

One Wish (Yom) Yerushalayim: Video & Discussion Guide

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The following guide was designed by the **One Wish Jerusalem** project to help educators facilitate an interactive and creative discussion regarding יום ירושלים (Yom Yerushalayim), which commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City during the Six-Day War in June 1967.

🎥 Show the **One Wish Jerusalem** video to your students:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtSVwTtKQGc>

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. What was your reaction to the video overall? What emotions did it elicit?
2. What was your favorite/least favorite WISH?
3. If you could describe Jerusalem in a word or a sentence after seeing the video, what would that word or sentence be?
4. Were you surprised by any of the WISHES? If so, which ones and why?
5. If you could ask one of the characters a follow up question, what would you ask and to whom would you ask it?
6. What do you think the video's overall message is?
7. Does the video portray Jerusalem as "The City of Peace"? Why or why not?
8. What do you think is more important: Health, Money, Love or Peace? Or is there something even greater than all of these?
9. How does viewing the ONE WISH JERUSALEM video affect your understanding of Yom Yerushalayim?

SUGGESTED TEXT: What is the Psalmist's WISH for Jerusalem?

Psalms 122:6-9

תהילים קכב:ו-ט

ו שְׁאַלוּ, שְׁלוֹם יְרוּשָׁלַם; יִשְׁלֵי, אֶהְבִּיךָ.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; may they prosper that love thee.

ז יְהִי-שְׁלוֹם בְּחֵילְךָ; שְׁלוֹה, בְּאַרְמְנוֹתֶיךָ.

7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

ח לְמַעַן, אַחֵי וְרָעִי-- אֲדַבֶּרְהָ-נָא שְׁלוֹם בְּךָ.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say: 'Peace be within thee.'

ט לְמַעַן, בֵּית-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ-- אֲבַקֶּשֶׁה טוֹב לְךָ.

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

ACTIVITIES

- Break into discussion groups and have students share their WISHES for Jerusalem.
- To build better relationships in your respective learning environments, have your students pick someone in the classroom who might have contrary views and/or opinions and have each student share ONE WISH for that other person.

CLOSING EXERCISE: What is your ONE WISH?

Have your students write their own WISH and share it on our Facebook Kotel (Wall):

<https://www.facebook.com/OneWishJerusalem?ref=hl>

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BACKGROUND INFO

One Wish Jerusalem is a reminder of and a tribute to our shared humanity. Shot in one day, in Jerusalem, we invited everyone who passed us at the outdoor market and at the entrance of Damascus Gate to share a wish: an honest, human wish. In a country and a city often highlighted for the complexities and conflicts that arise from a divergence of dreams we invite you to connect to the beauty that is our shared ability to dream. To believe. To hope. To wish.

But, who makes up the mosaic of Israeli and Palestinian society, and how does the average person on the street feel about some of life's most penetrating questions as they live in a land steeped in religion, history and conflict?

One Wish Jerusalem's mission is to humanize both Israelis and Palestinians from all divergent paths to share their individual perspectives on some of life's major questions and themes. By listening to alternative (and often challenging) approaches, our hope is to come to a better understanding of the more nuanced and multi-dimensional way of life in the Holy Land.

As we expand this project and build on its unifying character we invite you to use our Facebook page to SHARE YOUR WISH. About Israel. About co-existence. About life or love or whatever connects you...

A very special thank you to the Iranian artist, Ali Molavi who inspired this video with a video of his own in which he asked the same beautiful question to fifty people in Tehran, Iran. See his video below:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVX8oW_qS5E

RELATED LINKS

Haaretz Article:

<http://www.haaretz.com/blogs/jerusalem-vivendi/what-happens-when-an-american-asks-israelis-and-palestinians-in-jerusalem-their-wishes-1.516922>

Upworthy Website:

<http://www.upworthy.com/if-you-could-have-one-wish-would-it-be-more-awesome-than-what-these-guys-said-4?c=cp2>