The Diplomatic Spouses’ Club Israel (DSCI) Presents:

Building Bridges with Budo for Peace

Sunday, May 19, 2013
Weil Auditorium
Look at the faces of the children performing on stage tonight, they will offer you a glimpse into the world of Budo for Peace. The vivid collage of cultures, religions and lifestyles is as colorful and vibrant as the multi-colored belts which they wear with such pride.

These young children of all origins, backgrounds, religions & denominations, Jews, Arabs, Druze, Bedouin, native born Israelis and immigrants from Ethiopia, Russia, India and more, mirror the very mosaic that is the Israeli society.

Since its inception in 2004, Budo for Peace has committed to creating social environments that will enable such children, wherever they are, to recognize and maximize their individual potential and grow in a shared society that promotes tolerance, respect for the other, and harmonious integration between diverse communities.

The remarkable fusion of East-Asian principles applied to the complex Middle Eastern climate encourages and guides our young students to embrace diversity, resolve conflicts in peaceful ways, and become responsible leaders of our tomorrow. By focusing on the neutral and exotic magnetism of these age-old traditions, philosophies and techniques, we are able to create a common platform for intimate interactions based on mutual interests. The mere opportunity for these young adults to engage their peers is often the only opportunity most of them will ever have to meet each other on equal, inherently-friendly terms. Moreover, the focus of these profound encounters urges participants to literally and figuratively join hands and unite through touch, eye contact and physical connection.

With a fast growing eco-system made of dozens of clubs throughout Israel, and a similarly increasing number of affiliates and schools in other Middle Eastern, European and Asia Pacific countries, Budo for Peace regularly brings together groups of budding martial artists for shared educational seminars which advocate values of empowerment and self-development through unique educational content designed especially for this purpose.

Budo for Peace also operates in parallel domains, providing enrichment and empowerment programs especially personalized for children at risk, immigrant communities, and women.
I would like to express my special thanks to Eden Goldberger and the DSCI Committee for their tremendous efforts to make this evening such a success, for believing in our mission and for helping us to continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of children and young adults throughout the region.

We invite you to become a member and supporter of Budo for Peace, to ensure that children everywhere may continue to grow in harmonious communities based on equality, and to enable them to realize their aspirations and potential.

Danny Hakim  
Founder & Chairman, Budo for Peace

The Diplomatic Spouses’ Club Israel (DSCI) was founded some 20 years ago. Our members are all spouses and partners, both men and women, of diplomats accredited to Israel. We have over 125 members from dozens of countries and six continents. The DSCI organizes a wide range of activities, such monthly lectures on contemporary subjects; visits to Israeli museums, parks, restaurants, and concerts; as well as sports activities. Once a month, we organize interesting and informative trips around Israel for our members. Our goals are to learn about Israel, meet new people, make friends, share ideas and knowledge, and have fun together!

In addition to our activities, one of the DSCI’s main objectives is to support the community and local charities. Previous projects have benefited the Orthodox Scouts of Jaffa, L.O. Combat Violence Against Women, Micha — The Sound of Hope, the Dror Association, Beit Issie Shapiro, the Mifneh Program at the Jezreel Valley Center for the Arts, and MEET, Middle East Education Through Technology.

This year, for our Annual Gala, we have chosen to support Budo for Peace (BFP) and their annual BFP nation-wide, multi-ethnic Summer Camp. Many of us were inspired by the documentary “Shadya”, and we wanted to learn more about the organization that came out of that experience. Meeting Danny Hakim and the dedicated team at Budo for Peace, learning about their core values and educational program, and seeing the smiling faces of the children and young adults from all over Israel, we knew we had found a great organization to support and help make a difference.

We are very grateful to see so many friends here supporting us tonight!

Eden Goldberger,  
DSCI President
Budo for Peace (BFP) is a registered Israeli educational NPO which uses traditional martial arts to connect and bring together children and youth from diverse social, economic and cultural backgrounds. The innovative educational program, developed by pedagogical educators and martial arts teachers, fosters unity, leadership & promotes and instills core values. BFP tailors its curriculum to promote peace & coexistence, women’s empowerment, Ethiopian immigrant integration and at-risk youth. Currently, the organization operates 17 active martial arts clubs throughout the country for children aged 8-18. Each club meets on a bi-weekly basis for training sessions which incorporate educational activities aimed to promote the founding Budo values, including self control, harmony, responsibility, courtesy, integrity, humility, order and tolerance. In addition, BFP offers culturally-sensitive joint encounters, youth leadership seminars and community activities in order to expose the youth to the multi-faceted sides of Israeli society, equip them with essential life skills and cultivate good citizenship and community involvement.

**Budo For Peace Annual Summer Camp**

Each year, over 300 Budo for Peace youth from clubs throughout the country kick start their summer with an exciting nation-wide summer camp tailored to the cultural, gender and ethnic make-up of the young members. The multi-ethnic two-day encounter incorporates adrenalin-pumping martial arts training sessions, educational and cultural activities and games, as well as an array of entertaining performances. This unique event serves as the highlight of BFP’s yearly activities and serves as the ultimate expression of social harmony between the various sectors in Israeli and regional society, reminding us that laughter, similar to sport, is a universal language which connects us all.
The Evening's Performers

**Lod, El Razi Elementary School**

Jewish instructor and educational coordinator, Sensei Uri Wolff, chose a unique way to select the evening’s performers from his club for 4th to 6th graders at the El Razi Elementary School for the Arab sector in the town of Lod. The class democratically elected 2 of their peers, Mustafa (9) and Ahmed (10), who they collectively felt were most worthy to represent the group.

This creative approach symbolizes the deep and respectful relationship upheld within the walls of the club (dojo), where in spite of the language, cultural and ethnic barriers between instructor and students, the youth learn to live by the Budo values and to appreciate and be considerate of their peers.

**Abu Kweidar**

It is in the sandy desert terrain of his home town, on the edge of a camel field in Abu Kweidar, an unrecognized Bedouin village in the south of Israel, where Sensei Hazem Abu Kweidar built the first and only local karate school. On the walls of this free-standing building the words “Warriors of the Desert” encourage his constantly growing school to work hard at their craft. Both Hazem, as well as many of his students, are devout Muslims but also recognize the importance of leaving the village and connecting with the outside world through Karate. The BFP club in Abu Kweidar is one of the organization’s longest standing clubs, with its members having represented Budo for Peace in numerous local and international arenas, including the International World Karate Championships held in Sydney, Australia last year. Tonight’s performers, Ward (19), Mohammed (14), Hamuda (16) & Taha (17), who all hold black belts, are dedicated and valued Budo for Peace students and Youth Leaders (Sempais).

**Kirat Gat, Absorption Center & New High School**

The young members of the Kiryat Gat club exemplify the unique melting pot of cultures and backgrounds which characterizes Israeli society. Tonight’s performers represent two separate BFP clubs for children aged 9-17 each run by veteran BFP instructor, an immigrant himself, Sensei Emmanuel Kimyagrov. Asfa (17) & Santoi (16), new teenage immigrants from Ethiopia who participate at the club at the Kiryat Gat Absorption Center, will share the mat with Offek (9) and Or (12), of Argentinean and Indian origins respectively, from the veteran BFP club run at the local High School. In spite of their age differences, martial arts experience and distinctive cultural roots and heritages, the four boys draw...
on their shared passion for martial arts to learn from each other and work together in order develop their skills as budding martial artists and future young leaders.

**Ma’ale Iron & Baka Al Garbia**
Sanad (14), Karam (17), Mwra (16) and Igbaria (12) are all committed members of the BFP affiliate clubs run by Budo for Peace Educational Coordinator, Sensei Robeen Arkia. The clubs, in Ma’ale Iron & Baka Al Garbia, are situated in the cluster of Arab towns on the foothills of the Samarian mountain range, commonly known as the “Triangle Region”. The group practices the traditional Goju Ryu style of Karate originating in Okinawa, Japan.

This summer, Sanad, who has demonstrated outstanding leadership potential over the years, was handpicked to participate at an American sports camp in Pennsylvania in conjunction with The Peace Camp Initiative. We are confident that Sanad will serve as a fitting ambassador for Budo for Peace, his club as well as the region as a whole.

**Synchronized Kata by BFP Instructors**

Tonight, instructors, Baruch Frank and Hazem Abu Kweidat together with BFP Founder, Danny Hakim, will demonstrate the sense of harmony, solidarity and togetherness promoted by Budo for Peace in a moving martial arts sequence. Today, Hazem, a devout Muslim, runs two BFP groups in his village for Bedouin youth aged 9-17 in the village’s first and only local karate school which he built by hand.

In contrast, Baruch, a religious new immigrant from Poland, instructs two BFP clubs for Ethiopian youth in conjunction with the Shiluvim Program in Haifa and Kiryat Haim.

Before his arrival to Israel, Baruch ran a Budo for Peace affiliate club for mentally challenged youth, Budo for Dignity, in his hometown in Poland.

This special group rallied for the rights and dignity for individuals with special needs and strengthened their sense of self-esteem and over-all psychological condition. By shelving their differences of religion, nationality and race and concentrating on the mutual grounding which connects us- our passion for martial arts and our shared desire to bring about a more inclusive society, their distinct backgrounds, lifestyles and experiences will merge together in a unique expression of tolerance, friendship and cultural acceptance.
Kazuo Ishii, Calligrapher

Kazuo Ishii's interest in calligraphy began at the tender age of nine, when he began to study the traditional art direction of his uncle, a professional calligrapher himself. Over the years Ishii’s works have been exhibited in internationally acclaimed museums, galleries and institutions, including The National Museum of History, Beijing, The Vilnius Academy of Fine Art, Lithuania, Lahti Art Museum, Finland as well as the Israel Museum of Art. In addition to his work as an artist, Ishii teaches his craft to others, initially at the University of Haifa and currently at Tel Aviv University, as well as in the “Shiboku Studio” which he founded in 2006 and which provides others with the opportunity to study the art of calligraphy and ink painting.

Takanori Kawaharada, Swordsman & performing artist

Takanori is an internationally praised rising dancer, choreographer and Kendo-ka. During the course of his university studies in Japan, Takanori discovered his flair for physical expression and began to pursue his artistic career, subsequently moving to Israel to further his studies in the fields of theater and dance. Takanori has performed in Israel and abroad both in his capacity as a member of the Clipa Theatre as well as independently as a solo artist. In addition to his work as a performing artist, Takanori is an award-winning Kendo-ka, having represented Israel at several international Kendo Championships. He currently holds the title of Israeli National Kendo Champion. He also teaches Kendo, the modern Japanese martial art of sword-fighting, to children and adults, including students at Budo for Peace Youth Seminars.
The Dov Hoz Vocal Group

Situated in the heart of bustling Tel Aviv, the Dov Hoz High School represents the last chance for many of its students to successfully complete formal schooling, attain a profession of their choosing, enlist into the army and to become contributing citizens to Israeli society.

Noam, Gilad, Tal and Orel, the four talented members of the school’s Vocal Group, reflect the unique character and make-up of the school, each expressing his personal style and life story though the art of song.

The youngsters have previously shared the stage with local entertainment icons, including Shlomy Shabbat and Avi Kushnir, as well as appearing on the televised Annual Variety Israel Charity Event in 2013.

Lina Makhoul

Lina, a 19 year old Catholic-Arab from the coastal city of Acre, was recently crowned the 2013 winner of “The Voice” Israel. From the start of the competition, Lina left a lasting impression on the program’s musical mentors as well as audiences alike due to her mesmerizing vocal abilities and charm. Lina completed her National Service as a volunteer in Magen David Adom. As a successful and empowered young Arab women who serves as a role model to others, we felt it appropriate for her to share the stage with Budo for Peace youngsters who may be motivated by her symbolic achievements.
Program
Introductory Remarks

Vocal performance by students from The Dov Hoz High School, Tel Aviv

Martial Arts Performances by representatives from the BFP clubs
*Lod Club, Arab youth, Instructor: Uri Wolff
*Kiryat Gat club, Jewish youth, Instructor: Emmanuel Kimyagrov
*Baka Al Garbiya-Ma’ale Iron Club, Arab youth, Instructor: Robeen Arkia; Abu Kweidar club, Bedouin youth, Instructor: Hazem Abu Kweidar

Showcase of BFP educational game

Synchronized Kata (martial arts demonstration) by multi-ethnic instructors
Danny Hakim, Hazem Abu Kweidar, Baruch Frank

Swordsmanship & Calligraphy show
Takanori Kawaharada & Kazuo Ishii

Vocal performance by Lina Makhoul, winner of ‘The Voice Israel’ 2013

Final vocal performance by students from The Dov Hoz High School, Tel Aviv

Closing remarks

Silent auction and reception in the Sculpture Garden, hosted by Master of Ceremonies David Madden and featuring the live music of the Gilad Chazav Trio with Gilad Chazav-Piano and Stewart Welch-Bass
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