptible deviendrait plus facile.
Là, je pourrais facilement conserver les oranges de l'arbre des voisins,
Et personne ne s'en soucierait
Là où il est parfaitement logique de crier dans la rue
Où il est encore plus logique de se faire crier dessus.
Ma maison est l'endroit que je fuis toujours,
Sachant que je peux toujours y retourner.

Le Froid

Pedram:

La fuite ou l'exil ou « l'évasion » est toujours mêlée à une coercition, et dans la coercition il y a deux voies, la mort ou la fuite. Pour moi, fuir, m'évader, ça a été de mettre son monde entier et sa vie dans un petit sac et partir sans dire au revoir. L'exil signifie la perte, la solitude, la faim, la soif, le froid, la forêt. S'enfuir, c'est jouer avec la vie, qui est le seul atout... S'échapper, c'est tomber amoureux sans pouvoir attacher son cœur. L'exil, la fuite, ce sont des mots qui sont prononcés. Tout le monde comprend, mais personne ne comprend...

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Who do I see ?

Yossi*** :

Parfois... j'aimerais pouvoir rencontrer en duel l'homme qui a tué mon père et rasé notre maison, m'expulsant dans un pays étroit. Et s'il me tuait, je me reposerais enfin, et si j'étais prêt... je me vengerais !

Mais s'il s'avérait, quand mon rival est apparu, qu'il avait une mère qui l'attendait, ou un père qui a mis sa main droite sur la place du cœur dans sa poitrine chaque fois que son fils était en retard ne serait-ce que d'un quart d'heure pour une réunion qu'ils avaient fixée... alors je ne le tuerais pas, même si je pouvais.

De même... je ne le tuerais pas s'il s'avérait rapidement qu'il avait un frère ou des sœurs qui l'aimaient et désiraient constamment le voir. Ou s'il avait une femme qui le saluait et des enfants qui ne supportent pas son absence et que ses cadeaux raviraient. Ou s'il avait des amis ou des compagnons, des voisins qu'il connaissait ou des alliés de la prison ou d'une chambre d'hôpital, ou des camarades de classe de son école ...demandent de ses nouvelles et lui envoient leurs salutations.

Mais s'il s'avérait être seul, coupé comme une branche d'arbre sans père ni mère, sans frère ni sœur, sans femme, sans enfant et sans parents, voisins ou amis, collègues ou compagnons, alors je n'ajouterais rien à sa douleur dans cette solitude, pas le tourment de la mort, ni le chagrin de la mort. Au lieu de cela, je me contenterais de l'ignorer quand je le croise dans la rue, comme je me suis convaincu que le fait de ne pas lui prêter attention était une sorte de revanche.

Siham :

Je ne peux pas contrôler mon environnement, mais je peux contrôler mes actions. Et après ? Qu'est-ce que je peux faire ? C'est la question qui me traverse toujours l'esprit. Est-ce suffisant de parler de la paix ? Qu'est-ce qu'on enseigne à nos enfants ? A propos de leurs droits, leurs droits humains basiques, leur éducation, leurs rêves ?

Yossi :

Beaucoup de sang va encore couler jusqu'à ce que nous comprenions que la seule chose que nous avons besoin de faire et qui fait de nous des humains : parler. Ce qui me fascine le plus est de voir à quel point nos deux peuples sont semblables, avec tant de choses en commun. Nous sommes forgés du même soleil du Moyen-Orient et les deux aussi égarés qu'ici dans cette Europe glacée.

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La Déchéance

Siham :

La déshumanisation. Où est l'humanité ? Quand tu regardes la personne à côté de toi, qui vois-tu ? Vois-tu uniquement la personne qu'on t'a décrite ?

Yossi, Siham :

Je t'aime, je t'aime

Mais cela n'est pas suffisant

*extrait du poème « The place where we are right » de l'israélien Yehuda Amichai

** extrait du poème "Où est la maison de l'ami" du perse Sohrab Sepehri

*** extrait du poème « Revenge » du palestinien Taha Muhammad Ali

Dear Friends & musiciens :

Siham Fayad, citoyenne palestinienne, membre de l'ONG Jerusalem Center for Women

Yossi Zabari, acteur, activiste israélien

Pedram Mohammadi, santur, citoyen iranien

Lucie Göckel, violoncelle

Andrea Esperti, trombone

Yves Ali Zahno, voix, guitare

Neda Loncarevic, scénographie

Marki Delachaux, mapping, vidéo

Priscille Oehninger, alto

Jules Martinet, contrebasse

The SugaZz, chœur

Bernard Amaudruz, son

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