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### Harmony + Hope Benefit Concert

San Francisco, CA – The Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties (JCRC) has announced “Harmony + Hope,” a major new benefit concert through its Invest in Peace initiative, in partnership with the YMCA of San Francisco. The concert will bring The Jerusalem Youth Chorus together with Project Level for a one-time only performance at San Francisco City Hall on January 9, 2020. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the performers, which are nonprofits engaged in important coexistence and youth-empowerment work.

“This is Invest in Peace’s first benefit event and we are delighted to be able to bring together performers of the caliber of The Jerusalem Youth Chorus and Project Level. This is a free concert, but we strongly encourage donations to support these organizations. With your help we can make a difference in the lives of these youth and build a better world for the future,” said Karen Stiller, JCRC Middle East Project Director.

The concert will feature performances by both groups, as well as joint performances. The audience will have the opportunity to join in a participatory experience of The Jerusalem Youth Chorus’ unique method of conflict resolution through song.

**The Jerusalem Youth Chorus** empowers young Israeli and Palestinians singers to become leaders for peace in their communities by providing a space where they can engage one another in musical and verbal dialogue. Through this combination of high-level music making and interpersonal engagement, the Jerusalem Youth Chorus seeks to create a life-changing experience for its members.

<https://jerusalemyouthchorus.org>

Founded in 2012, **Project Level** is a groundbreaking, socially active non-profit program that nurtures the creative needs of at-risk and underserved Bay Area inner-city youth. Its team is dedicated to providing a safe, experiential learning environment where youth can freely express themselves through learning all aspects of the entertainment industry. <https://www.projectlevel.org/>

**Invest in Peace**, an initiative of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, seeks to bolster and promote people-to-people efforts on the ground among Palestinians and Israelis to promote self-determination and a shared future for both peoples. The initiative includes a coalition of Bay Area community activists, business owners, academics, elected officials and leaders from labor, non-profit and faith-based groups.

<http://investinpeace.org/>

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