



Your Prayers and Gifts Build Peace

*One life, one family,
one school at a time*

Yes! *I want to support Pilgrims of Ibillin as we foster a just peace for all in Israel and Palestine through education.*

How your gift will help:

- **Scholarships:** Kindergarten tuition - \$300/year or \$25/month; Elementary tuition - \$650/year or \$55/month; High School tuition - \$450/year or \$40/month
- **Sponsor a child** who would be unable to afford a high quality education even with a scholarship
- **Merit scholarship** for high achievement - \$50
- A share in a **water purification unit** for a school in Gaza - \$72
- **Enrichment courses** in arts, culture, languages, for after-school Learning Center in Ibillin - \$150/month
- **Landscaping** to make the MEEI campus greener - any amount
- **Summer camp** and girls' sports programs in Bethlehem - any amount
- **Library** books, computers, games for new community libraries - any amount

*Thank you for your
generous support of
Pilgrims of Ibillin*



Pilgrims of Ibillin is an American 501c3 nonprofit, and donations are deductible under US tax law. The organization supports the Mar Elias Education Institutions in Ibillin, founded by Emeritus Archbishop Elias Chacour, and Peace Building Programs throughout Israel and Palestine. Tax # EIN 38-3243253

Mar Elias Education Institutions (MEEI) and our Peace-Building Partners

Diyar Girls' Soccer Program, Bethlehem, supporting young girls/women players' participation in a soccer program to build athletic, teamwork, and individual leadership skills.

Hope School, Beit Jala, a Christian charity school for orphans and needy children of all religions, receiving an education aimed to serve the whole student: mind, body, and spirit.

Maia Water Project, Gaza, provides purified drinking water for children and families.

Seraj Community Libraries, creating libraries, community centers and children's programs throughout the West Bank, often in impoverished areas with no other community resources such as those that Seraj provides.

St. George's Melkite Church, Zababdeh, where scholarships help promising students attend the local Catholic School and job creation programs help families stay in their homes instead of having to emigrate.

Wi'am Conflict Center, Bethlehem, where conflicts are mediated, youth learn about human rights and non-violence, women build job skills, and children enjoy playgrounds, summer camps, and Christmas and holiday celebrations.



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Give the Gift of Hope to the Mar Elias Educational Institutions

"The ethos of Mar Elias High School has always been to plant the seeds of love, peace, justice, acceptance and reconciliation in the hearts of the younger generation so that when they grow up, these seeds can flourish and bring a better future. Accepting "the other" plays a vital role in our daily lives because we cannot be whole in God or humanity without the other. "

— Elias Abu Ghanima, MEEI HS Principal

Mar Elias Educational Institutions

Mar Elias Education Institutions (MEEI) enrolls all students who accept the school's commitment to non-violence, respect, and academic excellence. There is always a long waiting list!

- MEEI's 3,000 students and teachers come from all of Israel's religious groups, from 35 villages around Galilee, the Jerusalem area, and even the Negev.
- MEEI routinely places in the top 10 of all schools across Israel in terms of test scores.
- More than 50% of the students are girls.
- From 3rd grade on, students study all 3 of Israel's languages - Arabic, Hebrew, English.
- More than half of the teachers hold advanced degrees M.A.'s or Ph.D.'s.
- MEEI serves as an advanced training center for teachers, especially in science and math.
- The Mar Elias Fitness Center offers fitness and healthtraining for the whole region.
- The new Learning Center is a regional resource offering enrichment classes like dance, music, and drama.

But what REALLY makes the Mar Elias Schools stand out?

- Everybody is respected and treated as a child of God.
- Nonviolence is modeled, and moral values are emphasized. Teachers and students alike nurture a sense of belonging, and work at creative problem-solving.
- Partnerships with Jewish Schools bring Christian, Muslim, Druze, and Jewish students together for classroom exchanges, workshops, and field trips.
- International exchanges send MEEI students to Italy, Germany, Canada, and the USA.
- Mar Elias is educating a generation of leaders who will be equipped to work for a peaceful future.



We appreciate your Gifts & Support

Please complete and return this panel along with your gift payment in an envelope. Make checks payable to "Pilgrims of Ibillin"; provide credit card information (below); or donate securely online at: www.pilgrimsofibilin.org/donate-now

Enclosed is my/our gift to support Pilgrims' mission.

Amount of Gift \$ _____

One Time Monthly Contribution

Gift in honor/memory of: _____

Send tribute acknowledgement to: _____

I am supporting Pilgrims of Ibillin with my tax-deductible donation. Direct my gift to this Peace Partner fund:

- General/Most needed Diyar Girls' Soccer
- MEEI - Scholarships Maia Water Project
- Wi'am: Conflict Ctr Hope School, Beit Jala
- Zababdeh Scholarships

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