

Dar El-Tifl – Jerusalem



Founded: 1948

Director: Mahira Dajani

Size: Over 1,000 girls

Classes: Kindergarten -- grade 12

Faculty: 55 teachers



Boarding: The boarding section can provide accommodation for up to 300 girls. Girls are divided by age and housed in small groups with a teacher/mother. The school has a full kitchen that prepares fresh, hot meals. During rough times, the school provides limited food supplies to day students and their families.

Curriculum: The school offers a full academic curriculum as well as physical education and creative arts classes in its spacious playgrounds and art rooms.

Special Programs:

- ◆ *Dar El-Tifl museum* exhibiting valuable hand-embroidered Palestinian dresses and crafts.
- ◆ *Dar Isaaf Al-Nashashibi Center for Culture and Arts* contains a great library with historic manuscripts and other reference books. It also holds occasional art exhibits and arts-related seminars.

History: Dar El-Tifl (House of Children) was founded by the late Miss Hind Hussein as a shelter for 55 boys and girls left orphaned by the Deir Yassin village massacre. In 1949, she expanded the shelter to help the growing number of needy and orphaned children in Jerusalem and neighboring communities. To accommodate the increasing number of students, Miss Hussein used her grandfather's house outside the Old City as the site of the present day school.

