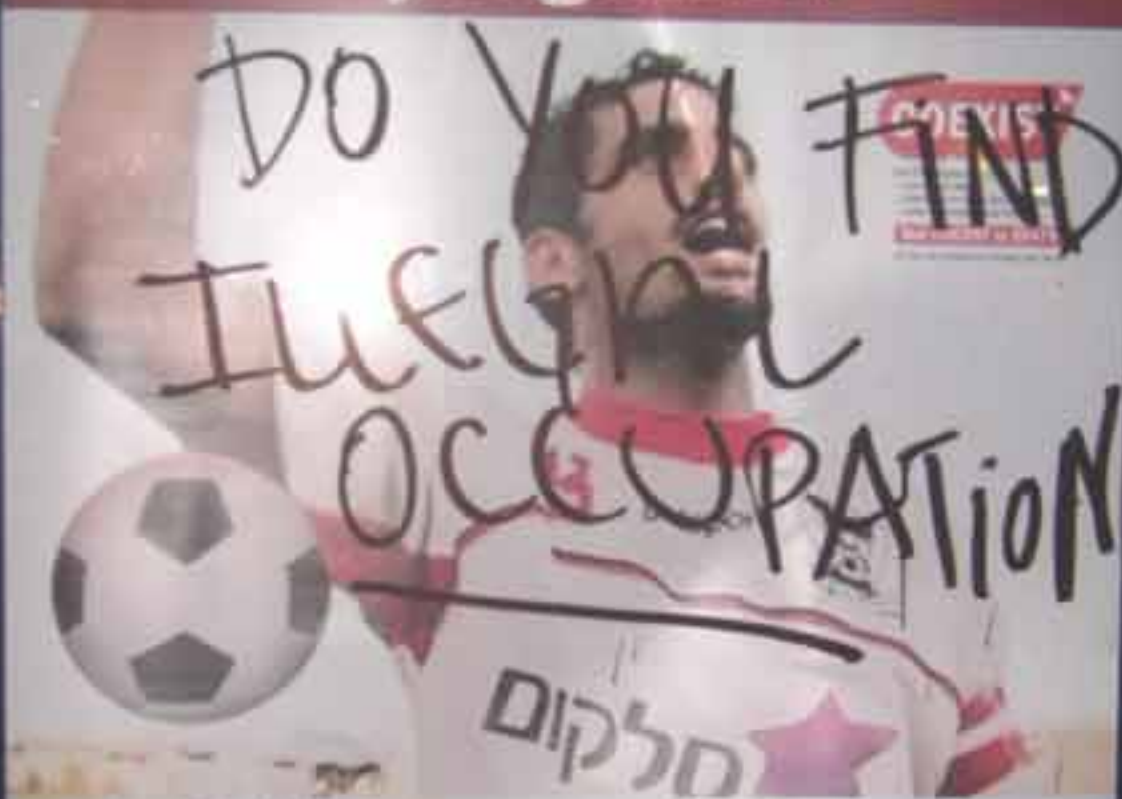


Where in the Middle East

~~Jews and Arabs~~

Play Together?



Only in  
Israel

They train together on a pitch surrounded by olive groves. They are the team of the Arab-Israeli town of Sakhnin, winners of the 2004 Israeli national soccer championship and home of mega star Shimon Ahetz. The team is made up of Jews and Arabs.

Shimon Ahetz, an Israeli Arab, "I think it's very important for the whole country to know how to practice co-existence."

His growing popularity among all Israelis has been hailed as an example of how Israelis can bridge the gap between warring communities. "I think generally speaking, the Israeli has great intentions. He or she can play with anyone, even in conflict."

...who sees no distinction between Arabs and Jews."

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