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## What is THE Ultimate Peace?

This letter is written in order to share with you a point of view of a Frisbee lover who was born in Israel and lives its reality every day. **What is THE Ultimate Peace?**

The Arab-Israeli conflict is old and profound. Is there anywhere in the world where another conflict which began a short time after the creation of the world still goes on? Is there another present conflict about which you can read in the Bible?

Yesterday was the date on which 30 years ago the Egypt-Israeli peace treaty was signed between the Egyptian President Anwar Saadat and the Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, with the help of the USA government.

Those two distinguished leaders utterly understood the meaning of peace. Yet the two nations they represented did not. Therefore, 30 years after the signing, you cannot see Egyptian tourists on the beach in Tel Aviv, or Israeli tourists touring Cairo Streets.

Official peace is made between brave leaders - real peace is made between brave nations.

Most of my military service (1992-5) took place in Judea and Samaria as well as the Gaza strip. I saw the Palestinian people live in a sub-human standard of living. I saw the sewage running open in the alleys. I saw the fear and the fury in the people's eyes.

On the other side, I saw a bus (#5) full of men, women and children explode like a balloon in the middle of Dizengoff Street in Tel Aviv. This created in me my own fear and anger.

The conflict did not result in two peoples on two opposite sides, but two injured fearful and pessimistic peoples ON THE SAME SIDE. Therefore, I now take the liberty of writing on behalf of both.

The Ultimate Peace project was founded in order to create closeness and trust between human beings whoever and wherever they are - a holy cause we can all agree upon. If we think about our intention and impact as a tree, we have the choice either to be a branch or a root (source) in creating peace.

To have an event of Frisbee for 150 Palestinian and Israeli children is awesome, but it is a "branch". To have a huge Frisbee event under the U.P slogan and to bring thousands of people together and give them a new way of looking at sport, play, and communication - this is to influence, to transform perceptions, **to change!**

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This project is meant not to be a “branch’ but a ”root” which holds in the earth, brings stability, and can grow and develop to something bigger, wider and deeper. This can enable many people to communicate through the power of the Frisbee.

Some people have asked why we are making such a big production, why the HAT tournament, why so much PR and media?

This is why - if we want to have broad impact we have to bring as many people as possible to see and support what we are doing, to participate, to WITNESS. And if we bring hundreds of people this time, thousands will come for the next one, and so on.

Peace between Israel and Palestine is part of the U.P's vision, but what about peace between Israeli's and themselves? What about peace between Palestinians and themselves?

Can there be peace between two nations that are constantly fighting among themselves? NO!

Can we do something to change that? I believe so.

Our vision and goals for U.P are aligned with reality, and to me, this is the only way. We must address these issues within our own culture as much as we do across cultures.

I think we will all see very soon just how exciting and powerful this project will be.

See you soon!

Sincerely  
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