



## **Newsletter**

### **Issue 10, Summer 2022**

### **Sustainable Israeli-Palestinian Projects**

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SIPP and our partners continue to move forward with grassroots projects that address real issues faced by Israelis and Palestinians.

Israeli Palestinians are learning environmental values through placemaking projects. Bedouin women are learning literacy. Israeli Jewish children are learning Arabic from Israeli Arab University students. Women in East Jerusalem are increasing their food security by learning how to grow food in urban areas. Israeli, Palestinian and international high-school students are learning how to be environmental leaders at the Eastern Mediterranean International School. Our partners have been busy!

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**Celebrate SIPP 2022!**  
In-Person in Boulder, CO  
Sunday, July 31, 2022, 4:30 - 6:00 PM MDT  
**Featuring: Lindsey Zemler (EMIS) and  
Nidal Allis (Techno Rescue)**

We are excited to announce our first in-person event since 2019! Celebrate SIPP 2022 will feature brief presentations by Lindsey Zemler of the Eastern Mediterranean International School (EMIS), one of SIPP's mini-grant recipients, and long-time SIPP supporter Nidal Allis. We will also update you on the work we and our grantees have accomplished over the past year, our plans for the coming year, and how we hope to continue to expand our partnerships with non-profits and NGO's in the Middle East. The event will be hosted outdoors at a Boulder residence, and you will receive the address upon registering. Of course there will be the legendary SIPP homemade hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, and assorted beverages!

This event will help us raise funds to continue and, hopefully expand, our mini-grant program and other work.

**Please register [here](#).**

Meet the speakers who will be with us in Boulder:

**Lindsey Zemler** is a Boulder native who moved to Israel in 2016 and works on numerous environmental and sustainability projects. She is currently working with EMIS to help train the next generation of Israeli, Palestinian, and international environmental leaders.



**Nidal Allis** recently moved to Maryland from Colorado where he continues to grow his electronics recycling company, Techno Rescue. Nidal has extended family in Palestine, which gives him a deep appreciation of the challenges and importance of growing a responsible electronics recycling industry in and among Palestinian and Israeli communities in ways that protect the environment and workers' health and safety. Nidal has been a long-time supporter of SIPP.



Please join us! **Register [here](#).** A suggested donation of \$100 (or more!) per person is appreciated. All guests and donations are welcome.

## **SIPP Featured for Israel Update**

SIPP President Peter Ornstein was the featured presenter for the Jewish Colorado/Boulder Jewish Community Center's monthly "Israel Update" Zoom series on February 14, 2022. The program featured representatives of SIPP

mini-grant recipients Tishreen, EMIS, and Desert Eyes. Their pride and passion for their work was inspirational and showed how these small projects can make big differences in people's lives. [Click here](#) to view highlights of the slide presentation.

If you missed the program in February, you can watch it at [https://youtu.be/ae\\_tYtN8Fj0](https://youtu.be/ae_tYtN8Fj0)



## SIPP Mini-Grants

SIPP is in the middle of our second mini-grant cycle and looks forward to initiating our third round this summer. Our mini-grantees are doing wonderful work. Our environmental grants were issued through our Environmentally Sustainable Projects (ESP) initiative, while our civil society grants were issued as SIPP mini-grants.

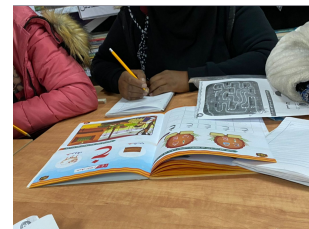
### Urban Garden

This project supported a series of workshops on urban gardening in East Jerusalem. Our grantee **Israel-Palestine Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI)** reported that 15 women were selected to participate – out of a pool of 50 applicants – and a series of workshops were conducted over the winter. In addition to developing gardens at their residences, the group implemented two community garden centers in East Jerusalem.



### Desert Eyes

This project helps Bedouin women in unrecognized villages in the Negev increase their literacy. Our grantee **Ramat HaNegev Regional Council** reported that 10 women have been active participants in over thirty classes conducted so far, and that they are receiving positive feedback from the early childhood component of the classes.



### Spoken Arabic

This project teaches Arabic to Jewish school children in Tel Aviv, while at the same time supporting cultural exchange between the kids, their parents, and the Arab-Israeli teachers. Our grantee **AMAL** reported that

- 32 Arab students/tutors were recruited, trained and placed in Jewish elementary schools.
- 15 Jewish schools participated in the program.
- 700 Jewish students receiving weekly Arabic instruction.

### **Placemaking in Taybeh**

This project increases pride-of-place in Taybeh where young Arab-Israelis conducted an environmentally themed place-making project. The project beautified an unattractive pedestrian bridge using recycled and re-purposed materials. Our grantee **Tishreen** reported that the project involved 25 volunteers spanning all age groups to work on the bridge that is used by approximately 3,000 people each day. Tishreen plans a social media campaign this spring to amplify the environmental values used in this project.



### **EMIS Student Workshop**

This program develops environmental leaders at the **Eastern Mediterranean International School (EMIS)** near Tel Aviv. We provided tuition stipends for three high school students – one West Bank Palestinian, one Israeli, and one Ukrainian – to develop and implement environmental programs at the school. The focus areas include 1) consumerism and waste, 2) environmental justice and access to resources, and 3) nature conservation. The students have taken environmental leadership positions at the school, including leading a number of environmental workshops.



### **Women Talk**

Another project that provides educational empowerment to Bedouin women, is a continuation of the **Ramat HaNegev Regional Council's Women Talk program** that SIPP supported last year and will be starting up again soon.

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Through these projects, SIPP has used small grants in partnership with regional organizations to create positive impacts in a large number of people.

For our mini-grant program to be successful, we need both your financial support and your expertise/passion. For example, a number of our projects involve education and we would like to focus more on environmental education. If you have an interest in working with us in environmental education, or on something else, [please contact us!](#)

## ANNOUNCING New Proposals for 2022/2023 Mini-Grants



SIPP is excited to announce that we are planning another round of mini-grants for projects emphasizing cross-cultural work that involves or impacts Israelis and Palestinians and aligns with SIPP's mission. We plan to issue a request for grant applications this summer and anticipate announcing the awards in the fall. Awards will not exceed \$3000, and the work should be completed by June 30, 2023. Information will be posted on our website. For more information contact [grants@SIPPProjects.org](mailto:grants@SIPPProjects.org).

## See you on Sunday, June 12th at the Boulder Jewish Festival!

Thanks to the Boulder chapter of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), SIPP will be sharing ADL's space at the upcoming [Boulder Jewish Festival](#) on June 12th on the Pearl Street Mall (in Boulder). If you are in Boulder this Sunday, please come by and say hello!



## Why Give to SIPP Today?

While the Israeli-Palestinian conflict may seem intractable, SIPP works on small tractable pieces of the larger conflict by identifying problems, building relationships, and supporting organizations and solutions that make a difference in resolving those problems. Success on these small pieces helps set the groundwork for addressing the larger issues.

As a small organization, we have been able to work with minimal overhead. However, without additional funds we are hampered by not being able to do more. We are asking for donations that will help us to expand our programs and help us increase our impact.

Please [click here](#) to donate to SIPP. Please also consider making a recurring donation because giving monthly is an easy and rewarding way to support SIPP's important work.

**Donations**

***Peace is a verb. Peace requires all of us to act.*** SIPP accomplishes our work through the volunteer efforts of our board members and others, and by raising funds to support important projects. We work hard to minimize our expenses and ensure accountability of grantees and donees.

But we need more funds to be more effective. **Act through us by making a donation today.**

If giving money is not your thing, we invite you to explore other ways to partner with us. Contact us at [info@sippprojects.org](mailto:info@sippprojects.org).

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