

Educational activity for 'Onward Israel' group:

Two sides of the same coin

- I. Introduction: Each participant randomly receives one aspect of daily life (pieces of paper pulled from a bag, with subjects like: Family, Studies, My neighborhood...) and tells the group about a moral dilemma he/she has faced having to do with this subject. What did they decide to do, or what choice did they make-- and why?
- II. Activity: The group leader explains the essential beliefs and characteristics of each of the two characters which appear on either side of the coin (see photos below). The group is divided into two, and one volunteer from each sub-group is asked to flip the coin in order to determine which character is assigned to which volunteer.

The volunteers receive a list of 'conflicts', and argue the position of the character they've been assigned. After they've argued their case, the group can react and add their opinion. Another set of volunteers participates, arguing another dilemma—and the activity continues until all members have had a chance to argue one of the sides.
- III. Conclusion: The two sub-groups come back together and discuss the following issues:
 - a. Is there a particular strategy they would recommend to help deal with one of the conflicts presented?
 - b. Do any of the conflicts presented relate to places/people/situation on this tiyul?
 - c. What are the elements that make the conflicts presented here so difficult to solve?
 - d. Did any of their prejudices/stereotypes change as a result of things they saw on this tiyul?
 - e. What are the values which are at the basis of the conflict(s) presented?

Nabil Ashraf Al-Husseini

Age: 42

Married with 4 children (ages: 2,5,13,18)

Lives in Nablus, his family are refugees who left Jerusalem during the War of 1948. His younger brother was killed during Operation 'Defensive Shield' by the IDF.

Occupation: Owner of a coffee shop.

Nabil believes that he has the right to live in Palestine as a citizen with equal rights in a country that is not a Jewish state.



Shmuel Meir

Age: 46

Married with 4 children (ages: 3,8,15,19)

Occupation: Owner of Efrat Winery.

Lives in Efrat (Gush Etzion), immigrated to Israel from the U.S. 15 years ago. His sister was killed in a terror attack on Jaffa Rd in Jerusalem in 2001 at the Sabarro restaurant. His oldest son is now serving in the Golani unit.

Samuel believes that the return of the Jews to 'Eretz Israel' is an historical event, and that the territory of Greater Israel is necessary for the Jewish people. He also recognizes the importance of respect and rights for Arabs in the country but under the rule of a Jewish state.



Dan Ben Ari

Age: 41

Married with 2 children (ages: 9, 12)

Occupation: Accountant

Lives in a Tel Aviv Suburb. His father fought in the Yom Kippur War. Dan is disappointed with the political situation and believes the State of Israel should exist alongside a Palestinian state.

He believes in the state of Israel as a democratic, liberal and progressive state, where there are full equal rights for all its citizens.



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