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The second conference of Merhav (MIU) Movement for Israeli Urbanism, was held on 29 Nov-1Dec. 2006 in the Haifa Auditorium Complex in Merkaz Hacarmel, Haifa.

The title of the conference was "Tools & Workshops for New Urbanism in Israel"

Three days of Lectures, Discussions and Planning Workshops.

400 participants: professionals from all over the country, architecture and planning students, and Haifa residents.

Most lectures were by MIU members presenting their on going work on "Tools for Urbanism" on the issues of: The Urban Fabric, Complex and Compact, Creating Social Diversity, Conservation, Renewing City Centers, Center and Periphery, Transport and the City, Strategic Tools, Participatory Planning, Public Buildings and Promoting Walking.

Four Guest speakers demonstrated Urban Tools from abroad: Jaime Lerner presented CNU – presented the SmartCode ,Urban Projects from Curitiba, Brazil.. Heather Smith ,and Form Based Codes, Michael Mehaffy, CES presented Generative Codes and Ralph Zucker from Woodridge Development N.J.,USA presented Entrepreneurial Tools in a session with Shlomo Lahiani the mayor of Bat-Yam and Shraga Weissman the director of Ashdar Developments.

The city planners of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Herzeliya and Bat-Yam presented examples of urban renewal projects from their cities.

As part of the Conference and in the same complex, 4 planning workshops on Haifa were held in order to present to everyone the advantages of public, residents and stakeholders participation in planning. Each workshop was organized with local partners that will be responsible, with the MIU, for the continuation of the projects.

1. **Wadi Nisnass** - A run down neighborhood in the center of historical Haifa where most of the residents are Arab and the minority is Jewish. The residents of this neighborhood have been asking for years to have a joint planning forum with the municipality.
2. **Ein-Hayam** - A mixed Arab Jewish neighborhood, having low socio-economic status, despite it's location by the seashore. Planning the open public spaces, that have been neglected for years, will be a part of the renewal process of the neighborhood.
3. **Hadar Hacarmel** - the First Jewish Neighborhood in Haifa, became the center of the city until the late 1970 and been abandoned since then. The old city center is characterized by its beautiful Architecture, diverse population and a low-income commercial center.
4. **Strategic workshop on Haifa**- focused on the mutual concern of the residents in Haifa on the question of how to promote the city.

All workshops met their objectives and created a timetable for the next steps.