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Peace Drums Project!

It's our vision to create a bridge to leverage conflict through music. Peace Drums Projects facilitates classes and performances for young children with steel drums to have positive experiences and build community, regardless of religious, cultural, and social differences.



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Why do we use steel drums?

The steel drum or steel pan is a modern percussion instrument.

The steel pan is culturally neutral in that it does not belong to any of the Middle Eastern cultures.

The instrument originates from Trinidad and Tobago, a twin island nation in the Caribbean.

Developed in the mid 20th century by descendants of enslaved Africans, the steel pan, born out of conflict, is an important part of contemporary Trinidadian life and is a testament to the creativity and resilience of an oppressed people.

What a steel drum class looks like:

- Classes are done weekly for **1,5-2 hours**.
- The classes can be taught in **Hebrew, Arabic, and English**.
- The child doesn't need any prior musical experience to join.
- Classes include **10-15 Children**.
- Children are **divided into age groups**, to enable teaching applicable to their specific age.
- During class, we work towards a performance together, which happens every 2-3 months.
- Children are learning how to play together with their bandmates and connect through music.
- Every month all children from different schools come together to play music together.
- A monthly fee of **150 shekels per child** who joins.

Meet the teacher



Safi

Safi is an Alumni student of Peace Drums Project and is now one of our best teachers. He is fluent in both Arabic and Hebrew and currently teaches steel drum classes at the Mar Elias Educational Institute in Abelin. Safi is an accomplished Qanun performer, steel drummer, and multi-instrumentalist.

Locations

Currently, we collaborate with the following schools, where we've set up our practice room and give the steel drum classes:

- Mar Elias Educational Institute, Abelin
- Leo Back School, Haifa
- St John's Episcopal Church School, Haifa
- Shfaram

Transport

Transport to the weekly classes needs to be arranged by the parents or schools themselves.

There is the possibility of public transport to all locations. Every few months we have a performance.

The transport to the performance is included in the monthly fee of each student.

Material & homework


We supply the steel drums during the classes and no homework needs to be done.
All repertoire will be practiced during the weekly classes together.
They don't need to bring anything to the classes themselves.

Performances


We have performances every 2-3 months.
Performances are local and international (optional).
There may be performances during certain holiday celebrations like Christmas or Hanukkah and celebrations like graduation.
So far, Peace Drums' steel bands have performed internationally in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Costs

The costs per child for the weekly classes are 150 shekels a month.
The costs include all classes, transport to performances, and all other expenses.
** It does not include transport to the classes themselves.

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