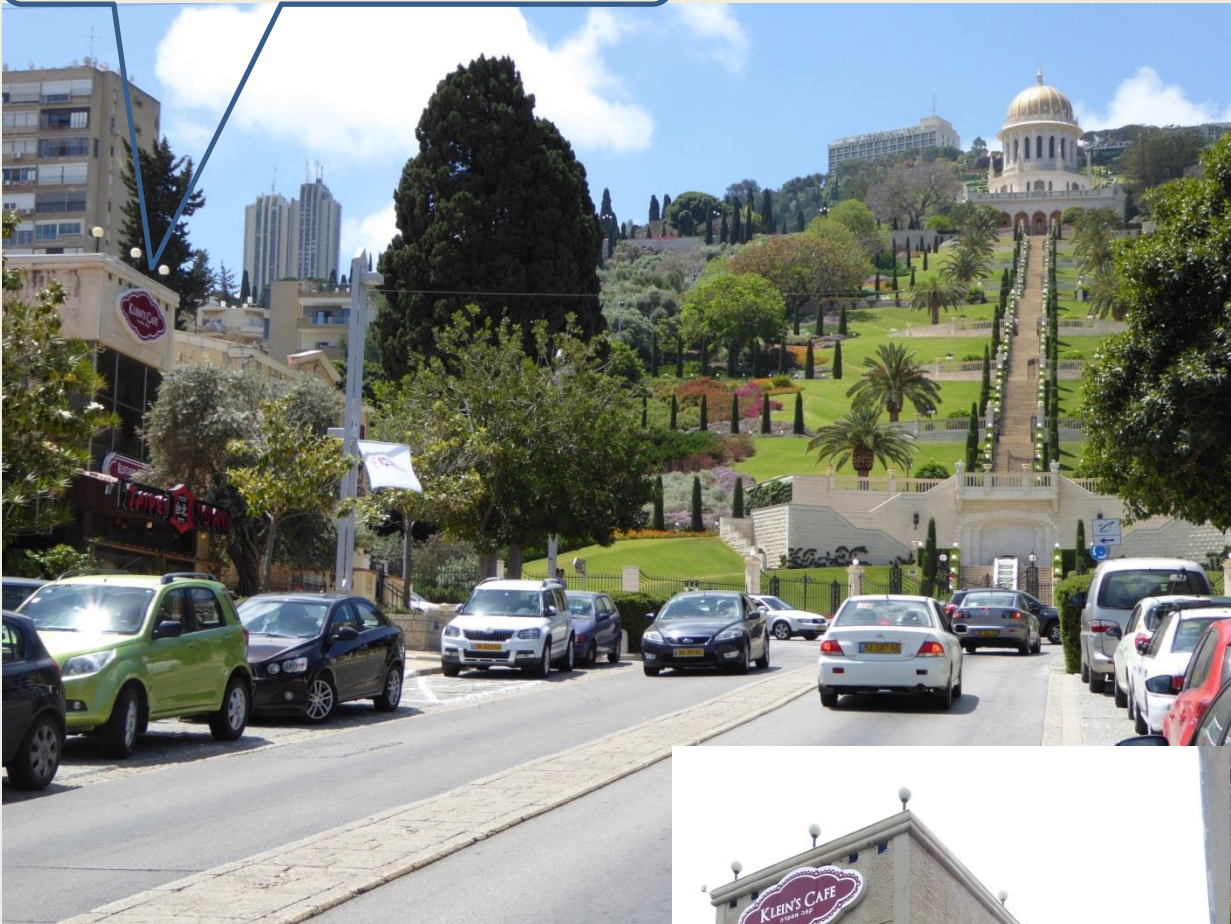




SDA ISRAEL FIELD NEWS

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HAIFA: NEW LIFE HOPE CENTER



Due to the miraculous intervention of a gracious Lord, the sacrificial spirit of two donors and the untiring support from the GC team working with and for the Israel Field, we have now acquired two properties in the heart of Haifa.

If I were to put my finger on a Haifa map and show where the ideal location of a Life Hope Center would be, I would put it right on the properties we have now bought!

It is in the tourist hub of the town, just below the famous Baha'i Gardens, and the view from the flat restaurant rooftop is nothing less than spectacular.



The front building is a restaurant and the only changes on the ground floor will be the menu (it will be vegetarian) the name, the management and the spirit permeating the building and the workers. The first floor will be used by our Russian and Hebrew-speaking congregation as their church hall while the rooftop will still be used for restaurant purposes with the most spectacular view one can imagine.

The building behind the restaurant will be a small kindergarten serving the neighborhood, but there will also be rooms for youth and pathfinder work and facilities for small group studies.

For different practical reasons we will only receive the keys and start operating the restaurant early next year.

The contracts were signed on May 7, and the major contributions (USD 1,1 mill. and USD 100,000) came from private donors. We are extremely grateful for the sacrificial spirit behind these tokens of love and we pray that the Lord will bless the donors and make the new Life Hope Center in Haifa a blessing to the community and a light to the world since many restaurant guests will undoubtedly come from around the globe.

NEXT PROJECT:



There is a plot of land adjacent to the second building. This was for sale a while ago but the potential buyer withdrew his offer. We will approach the owner (the Municipality) and try to acquire this land as it would be a real blessing both for the kindergarten and the pathfinders.

If you have any questions regarding the new Life Hope Center in Haifa or if you want to contribute toward the necessary structural changes or helping us acquire the plot of land outside the second building, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

BAPTISM AT KASR EL YAHUD LAST SABBATH

As three baptismal candidates made their way to the river Jordan three white doves were resting on a support pillar above our heads. It reminded us of another event which most probably occurred in this vicinity (Kasr el Yahud near Jericho) about 2000 years ago:

“As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove” (Mark 1:10).

The baptismal event was organized by the Russian-speaking congregations in the South of Israel under the leadership of Pastor Oleg Elkin who also performed the baptismal service.



The next baptism in the Israel Field is scheduled for Sabbath May 23 by the Romanian-speaking congregations led by Elder Emanuel (“Ady”) Lascu. Please pray for the Lord’s blessing on all those who are now in the process of making their decision to follow in the footsteps of the Master.

**General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas, July 2 – 11:
COME AND SEE US!**



The foyer in the Study Center

The Israel Field will have its own Exhibition Booth during the GC Session with glimpses from the varied activities in Israel, information about our guest-houses, the Hebrew literature ministry and many other things. Please stop by and have a chat, we would love to get acquainted and to catch up with old friends!

TODA RABA – THANK YOU!

The Israel Field is not a self-supporting “Conference” or a “Union”, but a “mission field”. It means we are still dependent on external financial support for our daily operation. When we receive donations from members and friends abroad it means a lot to us, and it helps the work grow. If you feel that the Lord is calling on you to contribute to projects like the publication of the Great Controversy series for a Hebrew audience, please get in touch with us, and we will be happy to assist in all practical details.

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).