

THE ALEXANDER RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN ISRAELIS & PALESTINIANS

a discussion with Amos Brandeis



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ABOUT THIS AWARD-WINNING PROJECT: The Alexander River flows through the northern part of the Tel Aviv metropolitan area. The river actually crosses borders, since it flows from the Palestinian city of Nablus in the Samarian Hills up to the estuary of the Mediterranean Sea in Israel.

The Alexander River Restoration Administration was founded in 1995 with the aim of restoring the Alexander River, and enjoys a unique collaboration with its Palestinian neighbors from the district and town of Tul Karem. They share a desire to solve the severe ecological problems posed by the polluted river. Thanks to two agreements, of a unique nature, signed by local Palestinian and Israeli leaders and pertaining to the restoration of the river, this cooperation survives through difficult times as well. The joint environmental project was already partly constructed with the assistance of the German Government. The plans for the future are large scale and comprehensive. Ecology, which knows no political borders, has become a unique bridge between people from both sides of the security fence.

More details about this project can be found online: www.restorationplanning.com/alex.html

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