Student film documents the planning of peace park in Jordan

“Bridging Waters: Creating a Peace Park on the River Jordan,” a documentary about an environmental sanctuary for peace in the Middle East spearheaded by an Israeli environmentalist (and former Yale World Fellow), will be shown at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, in Rm. 250 of the Jeffrey Loria Center for the History of Art, 190 York St.

Produced and directed by then-Yale juniors Sofia Solomon and Reid Wittman, “Bridging Waters” follows a brainstorming session held in Jordan in May 2008, at which architects, environmentalists and planners from Yale, Israel, Jordan and Palestine hatched out ideas for a sustainable ecosystem on the Jordan-Israel border.

Alan Plattus, professor of urbanism and architecture at Yale School of Architecture and director of the Yale Urban Design Workshop, led the Yale delegation. Environmentalist and peace activist Gidon Bromberg, the Israeli director of EcoPeace/Friends of the Earth Middle East, is a major proponent and driving force of the project. He was a Yale World Fellow in 2007.

The site of the project, at the ruined Rotenberg Hydroelectric Station of the Palestine Electric Company, is believed by some biblical scholars to be where the Garden of Eden stood.

The film screening, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by short remarks and a question-and-answer session with Bromberg, Plattus and other members of the Yale design team.

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Yale architecture students are shown here working on their design for the sustainable ecosystem at a brainstorming session with environmentalists and planners from Israel, Jordan and Palestine.