

Salam Najjar is the sole 'mommy blogger' on the Planet. Salam squeezes in writing her unique perspective between of the balancing act of being wife, mother of two and professional.

Salam, like the others highlighted, has always loved to read and to write. Her father journaled his thoughts from his childhood and had a wonderful way with words, the reading of which inspired Salam to follow in his footsteps. In high school she enjoyed writing for the school newspaper.

She ended up studying architecture at JU rather than pursuing writing as a profession, and found a new source of encouragement to write when she married her husband Samer.

Samer was the one who actually discover Jordan Planet when doing a Google search. He called her over to check it out, and said "You should try this, Salam". She says she fell in love with the concept of writing on-line and reading intriguing posts by other like-minded Jordanians. Salam wasted no time in choosing a template and starting her own web log at blogger.com.

"I didn't initially plan on anyone else reading my posts, it was mostly a place to journal my own feelings and rant", Salam says, "When people actually started making positive comments about my writing, it was a big surprise. It showed me that it wasn't just a silly waste of time. It also showed me that there was a vibrant, energetic writing community in Jordan that I had no idea existed, and they accepted me as one of them". She then applied to Jordan Planet to be one of their 'official citizens' and joined the waiting list for consideration.

It was the November 11 bombing that truly knit Salam to the JP community. "I was immediately concerned for the people I had come to know on-line, and the blog gave us a place to come together, exchange information and express our disbelief. I emailed Issam Bayazidi immediately and said "You have to let me in now. I need to be a part of this community!" He let me join then.

Salam would like to encourage other women from her season of life added their voices to the planet on-line dialogue. "We have an element of experience and wisdom we can add to the discussion. And some day all these young bloggers may marry and have children, and we can exchange parenting ideas!"