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A Model City

Working hand in hand, the Haifa Foundation and the Municipality of Haifa have brought us closer to realizing my foremost goals. Since assuming office in 1993, I have been driven by the desire to return Haifa to the preeminence it enjoyed in the past. Haifa then held an elevated position as both a port and a city unto itself. Today our city once again approaches such status. We have become the capital of northern Israel.



Haifa has also come to serve as Israel's model city for high quality of life and for excellent relations between different groups of citizens. For this we are grateful and we thank the Haifa Foundation for its untiring devotion to cultural, social and environmental enrichment.

In these pages, you will see shining examples of how the Haifa Foundation is improving life for the underprivileged, the elderly and the young. You will see how these activities are making our city a greener, more vibrant and a healthy place to live. In short, this rainbow of projects serves each and every one of our diverse residents.

With its own major projects like the construction of a new government center, renewal of formerly neglected neighborhoods for tourism, trade and tenants and improved mass transport, the Municipality plans to continue to cooperate in new Foundation activities and expand existing ones. We thank you for your continued help in returning this city of great beauty and tolerance to the place it so well deserves.

Mayor Amram Mitzna
Chairman of the Haifa Foundation

New Plan for Zoo

Minimum Cages, Maximum Space



Thanks to a generous gift to the Haifa Foundation, the city zoo is receiving a total facelift. Improvements to the zoo stand to benefit both the humans who visit and animals residing there.

In charge of the project is Miller-Blum Environmental Planning Ltd., the 40 year old architectural firm that designed the Ramat Gan Safari, Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo and numerous other parks, gardens, and beaches, as well as structures for educational, cultural, and recreational purposes.

According to firm founder Moshe Blum, the zoos are planned, above all, as open and attractive areas in which animals can be raised in a natural, non-threatening fashion. Haifa's zoo will be similar to the Jerusalem zoo in that it will integrate the existing topography and will preserve natural features like slopes, cliffs and valleys. "Planning will change, in a basic way, how we view a park with animal displays," says Blum.

"All exhibits will allow for the maximal freedom of movement and living space for the animals. It will enable the public to view or come in contact with animals in a way that won't disturb their daily routine. It will eliminate the outdated notion of cages, which emphasize that the animals are living in captivity."

Blum's plan also stresses the educational aspect of the zoo, providing space for workshops and courses for children. In addition, ramps are planned in order to allow all visitors access to the entire zoo.

Based in Haifa, Miller-Blum Environmental Planning Ltd. has branches in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The firm employs some 50 landscape and building architects, engineers and technicians.

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