

DEAR FRIENDS, MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF COEXISTENCES,

BAL JAUNE DU PETIT NOUVEL AN

As in previous years, the concert of the Orchestre Jaune took place on 11 January at the Casino de Montbenon. It turned out to be simply perfect. The program was really excellent, dynamic and joyful, and there was a fantastic atmosphere, to the point that as musicians were collecting in the wee hours of the morning, they agreed on the next concert!

This event has allowed us to collect our best fund ever with more than 5'000 chf. The bar and the food stall made great sales, the middle-eastern specialties being especially appreciated by all. Thank you to the orchestra for a wonderful evening, and to all the volunteers who have offered generously as always their energy, their time and their heart.

LATEST NEWS ABOUT THE 2013 PROJECTS

- **SULHA – 31 may-9 june**

We are about to host SULHA, an NGO which since 2008, organise regularly large gatherings between Jews and Palestinians from Israel and the occupied territories. Groups of 80-100 adults and 40-60 young adults (between 16-21 yo) meet, dialog, and alternate periods of meditation, music and walks. The SULHA project will host in Suisse 16 of the facilitators who have been working on a volunteer basis since 2008.

The stay in Switzerland will allow these facilitators, in their 20's up to their 50's, to get to know each other, create in their group the dialog dynamic their offer to the SULHA participants, and reflect on the concept of the SULHAs taking into consideration the environment and means to reach out to greater numbers.

- **TALI-JCJCR – 8-15 july**

The initial project of hosting a group of school principals from those participating in the pairing cannot take place in 2013, due to availabilities of all for the length of the stay.

More often than not, the Arab school principals are teachers as well, which limits their ability to be absent for a certain length of time. Unable to create a group with an balanced number of Jews and Arabs, it has been decided to postpone the trip to give more time to recruitment and to the preparations.

A TALI-JCJCR group will nevertheless come, formed of teachers who did not made it to the 2011 trip. 15-17 participants, among which two from the 2011 group, will come in July.

This new group will count teachers from schools which have joined the program in September, and teachers from the Ram'leh/Peta Tikva area, an encouraging sign that the initiative is expanding beyond the Nazareth area.

- **BREAKING THE ICE – 15-29 august**

For the third year, a group of young adults, both Jewish and Arab Israeli, will tour one famous mountain in the Alps and will cross borders marked by simple stones in the course of a long trekking.

This year, the guide Jean Troillet will accompany the group throughout its trekking.

FUNDRAISING

The board has taken over this task for all the projects and is working actively on fundraising for 2013-2014.

Apart from this, a fundraising diner will take place on **22 september**. Please book this evening. More informations will come and we would be grateful if you publicised this event in your friends circle.

STATUTORY ASSEMBLY

It will take place on Tuesday 8 october.

Scheduled every two year, the Chairman of the Board and the Board will be elected.

Persons wishing to put forward their candidacy for the Board or the chairmanship are welcomed. Please contact Massimo Sandri (massimo.sandri@chuv.ch) or Elsa Skorecki (elsa.skorecki@sunrise.ch) until 15 september 2013.

More information will be communicated and we already look forward to see you on this occasion to reflect on the 2013 projects and discuss of the 2014 program.



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IN THE NOT FOR PROFIT SWISS DIRECTORY

Every second year, a compilation of all the Not for Profit associations active in Switzerland is published and distributed to all attorneys, lawyers in succession law and foundations.

Given the successful experience of the reformed evangelical church of Vaud, the board has decided to invest to get a double page of presentation of Coexistences. We hope that numerous donations will allow Coexistences to continue its mission.

As you can appreciate, the beginning of this year has been busy. We do look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events.

With our warmest regards, and a wonderful spring, in the name of the board and of the various work groups, Fiuna