Peace Road 2015 in Israel

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UPF Israel: On June 26, at 10:00 a.m. Jerusalem, Israel held the Peace Road launching, becoming the first Middle East nation to do so. The location was the Bell Gardens, the heart of Jerusalem, under olive trees that our beloved True Mother deeply cherishes.

The MC for the event was Dr. Nurit Hirschfeld, Secretary General of UPF Israel. Our first speaker was Prof. Eliezer Glaubach, President of the Jerusalem Forum for Peace and Security. He was also a Jerusalem City Councilor four times. Mrs. Marilyn Angelucci, the Co-Chair of UPF Middle East, gavet the keynote address, explaining the great vision for peace advocated by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the meaning of the Peace Road project initiated by his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon co-founded UPF international.
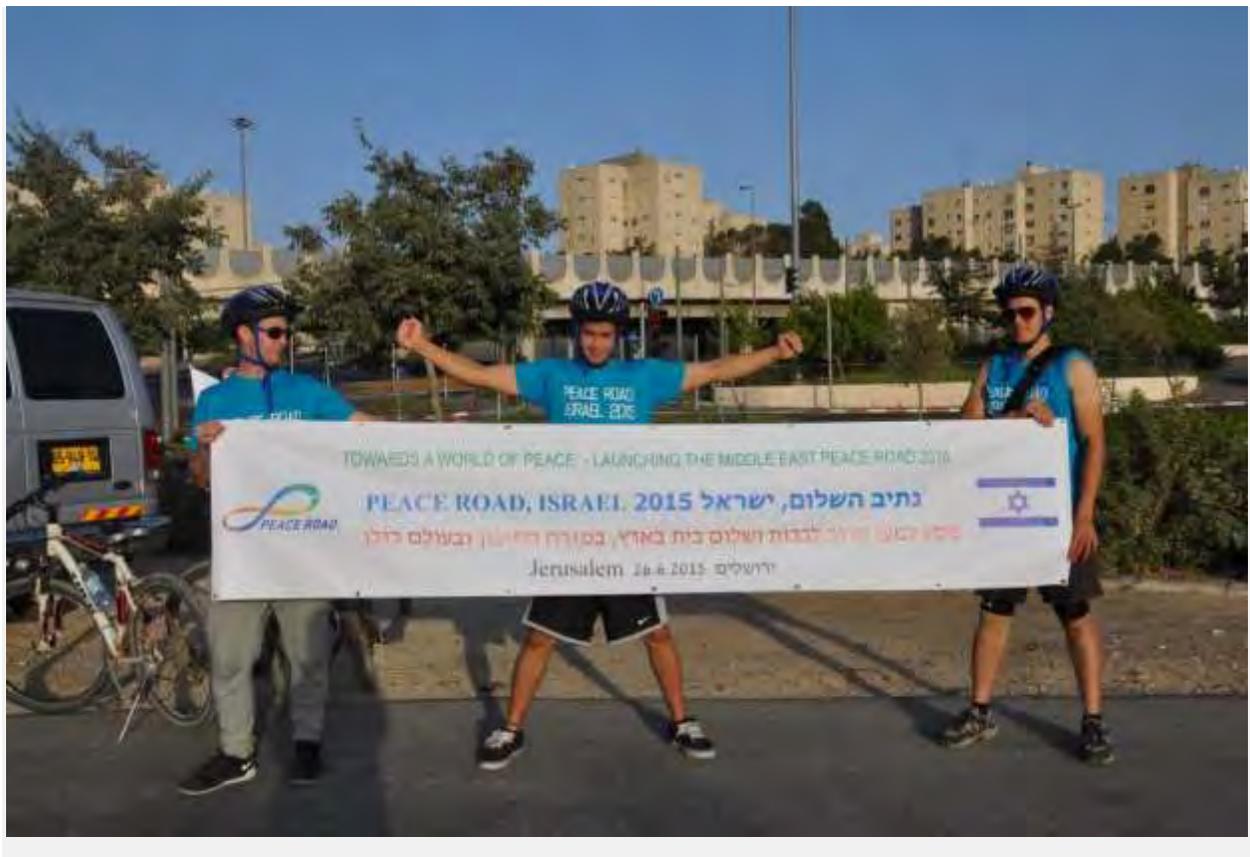
Greetings were given by Father Hatum of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Dr. Or Margalit, head of the theology department of one local college and the Israel's CARP leaders Koriel Ben Zvi and Liel Shmueli.

In addition, congratulatory messages were sent by Mrs. Naomi Tsur, Former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem and Dr. Omar Kial, head of the Islamic Department at the Ministry of the Interior.

Thirty-three people attended and cheered joyfully in response to the speakers. All joined in singing a peace song led by Dr. Or. After taking a group photo, fifteen riders mounted their bikes heading towards the trail to the park. Going through both Jewish and Arab neighborhoods, they cycled a 14-kilometer trail from the first train station all the way to the Jerusalem basketball stadium and back, thereby adding to the previous day's 16-kilometer bike ride by the advance team.

Upon the riders return, they all signed the Peace Road world map and enjoyed a lovely picnic at the Bell Gardens.

The following day, we are grateful to be able to report, three of our CARP members completed a forty kilometer course around Jerusalem, completing our 70 kilometer bike course. Thus, Peace Road Israel 2015 has been completed!