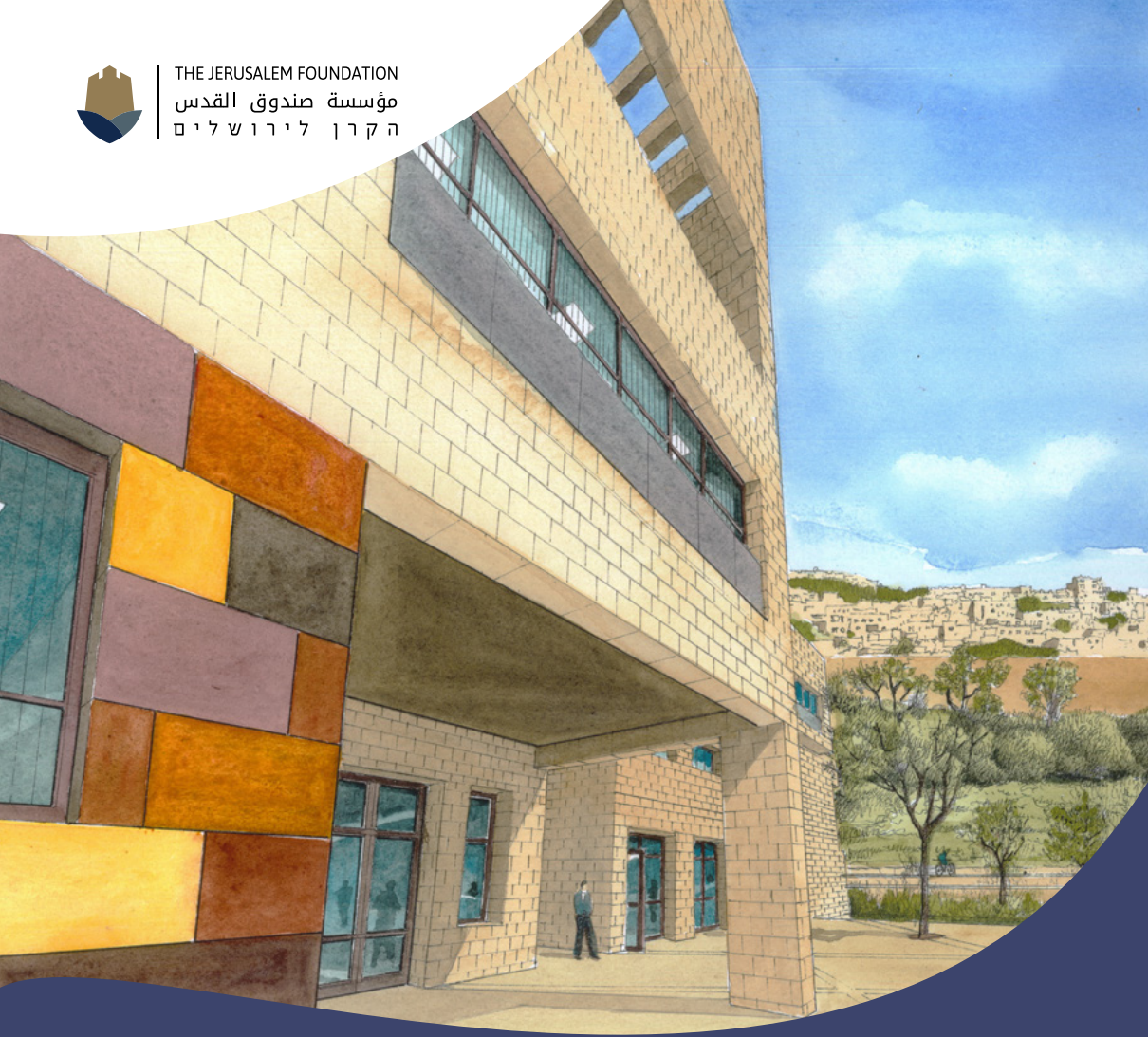




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# The High School Building of the Max Rayne Hand in Hand School for Bilingual Education





## Mayor of Jerusalem



It is my pleasure to offer congratulations on this important occasion.

The construction of the new high school building of the Max Rayne Hand in Hand School for Bilingual Education represents more quality education for Jerusalem, a powerful statement about the importance and possibility of shared living, and a further enrichment of the opportunities for the next generation of Jerusalemites.

We are grateful to the Jerusalem Foundation and to friends of Jerusalem around the world who have contributed to this effort. We are proud to be full partners in this project, and together we have been able to make this dream a reality for the children and youth of Jerusalem.

Education is the cornerstone of my vision for the future.

We must invest in our children and provide them with the tools for the 21st Century and beyond. Supporting the expansion of the Hand in Hand School campus is part of a wider range of educational initiatives across the city that will enrich and empower all children in Jerusalem from all sectors and all neighborhoods.

I wish you many years of enjoyment and education in this new building and look forward to the contribution today's students will make to the future of Jerusalem.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Moshe Lion'.

Moshe Lion

## The Jerusalem Foundation

Education and future leadership are at the cornerstone of the Jerusalem Foundation's 2030 vision for Jerusalem as a modern, thriving city that offers opportunities and inspiration for all its diverse populations and visitors.

The Foundation is proud to have played a central role in the founding and continuous development of the groundbreaking Max Rayne Hand in Hand School, enabled by our dear donors and supporters around the world and in partnership with the Hand in Hand organization for bilingual education.

Hand in Hand is Israel's only network of integrated and bilingual Hebrew-Arabic/Jewish-Arab schools. Through a growing network of schools, HHH demonstrates alternatives to conflict and offers the possibility of true shared living. Each year, enrollment grows and the network's impact extends to parents, alumni and local communities.

The Jerusalem Foundation is delighted to see the school's growth and its impact on shared living and future leadership in the city.

In cooperation with the school principal, the Jerusalem Foundation supervised all aspects of the planning and construction of the new building that will significantly upgrade the facilities at the school.



*“Hand in Hand is a perfect model for bilingual education, and a great example of shared living in Jerusalem. We are delighted to see the development of the Max Rayne School here in Jerusalem, and to see the new building built with our support.”*

*– Shai Doron, President of the Jerusalem Foundation*

**The Max Rayne Hand in Hand Bilingual School in Jerusalem** is the largest Hand in Hand school in Israel and the only one that extends from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. It is the only high school in the world where Jews and Arabs learn together in a bilingual (Hebrew and Arabic) environment for a high school diploma.



New Elementary School Principal, **Johaina Dakwar Salim**, right, with High School Principal, **Efrat Meyer**, on the first day of school.



“What we’re actually doing here is breaking barriers,  
and it’s where real education happens.”

Efrat, HIH Principal

## New High School Building

After sharing cramped quarters with the elementary school for the last 10 years, the growing high school will finally have its own space.

The design includes unique features that cater to the bilingual and multicultural nature of the school. The 2,490 m<sup>2</sup> (26,800 ft<sup>2</sup>) space was designed according to Israel's latest green, sustainable construction and accessibility standards.

It includes a new entrance to the campus, a three-storey building and active roof terrace, a science wing, laboratories and display area and an auditorium that will serve the high school, the elementary school and other community functions.

The active roof features an environmental studies classroom, cafeteria and garden, where the students can relax and enjoy a breathtaking view of Jerusalem.

The dream of having a beautiful, fitting building with world-class facilities for the Hand in Hand High School is now a reality, and we are very grateful to all those who have made this possible.



## Alumni

Having grown up in a multicultural, integrated school framework, alumni are fluent in both Arabic and Hebrew, maintain strong social ties, have a deep understanding of each other's perspectives and are active and engaged citizens and ambassadors of inclusiveness, equal opportunities and mutual understanding.

Alumni have gone on to study at prestigious universities in Israel and across the world, pursuing varied professions including law, environmentalism, psychology, medicine, philosophy, the arts and non-profit management.

Hanin Kinani, Class of 2011 alumna, completed her MA in Refugee and Immigration Studies at Oxford University, before becoming a project coordinator for Physicians for Human Rights.







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