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About the Peace Puppets project

Peace Puppets is an initiative to get 1,000 hand and finger puppets to kids aged 2 through 10 who live in Southern Israel and Gaza. The first shipment of puppets will be in mid-September 2014. Upon arrival, the puppets will be distributed to six schools in both regions, along with guidance to teachers on how to help children to use the puppets to tell their stories and provide companionship.

The forming of this project is the result of two friends, Irit Weir and Robin Fletcher, sharing their sadness about the violence in Israel and Gaza for everyone, especially the children. They feel there is a need for a non-political forum in which children can give, share, and express their stories. Puppets are a catalyst for this.

Once the idea was in place Irit and Robin reached out to their communities for help. Master Puppeteers, Ilene Kennedy and husband, Mike quickly responded. donating 180 puppets, 88 homemade. Others took the reins for website development, packaging, and all other responsibilities that are essential to making the Project work. Please visit our [Donate](#) page to see how you can help.



Irit Weir meeting the puppets.

Meet the Team



Irit Weir
Organizer



Robin Fletcher
Organizer



Ilene & Mike Kennedy
Master Puppeteers



Barbara Schwartz
Website & Graphic Designer

Would sing in public for world peace especially in the middle East. Founder of "Acupuncture clinic of Napa." Deep gratitude for my life within the larger tapestry of our humanity - my children and husband Ernie, Maya, Yoni and Tamar. love to paint with oil and eat fresh corn. Love, good news!

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Dancer, Entrepreneur, and Pragmatic Idealist who believes in the power of love without apology and that children are not only our greatest hope but our teachers.

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Puppeteers and owners of Kennedy Puppets whose mission it is to make puppets for kids undergoing extreme difficulty and isolation. Ilene knows from her own experience of having to stay in a hospital for a year at the age of 13, the important role puppets can have in bringing a bit of joy to difficult times.

Mac addict since it came on the scene in the 80's, Barbara spends a good deal of her time creating digital art. Photoshop aficionado and student of always emerging new technologies. Mother of two, and wife of wonderful frenchman. Citizen of the world, committed to world peace.

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