

 DAY 2020

HOLY LAND

living water

1-7 FEBRUARY 2020

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U Day 2020: Holy Land, Living Water will be a historic week-long journey of spirit and ecology across Jordan, Israel and Palestine. It forms part of the **UNITY EARTH** *Road to 2020*, an international event series built to generate new opportunities for collaboration and peaceful co-existence across the globe.

Celebrating **UN World Interfaith Harmony Week**, and presented in collaboration with **United Religions Initiative**, the event seeks to showcase the environmental peacebuilding work of regional NGO **EcoPeace Middle East**.



UNITY EARTH COMES TO THE HOLY LAND

After successful UN World Interfaith Harmony Week celebrations in Ethiopia (2018) and New York City (2019), as well as events in India, Australia, Canada and elsewhere, UNITY EARTH is preparing to bring an international delegation of to the Holy Land in Feb 2020.

UNITY EARTH is dedicated to fostering peaceful co-existence around the world through events that bring diverse groups together in shared purpose and action.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PEACEBUILDING

U Day 2020: Holy Land, Living Water aims to contribute to advancing mutual respect between the peoples and faiths of the region and advancing Israeli-Palestinian/Jordanian peace.



Collaboration & regeneration in the Jordan River Valley



U Day 2020: Holy Land, Living Water will focus on the Jordan River Valley, which is of great importance to the Abrahamic religions. The purpose of this gathering is to draw attention to the significant role cooperation over water can play in enhancing livelihoods and engendering regional political stability.



Water scarcity, prevalent since the biblical era, has shaped the cultures and conflicts which have emerged in this semi-arid desert.

The interfaith significance of the Jordan River Valley

Water plays a central role in the practices and beliefs of many religions and is considered a purifier in most religions. The Jordan River Valley—with its central location at the crossroads of three continents, and shared locale for the genesis of the three Abrahamic faiths' narratives—is considered holy to half of humanity and is mentioned in the Bible 185 times.

Shared care for the Jordan River illustrates how faith and ecology together can form a framework for promoting coexistence in a geopolitically charged region.





EcoPeace Middle East

It is the intention of this event to bring greater global public awareness to the work of EcoPeace Middle East, and in particular, its work for the ecological rehabilitation and sustainable development of the lower Jordan Valley, which is shared by Jordanians, Israelis and Palestinians.

The event uses a faith-based approach showcased in EcoPeace's Regional NGO Master Plan for the Sustainable Development of the Jordan River Valley.



Environmental Peacebuilding

Building trust through bringing people together to work on protecting our shared environment.



Healthy Interdependence

Turning self-interest into mutual benefits, between peoples, and between people and nature across the region



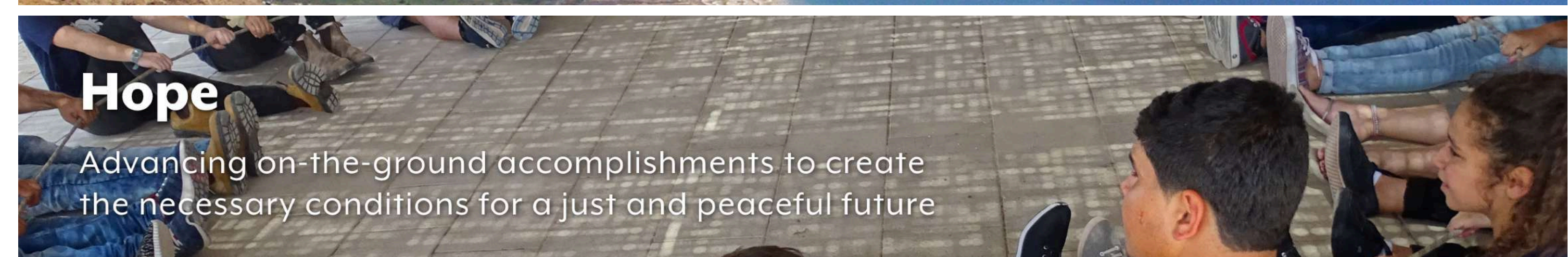
Global Leadership

Sharing our expertise in practical application of environmental peacemaking in the region with other conflict areas worldwide



Shared Water

Ensuring protection and equitable access of our shared resources



Hope

Advancing on-the-ground accomplishments to create the necessary conditions for a just and peaceful future



Itinerary*

* Subject to change

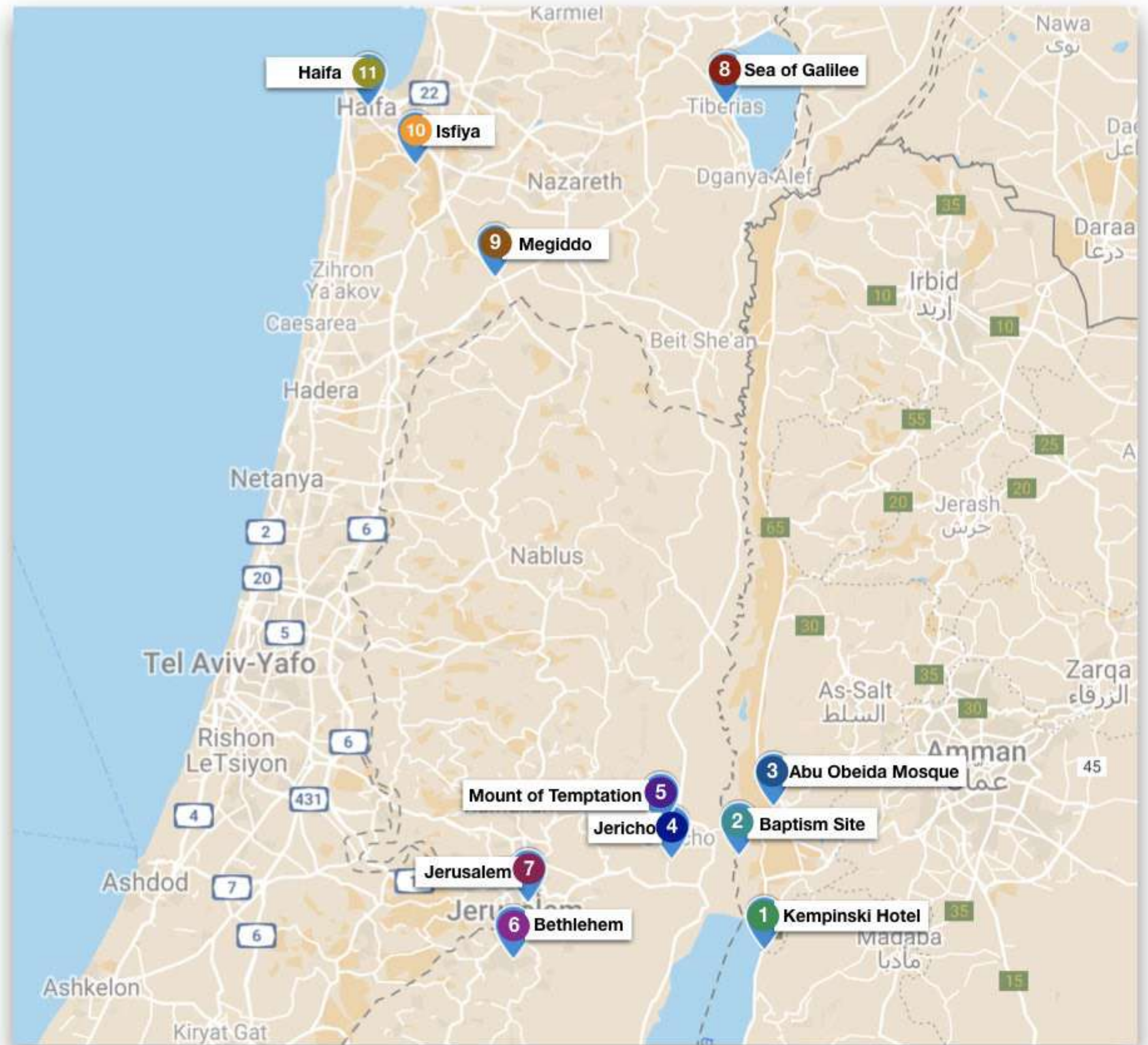
- Feb 1** Arrival in Jordan and Welcome Dinner at the Dead Sea
- Feb 2** Dead Sea Convergence: Ecology Conference and Water Ceremony
- Feb 3** Al Maghtas Baptism Site, Abu Obeida Mosque, Crossing to Jericho
- Feb 4** Mount of Temptation, Church of Nativity Bethlehem, Arrival in Jerusalem
- Feb 5** Jerusalem Harmony Walk through the Old City, Sunset at Sea of Galilee
- Feb 6** Prayer for Peace at Megiddo, Finale U-NITE Concert in Haifa
- Feb 7** Baha'i Gardens Tour and Closing Ceremony





February 1-7, 2020

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| <p>1 Kempinski Hotel Dead Sea
Jordan
Feb 1/2</p> <p>2 Al Maghtas Baptism Site
Jordan
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West Bank
Feb 3</p> <p>5 Mount of Temptation
West Bank
Feb 4</p> <p>6 Bethlehem
West Bank
Feb 4</p> | <p>7 Jerusalem
Seven Arches / Old City
Feb 4/5</p> <p>8 Sea of Galilee
Tiberias
Feb 5/6</p> <p>9 Megiddo
Israel
Feb 6</p> <p>10 Isfiya
Israel
Feb 6</p> <p>11 Haifa
Israel
Feb 6/7</p> |
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UNITY EARTH is not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering peaceful co-existence around the world. Inspired by the humanity's many wisdom traditions and born out of the desire to meet global-sized challenges with a global-sized solution, the initiative amplifies the reach and impact of peace-aligned organizations and individuals by facilitating shared purpose and collective action between diverse groups. Our international event series culminates in the worldwide celebration of Peace Weekend in 2020.



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EcoPeace Middle East is a unique organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists. Our primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect our shared environmental heritage. In so doing, we seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in our region. EcoPeace has offices in Amman, Ramallah, and Tel-Aviv.



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United Religions Initiative is a global grassroots interfaith network that cultivates peace and justice by engaging people to bridge religious and cultural differences and work together for the good of their communities and the world. We implement our mission through grassroots groups, called Cooperation Circles, which bring diverse people together to jointly engage in community actions such as conflict resolution and reconciliation, environmental sustainability, education, women's and youth programs, and advocacy for human rights.



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