

Arab minority in Israel:

In Israel today, Jewish and Arab citizens live in a highly segregated environment, often in closely adjoining areas and in many regions throughout the state of Israel. There are also mixed cities such as Haifa, Jaffa and Acco. Arabs stayed in their lands after (alnakba), the disaster of the Palestinian people in 1948. In the most recent census of Israeli citizens, 20% are Arab and 80% are Jewish. Today there are few opportunities for meaningful and deep interaction between members of these two major groups.

Kfar qara in northern of Israel:

Kfar-Qara is a conservative community, people still enjoy from the powerful social family ties. Family members have strong relations with each other. There is a sense of unity, belonging and togetherness.

Kfar Qara is an Arab and a Muslim village which is located in the northern triangle in an area called "Araa's valley" this road which is called Ara's valley connects between north and south. The land is about 7000 dunams (dunam=1/4 acre). Some of the land was expropriated by the local council for public services and some of the land was expropriated by Israel for military purposes in spite of the fact that the Arab sector in Israel suffers from land shortage.

Population and lifestyle:

All the residents in Kfar Qara are Arab Muslims. The size of population for 2006 is approximately 15,000. It should be mentioned that almost 49.2% of the Arab minority in Israel are minors under the age of 19. This indicates the need of youth population for educational and sports facilities. Kfar-Qara inhabitants work in service fields, agriculture, industry and other free businesses. About 11% inhabitants are academics who work as doctors, lawyers, engineers and teachers.

It should be notified that Kfar-Qara is one of the little places which embraced the idea of bilingual schools that consists of Arab and Jews. Hand-in-hand school is an example for a bilingual school and a multicultural elementary school which was established in Kfar-Qara in the September, 1, 2003 by a group of parents who dwell in Ara-Valley.

It is important to mention that Kfar-Qara is a village that is worthwhile visiting.

Kfar-qara High-school

It was first established in 1970 as a technological school, and later on it turned to be a theoretical, scientific and technological school. Nowadays, we are a comprehensive school that joins students from the surrounding villages. There are 3 school levels; tenth to twelfth grades. Our school offers both compulsory and optional subjects; such as biology, chemistry, computer, mathematics, media, modern English, Hebrew, Arabic, geography and environment.

Our school has previously participated in other multicultural projects such as "Jitli". It is a leadership project that incorporates teenagers from different social, political backgrounds. Arab and Jewish teenagers learn how to listen and accept others' perceptions.



our class

Before we begin to introduce our class we should say that we are really enthusiastic to take part in this multicultural dialogue project. It gives us the chance to widen our horizons and contributes to our life experience. We are interested in meeting teenagers from other cultural backgrounds.

There are 27 pupils in our class, 14 girls and 13 boys. In 10th grade we learn compulsory subjects and we start to specialize in different subjects in the 11th grade.

In spite of the fact that we do not have malls or sports and art facilities, we spend our leisure time visiting our friends, playing on the computer and participating in different kinds of courses such as, photography, art and football.

As all teenagers all over the world we have various interests and hobbies. Suasan is one of my students, she says” that life in Kfar Qara is simple and quite. She loves crazy things.... Like laughing, dancing and eating too much”. Another student says” I love talking on the messenger with different people especially girls “.



This is our tenth class with our English teacher Samara and our math teacher. We hope to meet you soon.

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