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N: I think that my my concern comes from this way we as a Palestinian living in our land in peace if I say that we have like 25 cities and town and thousands of villages so the Palestinian society is villages people living before 48 and those farmers whose living don't have any communications about what's going on in Europe in Germany and in Holocaust and 2nd war they are simple people then suddenly we find hundreds of thousands of Europeans Jewish came to Palestine without knowing anything about that so the Palestinian to their mind why do we have to pay the price for what Hitler or Stalin did what we we did wrong to pay the price for who kill Jewish in Holocaust in Europe we did nothing to pay that price so that comes with the feeling of unfair then I realized that the Jewish people feel that every time Jewish people go to pray they dream of Jerusalem and the promise land okay that's fine you can come to visit Jerusalem and Palestine anytime I can tell that the population of Palestine we have 7-10 percent Palestine Israeli, Palestinian Jewish, Palestinian Muslim Palestinian Christian living together before Israel exists after 48 the Palestine become minority thus we educated ourselves with the people we have dialog group they talk about they have right with promise land for 2000 years ago I can't discuss religion issue wit the people who believe because religion is god is perfect people is not so we learn a lot to share our fear in that I believe that like this dialog is not just to make a create a political plan for solution is grow in terms of friendship that will not effect political situation political solution they need power and justice from the US we talk about here peace in our community as US citizenship this is my view for this one I'm not going t that group to fins political solution because that goes hundreds of thousands of years between Jewish and Arab the people in Israel and the people in Palestine 7000 miles they know what they need I'm talking about ourselves here as American citizens share it together in peace Palestinian background or Jewish background.

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Q: Alfa the first time Jews invited to home?

A: Yes, um you know my education um hate Israeli because I feel Israeli took my country and this is what I learn from my education I can not feel okay with Israeli people but after that when I met Jewish people here I met good friend some people nice and I feel okay with them but before that I can not.

Q:

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A: Yea, it was too difficult for me before I meet like these people but after that I feel some people from Jewish people very nice and I can make friendship with them here in America.

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A: Yeah first time he asks me to make like dinner to people that come from Landmark education and the leader was from he is Jewish and the first time when he send me Jewish people to my home I asked him how can Palestinian people with Jewish people together I said how can I was shocked but after that I was okay.

09:00

(Grandson)

Q: Sharing dialog with others in Arab community?

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N: It's not easy it's really difficult to share our feelings with this dialog with Arabs and out Arab Palestinian communities here especially when we hear form new that there is news that violence from overseas suicide bombing and apache attack and Israeli army attack and they have killed people there the environment s and situation when it becomes bloody it is not easy you talk about peace and we met with dinner how can meet with two pictures and meet and with dinner when the other pictures news from Fox TV from CNN from Al Jazeera when they talk about the bloody from overseas killing everyday so these two pictures can not link together we tell them we can go more speed with this one so we try to keep ourselves in slow until we find wise leader from both sides who believe in peace and until then we have two picture linked together in harmony so that effect me when I go very close friend to myself talking about dialog talking about my feeling with dialog but I'm not going public with this one I'm waiting to find the right time and that right time when we hear hope from the middle east when we have some UN resolution of cease fire, stop fighting and our group can grow in America and in Canada and can spread the word of peace but with war how can we do that it's not harmony in two pictures

(grandson)

Q: Rami meeting

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A: Yes Rami told me about this story about his daughter being killed I told you before about my educating that I hate Israeli's and I feel anything bad about what happened to Israeli people about when Rami came here and told me about his daughter I had different feelings towards Israeli people he touched my heart I feel what happened fro his daughter maybe happened t my daughter also I don't like to tell civilian people I like everybody to live with peace Israeli people and Jewish people and Muslim people in Palestine everywhere this is what touch my heart really and I told him in what he said about his story I told him his story touched my heart and I feel sorry about you and your wife and how you lose your daughter

Q: Did you cry?

A: Yes and I cry with him and I told him I don't like civilian people to kill everywhere I like to peace for everyone

Q:

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A: Yes, Yes this is first time I met Jewish people from Israel.

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(grandson)

N: this is Salam Shalom Peace and this is our possibility I give him this name Salam it mean Shalom he is my grandchildren

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A: yes I am an Arabic teacher children here from my community born here I teach them Arabic and our holy book and Islamic education.

Q:

A: no just Arabic.

Q:

Arabic and some English I explain something to them about Islamic education

Q:

Between 4 years and 12 and also I have some American others that come to my home to learn Arabic

Q:

I have about 20 students

Q:

I start to teach Arabic in Islamic center about 20 years ago now I have my own school a little school in my home.

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Q:

N: After I met people some people with our dialog especially Miko um it comes by chance last August he had his vacation to visit his house in west Jerusalem and I had my vacation in August to visit Aman and Nazareth by chance I met him there and he came to my home in Nazareth and I came to Jerusalem and met his house and when we came back I felt with my wife became more close to his wife and he has 3 children 2 boys and one girl and two boys like the same age as my last two boys Sammy and User and he has same age so we become close I invite him to my house many time for dinner then he invite me to his house in Coronado he invite me for dinner to stay 1 hour max 2 hours we felt at home with warm hospitably instead of leaving after 2 hours we leave at almost midnight we go together to the beach and our kids play with bicycles and footballs and Alfa spending time with his wife in the kitchen I'm with Miko watching TV and talking about our people so instead of sitting and talking for 2 hours 12 noon we leave after 11 pm I don't realize (Grandson interrupts sound)

20:53 I said you know Miko there is 5 different levels of friendship in my mind first become friends second close friend 3rd more close 4th cousins 5th brother I feel we have passed the first stage my feeling is we will pass the levels and become more that cousins or brothers same with my wife and our children we have plan I move here in a big house

with 9 bedrooms I told Miko you have two bedrooms to stay in my house to come and stay and we go swimming my the pool he said yes in the summer time he will come to Escondido and will stay two nights 3 night with me because we have become close

Q: Did you think this could happen?

N: No it's like miracle I have no plan to do that the bottom line is that since I become American citizen I like to be honest with integrity I like to share with who has citizenship with me in the same level I'm here in America

Q: Anything Else

23:17

N: I feel I need t mention that it's not just a breakthrough that I've become close to Jewish people that share citizenship also that comes to my personal family story I have 6 children 4 boys and 2 girls one of my 2 girls she get married with American man and that really big steps for my family to agree according to our Palestinian culture that comes our open mind with our humility with our relationship with others until now my grandchildren came from my daughter Camellia and that's Corey this is my only grandchildren that comes from American man that has me feeling I am bad with Palestinian because I have 5 with Palestinian background and number 6 with American background comes to mind so how much we are in the same community it can send a message that you are my community and Islam is not the enemy our Palestine are not terrorism we are American and we are proud to live harmony any American that shares citizenship.

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Picture of grandfather

Woman

School

Nazareth painting

Arabic alphabet