

## Musical Dialogue in the time of Corona



Dear colleague -

I hope you and your families are in good health and that you are managing these challenging days.

It seems that it is important to encourage musical dialogue especially in these days, when so many people, from all sectors and cultures are in quarantine and isolation, and want contact and togetherness.

To promote this, we are inviting music therapists from all over the world, to join a Musical Dialogue group. The goal is to meet, to listen and acknowledge each other, to practice respect and tolerance towards each other and to bring brotherhood, connection and love to the world. In the group, we will embark on a journey of connecting and speaking between residents from different countries, between populations who believe in different religions, between sectors and cultures. We will use the power of music, tools and techniques developed in music therapy practice, and we will do this based on Zoom app and other technological appliances.

The group will be held Wednesday afternoons, on a weekly basis, from 22/4/20 for 8 sessions. I will be facilitating the sessions in English. The number of participants who can join is very limited, so please hurry to contact me and to register.

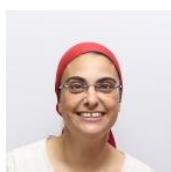
Possibly, after the group is over, we will continue with a course in which you will be trained to guide musical dialogue groups between conflict groups.

You can watch an example of a unique musical dialogue project, which I initiated and set up. These groups took place in Beit- Shemesh, a city known for its conflicts between religious and secular communities. [https://youtu.be/hk0Xi\\_i7zaw](https://youtu.be/hk0Xi_i7zaw)

For further details and registration, please contact me: [eebaruch@gmail.com](mailto:eebaruch@gmail.com)

Best wishes,

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Elana Baruch, is an experienced music therapist and supervisor. She has a private clinic and works with children and adults with various clinical needs. She initiated musical dialogue groups for conflict groups in Israel and established the School of Musical Dialogue at Bar Ilan University - a training program to guide conflict groups with the help of music. She is currently working on her PhD dissertation at Bar-Ilan University and lectures in the music therapy program at Bar-Ilan University, Israel.