Dear committee

In this letter I am willing to recommended on Shimi Friedman's for his possible research application as it is wished to be supported by your Foundation.

I have know Dr. Friedman since his earlier days as an young scholar and a lecturer under my supervision (2007). Since his master, which was wrote on children under social-political circumstances at east Jerusalem, deep insight and sensitive vision was well showed from his fieldworks.

His second significant research for the PhD project was defiantly present a high researcher skills. During his unique and first ever, ethnographic fieldwork on the topic of the Hilltop Youth at the spaces of Hebron hills, Shimi have had to use his special communicate and interaction skills to get those marginal youth trust while doing participate observation, spontaneous talks ect.

For the current research suggested here, I was happy to see his choice which might bringing him back to this sensitivity and important field of the Israeli-Palestine conflict that not many researchers wish to touch. His interested and specialized on children and youth, together with his abilities as a high standard researcher, will sure help on the mixed soccer games between Israeli-Palestinian kids at the east neighborhoods of Jerusalem.

Rival, aggression, and tense atmosphere have been non welcome guests in the middle east since ever, which unfortunately, became a routine at Jerusalem as well. Therefore, an importance contribute can grow from this research, which focus on share meetings between the social groups. As Friedman's wrote in his first research, sharing childhood can bring for a re-socialization process, so the impact on the community came from bottom-up; from the children to the adults. The current suggestion will give a quality case study for understanding the possibility to reduce aggression and promote peace between the groups.

Summering the above I am full confidence on Shimi Friedman's research suggestion for being an importance and successful theme.