



Kids4Peace Seattle

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***Dancing in Jaffa* Interfaith Film Screening**

On Saturday, February 7, Kids4Peace Seattle, together with St. Mark's Cathedral, hosted an interfaith film screening of the movie, *Dancing in Jaffa*. Kids4Peace's mission is to build interfaith communities that embody a culture of peace and empower a movement for change. Founded in Jerusalem during the Second Intifada in 2002, its goal is to transform divided societies into communities of lasting peace, through a long-term investment in youth leaders and their families. Kids4Peace brings Jewish, Christian, and Muslim girls and boys to international summer camps in the United States and operates year-round after-school programs in their home communities. The six-year continuum of activities focuses on interfaith dialogue, cultural exchange, leadership development, and practices of nonviolent social change.

St. Mark's, Seattle's Episcopal Cathedral, also has a deep commitment to interfaith learning and cooperation.

The film screening brought together approximately 25 people, representing Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The film documents a program in Jaffa that brings together Israeli and Palestinian youth for ballroom dancing lessons. Following the movie, we had a discussion that focused on the possibility of faith bringing people together to overcome differences.

Following the film screening, participants also got to experience a dance lesson of their own, experiencing in real life what was depicted in the film.