

# Jewish-Arab Education for Equality in Israel



## Peace is blooming in the Negev

**Please join us** as we learn about a unique community of coexistence growing in the capital of Israel's Negev (southern desert). Amal Elsana Alhjoog and Hagit Damri, mothers from the Hagar Association and the Hagar School, will speak about how the Arab and Jewish communities of Beer Sheva are overcoming years of conflict in order for the children of Abraham to live in peace.

**Date: TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

**Place: Temple Beth El, Tacoma, 5975 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 98465**



**Amal Elsana Alhjoog** was born in 1972 in an Arab Bedouin village in the south of Israel, to a family of 13 children. Upon completing her high school education in the village, she went on to receive her BA in social work in Israel and her MA in community development from McGill University in Canada. She began her career as a community organizer when she was 14, and at the ripe age of 17, established the first Arab Bedouin women's organization. Today, Amal is one of the key shapers of public opinion regarding the status of the Arab minority and the status of women in Israel. She is a member of the Prime Minister's Commission for Economic Development of the Arab Sector; a member of the Steering Committee of Women Lawyers for Human Rights; a member of the professional committee of the Employment Creation Division of the JDC. Amal is the Co-Executive Director with Vivian Silver of NISPED, the Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development and the founding director of AJEEC – NISPED's Arab Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation. She is married to Anwar Alh'joog, a lawyer, and the mother of seven-year old twins, Muad and Adan.



**Hagit Damri**, Hagar Executive Director, officially joined the Hagar Community as a parent in 2007. Almost ten years prior, she moved to Beer Sheva from Israel's northern town of Kiryat Motzkin [Tacoma's Sister City in Israel!] to study at Ben Gurion University. With a B.A. in Behavioral Science and an M.A. in Organizational Sociology, Hagit is now completing her Ph.D. through Tel Aviv University. With professional training as an organizational advisor, she has previously served as an academic advisor and lecturer at the Open University. Hagit and her husband Amir are parents to Ifrah, 6-years-old and first-grader at the Hagar School and Ozi, two-years-old in Hagar's nursery school.

*To learn more about Hagar and to sign up for our newsletter, please visit Hagar's website, [www.hajar.org.il](http://www.hajar.org.il), or contact Ms. Lauren Joseph, Director of Development: [Lauren@hajar.org.il](mailto:Lauren@hajar.org.il).*

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