JUMP FOR JORDAN

Mayors, municipal representatives and youth from Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Jordan built rafts together and then jumped into the lower Jordan River yesterday as part of Friends of the Earth Middle East’s ‘Big Jump’ campaign to help rehabilitate the river. The ‘Big Jump’ takes place throughout Europe, calling for local citizens to take responsibility for their rivers, and for governments to support their rehabilitation. Yesterday’s event, which took place at Yardenit, just south of Degania –the last short stretch of the river where clean water still flows – aimed to do the same in the Middle East. (Adi Gerald)