



Knafo Klimor Architects

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Firm Philosophy

Seven points for sustainable regionalism:

Humanistic Approach

Architecture, above all, is a social discipline in the service of the individual and the collective. It carries great responsibility for the creation of humanistic environment in the design of public and private spaces.

Identity and Regionalism

Architecture reflects the cultural identity of a community. By its appearance and vocabulary architecture engraves the spiritual values of a people in its collective memory. Architecture- as a way of communication maintains a permanent dialogue with the language of the people. In our case Hebrew as a language creates a unique space for invention and development of the Israeli Architecture.

Sustainability

Limitation of earth resources drives us into necessity for redefining our living spaces and mode of life. Green architecture raises a challenge for the creation of new building programs and urban orders. Today architects have the privilege to participate in redesigning our environment.

Technology and Tradition

Implementation of technology innovations is essential to the development of architecture. But on the same time preservation of valuable traditions is crucial to the continuous evolution of civilization. Therefore new interpretations of historical heritage must be in the basis of architectural conception.

Rational Globalization

The globalization movement leads to an international uniform culture based on western values threatening existing traditions and languages. Freedom tolerance and compassion are essential to preserve the richness of human heritages. Rational globalization is needed to create a smooth integration and assimilation of new invention in contemporary life.

Utopia as a Generator for Change

Since the early ages utopia was behind historical changes and revolutions. In architecture as in urban planning utopia was the generator behind the change of conceptions and orders. Utopia will remain the lighthouse to follow in recreating the way of living, the way of building.

New Urbanism for a Better Life

Half of earth population live in the cities and challenge its nature, shape and identity. In an era of sustainability and high technology urbanism has to invent new forms of gathering and physical orders for hosting human activities and for designing a better life.

Practice

Knafo Klimor Architects is a leading design firm. The firm has established a reputation of producing innovative and highly original design solutions. The firm is characterized by an uncompromising attitude to design quality, striving for excellence in design and invention of new architectural expressions. Employing a holistic approach to architecture, Knafo Klimor Architects objective in each design project is to embrace wider environmental and social concerns.

Comprehensive approach, involvement throughout all phases of the design and construction process has consistently resulted in award-winning prizes for the firm's professional achievements.

The firm's projects have been featured in professional journals worldwide, and have been exhibited in numerous galleries and architectural institutions.

Knafo Klimor Architects is committed for:

- Humanistic approach in design
- Enhancing community identity within rational globalization
- Preservation of natural resources
- Implementation of new technology
- Development of sustainable architecture & regionalism

The firm, founded in 1980 is run by founding directors David Knafo- M.Sc. in Architecture, Columbia University NY from 1986 and Tagit Klimor. With extensive design experience they are dedicated to a thoughtful, original and contemporary architecture that aims to inspire and to promote a healthy, sustainable lifestyle. As a part of their dedication for environmental issues and their belief in the important role of education, both partners have been teaching for many years as senior lecturers, thus endowing their holistic approach to the young generation.

Among the firm's clients are government offices and local authorities, private developers and construction companies. The strength of the firm is based on its commitment to building lasting relationship with its clients. With a diverse staff of architects, urbanists and designers, the firm has been responsible for the design of a wide variety of numerous large-scale projects in the highest architectural standard:

- Public and institutional buildings
- Education and sports facilities
- Industrial and hi-tech plants
- Commercial developments
- Low and high-rise office buildings
- Neighborhoods and multi-family housing
- Urban design and town planning

Knafo Klimor Architects work derives from their belief that the effort to promote sustainability will lead to a real change and will bring back the human dimension in design towards a more sustainable environment and balanced society.

David Knafo - Abstract C.V.

- 2008- Chairman of the 2008 Conference of the Israeli Architecture Day, Wohl Centre
- 2007 Curator of 'Tel Hai' Biennale - the Israeli international sculpture event.
- 2006 Curator of the Israeli Ceramic Biennale in 'Eretz Israel Museum' – Tel Aviv.
- 2001-today Professor at the school of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion – Haifa.
Published three books on architecture and art.
- 1999 Editor of the Israeli Architects Association newspaper - "Hatach A-A".
- 1998-today Member of the Committee of Planning - Tnuat Hamoshavim.
- 1994-1999 Chairman of the board - Haifa Museums.
- 1992-1994 Member of the Council of the School of Architecture, Technion, Haifa.
- 1992-1995 Chairman of the board of the Israeli Architects Association - Haifa.
- 1988-1998 Member of Haifa Regional Committee of Planning.
- 1986 M.Sc. in Architecture, Columbia University NY.
- 1980 B.Arch in Architecture and town planning, Technion.

Membership in Professional Societies:

Licensed Architect since 1983 – Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor.

Israel Organization of Consulting Engineers and Architects.

The Israeli Architects Association.

Tagit Klimor - Abstract C.V.

- 2007-today Professor at the School of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion, Haifa, Israel.
- 1987-1994 Member of the faculty - School of Architecture, Technion.
- 1987-1989 Member of the Award Committee of the Architecture Faculty, Technion.
- 1985-1987 J.S.Ultan Architects, New York, USA.
- 1985 M.Sc. in Architecture, Technion. Won the "Musa Harif Award"
- 1983-1985 Lecturer at the School of Architecture, Technion.
- 1980 B.Arch in Architecture and Town Planning, Technion.

Membership in Professional Societies:

Licensed Architect since 1983 – Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor.

Israel Organization of Consulting Engineers and Architects.

The Israeli Architects Association.

The ILGBC- Israel Green Building Council.

The International Sculpture Center (ISC).



Significant Professional Projects

Institutional

Ashdod Artist Gallery

Ashdod Municipal Corporation, 2009



Carmel Academic Center

Academic Center for Science Management Company, 2008

Raanana Train Station

Israel Railways, 2007



Caesarea Synagogue – “Megilat Or”

Caesarea Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Foundation, 2006

School of Science, Hulon Institute

Hulon Institute, 2003



Community Center, Ganei Aviv – Lod

Lod Municipality, 2002



The Israeli Embassy in Paris

Foreign Ministry, 2003

School of Design, Hulon Institute

Hulon Institute, 2001



Technology Museum, Hadera

The S.a.k.t.a Rashi Fund, 2001

Music Center

The S.a.k.t.a Rashi Fund Conservatorium Maalot, 2000

Academic Library and Memorial, Ruppin Academic Center

Ruppin Academic Center, 1999



Geriatric Pairs Centers, Shlomi, Netivot, Beit Sheaan

Mifal Hapayis, 1998

City Hall, Shlomi

Local Government Economic Services Ltd., 1997



Haifa Israeli Police Headquarters

Israeli Police, 1994

Geriatric Hospital, Haifa

Naot Kipat HaZahav Ltd., 1994

Academy for the Correctional Facilities Authority Officers, Ayalon

Correctional Facilities Authority, 1994



City Hall, Neshet

Neshet Municipality, 1991

Artists Gallery, Zefat

Zefat Municipality, 1989



Sports and Education

Maxim Levi School, Ganei Aviv

Lod Municipality, 2009

Yakinton Elementry School, Kfar Yona

Kfar Yona Local Municipality, 2007



Shachamon High School, Eilat

Eilat Municipality, 2006

Eli Cohen Elementry School, Kiryat Malachi

Kiryat Malachi Municipality, 2006



Amit High school, Kiryat Malachi

Kiryat Malachi Municipality, 2006

Agial High-School, Jaffa

Tel-Aviv Yafo Municipality, 2006



Ort Toulouse College, France

Ort, Paris 2005

Orot North Education Campus , Or Akiva

Or Akiva Municipality, 2001

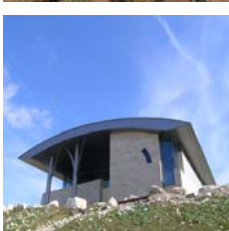


Junior High School, Or Akiva

Or Akiva Municipality, 2000

Modiin Elementry School

Modiin Municipality, 2000



Ganei Aviv Education Campus, Lod

Lod Municipality, 1999

Sports Halls (500 seats), Kiryat Mozkin, Lod, Tivon, Haifa, Gilon

Ministry of Defense, Payis, 1998



Park Ofer Campus, Ramla

Ramla Municipality, 1998

"Yeshiva" High School, Tiberius

Tiberius Municipality, 1996

Sports Halls (500 seats), Kiryat Haim

Haifa Municipality, 1996



Sports Halls (350 seats), Shoham, Pardesia, Bnei-Ayish

Local Government Economic Services Ltd, 1996

Ramla College Campus

Ramla Municipality, 1995

Sports Halls, Haifa, Nazareth, Tiberius, Avni, Ashdod, Nethania

Local Authorities and Local Government Economic Services Ltd., 1995

Youth Center, Neshet

Neshet Municipality, 1991



Commercial and Recreation

Commercial Center, Clair, France.
2007.



Vasile Lascar Office building, Bucharest
Adama Ltd., 2007

Commercial Center, Tangier, Morocco
2007.



Hi-Tech Offices, Toulouse, France
C.B.G Ltd., 2007

Caesarea Hi-Tech Park, Caesarea
The Caesarea Foundation, 2007

Holiday Apartments and Commercial Center, Eilat
Efgad Ltd., 2006



Commercial Office Building, Sagi 2000 Industrial Area
Elitan Amakim, 2000

Employment Center for the Elderly, Or Akiva
Eshel, 2000

Gas Stations, Mazkeret Batia, Kfar Saba, Ashdod
Delek, 2000



Almog Commercial Center, Ashdod
Almog K.d.a.i, 1999

Israel Electric Company Regional Office Building, Ramla
Iec, 1998

M.B. Commercial Center, Mazkeret Batia
Co-Qp Ltd., 1998



Metal Works Factory, Naharia
Uniforum Ltd., 1997

Tzameret Commercial Center, Ashdod
B.Z. Zarfati Ltd., 1996



Holiday Inn Hotel, Ashdod
Zarfati Investments Ltd., 1993

Ishay Commercial Center, Ramat Ishay
Shaviv Investments Ltd., 1993



Hi-Tech Offices, Yokneam
North Hill, 1993

Electrical Laboratory, Haifa
IEC, 1993

Business Bank Branch, Kiryat Ata
Bank Leumi, 1991



Commercial Center Rehabilitation, Ashdod
Ashdod Municipality, 1990



Residential

"Artists Neighbourhood" (72 units), Ramle
Hanan Mor Group, 2011



Sheltered Housing, Gan Yavne
Z.A. Investments Ltd, 2010

"City Bells", Ashdod
Financial levers to Israel Ltd. 2009

"Artists Neighbourhood" (80 units), Mazliach
Hanan Mor Group, 2009



"Agro-Housing" - Sustainable Housing (112 Units), Wuhan, China
Living steel, 2007

"Kfar Saba Dreams" Complex (160 units)
Shikun Ovdim, 2007



Hendon Housing Project (120 units), London
2004

"Gan Menashe" Neighborhood (644 units), Kfar Saba
Shikun Ovdim, 2004



Sea Tower (80 units), Ashdod
Peretz Bone Hanegev, 2002

Row Houses Neighborhood (42 units), Atlit
2000



Residence Tower, Jaffa
Bank Leumi, 2000

"Sapir Hights" (4 towers, 184 units), Haifa
Shikun Ovdim, 1999



Row Houses Complex (86 units), Ashdod
Zarfati Shimon Ltd., 1996

"Naamat" Neighborhood (200 units), Haifa
Levinstein Ltd., 1996



Low Density Neighborhood (240 units), Ramat Ishay
Saviv Investments Ltd., 1992

"Naot Hadarim" Neighborhood (48 units), Ashkelon
Ben Yaker Gat, 1991



"Heimar" Neighborhood, Migdal Haemek
Meidan Ltd, 1990

Residence Buildings, Timrat, Ashdod, Nativ HaAsara
Private Owners, 1983



Urban Design

"Morad Nof" Residence Neighborhood Development , Tirat Hacarmel
Tirat Hacarmel Municipality , 2010

Residence Neighborhood Development, Tbilisi, Georgia
View Point Llc.2010



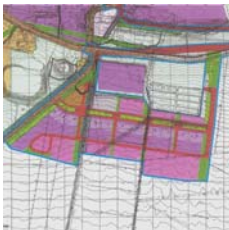
Residence Neighborhood Development, Varashti, Romania
Adama Ltd., 2007

Residence Neighborhood, Nesher
Ministry of Housing, 2005



Housing Complex, Kiryat Yam North
Israel Land Administration, 2003

"Mor" Residence Neighborhood, Kiryat Malachi
Israel Land Administration, 2002



Old City Quarter, Ramla
Ramla Municipality, 2001

Residence Neighborhood Development, Maalot
Ministry of Housing, 2001

"Orot" Housing Development, Kiryat Malachi
Israel Land Administration, 2001



"Beilinson" Residence Neighborhood, Petah Tikva
Israel Land Administration. 2001

Ramla Master Plan, Ramla
Ministry of Housing, 2001



Industrial Park and Regional Center, R.G.M
Israel Land Administration, 2001

Hod Hasharon Industrial Area
Public company, 1998



Residence Neighborhood Development, Mazliah
Ministry of Housing, 1996

"Sagi 2000" Industrial Area, Migdal HaEmek
Ministry of Industry, 1996

Ramla Industrial Area
Ramla Municipality, 1994



Nesher City Center - Master Plan
Israel Land Administration, 1993

Kana "Churches Path" - the Old Quarter, Kfar Kana
Israel Ministry of Tourism, 1993



Residence Neighborhood Development, Tiberias
Ministry of Housing, 1992

Residence Neighborhood Development, Ashkelon
Construction Company, 1990

Honors

- 2011 ***Carmel Academic Center , Haifa***, Project of the Year First Prize, Award by Domus Israel,
- 2010 ***Jerusalem Urban Installations- Tzahal City Square***, Honorable mention, Israeli Architects Association
- 2009 ***Academic Library and Memorial the Ruppin Academic Center***, "Five Best Architects in 2009", Award of Excellence in Public Building Design Category, by "Binyan Vediur", July 2009
- 2008 ***Expo Shanghai World 2010***, Competition Finalists – Construction of the Israeli Pavilion, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2008 ***Porter School of Environment Studies*** , Competition – Honorable mention
- 2008 ***"The Transparent House "*** , Public Building Design - Award for Excellence, by "Klii Industries LTD"
- 2008 ***" Megilat Or" Synagogue Caesarea "*** , The Year Award by "Architecture of Israel" (AI)
- 2007 ***"Agro-Housing", Wuhan, China***, Winning Entry in an International Architecture Competition
- 2007 ***"Andromada Sculpture"*** Jaffa Port - Finalist in Competition
- 2006 ***Maalot Conservatorium***, The Year Award by "Architecture of Israel" (AI) , Third prize
- 2006 ***Caesarea Hi-Tech Park***, The Caesarea Development Company, Competition Winners
- 2006 ***"Halal Saf" Installation Competition***, Tel Aviv Port, Competition Winner
- 2006 ***"Maalot" Conservatory***, The Year Award, by "Architecture of Israel" (AI) Third Prize
- 2006 ***"Urban Life" Haifa***, Engineering Administration Square, Haifa, Competition Winners
- 2005 ***"Megilat Or" Synagogue, Caesarea***, Competition Winners
- 2000 ***Residence Towers, Sapir, Haifa***, The Quality Prize by Haifa Municipality
- 1999, ***Academic Library and Memorial the Ruppin Academic Center***, Competition Winners
- 1998 ***"Sapir Hieghts" in Haifa***, Housing Design Award of Best Design, Competition Winners
- 1997 ***Sports Hall at "Shoam"***, Merhav 97 Citation Award, Israeli Architects Association
- 1995 ***"Misgav" Culture Center***, The Israeli Architects Association Award
- 1985 ***The Public Place in the Kibbutz*** , The "Musa Harif" Award

Selected Publications

- Carmel Academic Center, Haifa***, *Domus Israel Vol 14*, pp. 80-87, July 2011
- "Top 100 Influential Architects in Israel"***, *Binyan Vediur*, p 140, July 2011
- Synagogue in Caesarea "Between Modesty and Transparancy"***, *Domus Israel Vol 9* pp 104-108, September 2010
- Knafo Klimor, Architects and Town Planners, Israel – Agro Housing***, Houses of Steel Book pp 88-95, 2009
- A Glass House on a Golf Course***, *The Marker*, pg 26-27, October 2009,
- Man, Environment, Culture – Symposium about Sustainability***, *Domus Israel vol 3*. pp 43-52, September 2009
- Vivienda Sostenable para una China Urbanizada***, *Canadevi*, May, 2009
- Scroll of Light Synagogue***, *Architeria.eu* April, 2009
- Highway Habitat***, *World Architecture Community Awards* , March 2009,
- Sustainable Living***, *Architecture Plus vol 19* pp 99-100, Dubai, September 2008

Agro Housing, Mipim Architectural Review Future Project Awards 2008, p. 81

Agricultura Urbana, Arquitectura & Diseño, Spain, August 2008

Agro Housing - Sustainable Building in China, Perspective 28, pp. 51-52, 2008

Agro Housing Project, L'arca 238. p. 99, August 2008

Energy Balanced Building - Summary and Recommendations of the 11th Assembly of the Energy Forum at SNI, The Samuel Neaman Institute, Technion, Haifa, August 2008

Agro Housing Wuhan China, Mipim Architectural Review Future Project Award, p. 81, July 2008

Agro Housing-A New Way of Living, Facing Tomorrow, The Israeli Presidential Conference, May 2008

Agro-Housing – Sustainable Design, Bait Vanoi 28, April 2008

Vegetables in the Balcony, Trend, pp. 132-137, February 2008

Living Steel 2007 - Winners, The Architectural Review, pp. 92- 95, December 2007

Green Groundwork, The Jerusalem Post – Up Front, pp. 46, December 14, 2007

Agro-Housing, Baosteel-China, Living Steel, pp. 5-8, 2007

Knafo Klimor Architects - Winners of an International Competition in China, Architecture of Israel pp. 71-73, November 2007

China Agro Housing- Winning Design, Live- Living Steel Newsletter Announcing the Winners, pp. 6-9, September 2007

Agro Housing, China International Architectural Expo 2007 Catalogue, September 2007

Here and Now - Ot Haitzuv, pp. 66-70, August 2007

Agro Housing, Steel Construction (China) 22, pg 82, July 2007

Maalot Conservatory, Ot Haitzuv 2 - meaningful design, pp. 44-45, 2007

Maalot Conservatory, Architecture of Israel 67, p. 36-37, November 2006

Church Path - Kfar Cana, Our Streets, Merhav, July 2006

Kindergarten in Caesarea, Preschool & kindergarten architecture, pp. 296-303, Barcelona 2006

"Musical Design", itzuv 85, pp. 6-10, July 2005

Jerusalem Charm in Paris, Yediot Ahronot, February 2005

The Israeli Embassy in Paris, Architecture of Israel 60, pp. 34-38, February 2005

Cultural intersection in Paris, itzuv 80, February 2005

The Israeli Embassy in Paris, Globes, p. 18, February 2005

Maalot Conservatory, the 5th Israeli biennial of Architecture - Detailed architecture, Merhav, p.28, 2005

Kindergarten in Caesarea, Abstract 18, pp. 42-46, Belgium, 2003

Urban Pluralism, Urbanism on Border Line of Cultures, pp. 28-31, 2003.

Casa in Galilee, Casas Mediterraneo – Casas International, pp. 46-51, 2002

A Window to the Mediterranean Sea, Itzuv 40, pp. 14 -17, December 1999

Shoam Sports Hall, Architecture of Israel 33, p. 65, spring 1998

Natural Environmental Center, Itzuv 34, pp. 8-9, December 1997

The Orchard as an Allegory , Itzuv 33, pp. 36-37, September 1997

Nimrod on the Beach – Ashdod , Itzuv 30, pp. 84-85, December 1996

Church Path – Cana in Galilee , Itzuv 28, pp. 112-114, May 1996

A Club on the Hill , Itzuv 27, pp. 14-15, January 1996

Tourist Hotel on the Beach , Itzuv 23, pp. 70-71, February 1995

Respect for the Environment –Nesher City Hall , Itzuv 21, pp. 20-21, July 1994

Rehabilitation of a Commercial Center – Ashdod , Itzuv 19, pp. 12-14 , December 1993

Carmilo Hotel , Itzuv 17, pp. 24-25, June 1993

Carmilo Hotel , Exposure catalog of drawer arts, pp. 58-59, May 1993

The Return to the Cube in Haifa's Architects Work, Architecture of Israel 15, pp. 81-82, April 1993

Private Houses in Israel, Process 44, Tokyo, Japan, pp. 58-60, 1983

An Urban Neighborhood, Ashkelon , Studio 28, p. 14, December 1991

Ashdod City, A-A Section, p. 14, November 1991

An Everyday Neighborhood , Itzuv 9, pp. 38-39, April 1991

The Artists' Gallery in Zefat , Mivnim 75, pp. 40-43, December 1988

New–York – Moving to the Loft/ Transition Towards the Toft , Binyan ve Diyur, pp.98-103, April 1988.

Living on Yellow Sand, Bait va Gan 22. Ma'ariv, November , p. 5, 1987.

Beider Residence, Tvay 23, pp. 38-39, 1985.

Architecture of a Place, Binyan ve Diyur, pp. 32-34, January 1985.

Selected Exhibitions

"Depletion" – "Meholot Le Holon", Beit Meirov, Holon, September 2011

Solo Exhibition – "Facity", Artists Gallery, Tel Aviv, August 2011

"Urban Space 2011 - Stepping Out" Architects Gallery, Tel Aviv, July 2011

"Agro-Living", video, "Giguk II, Gieben VideoArt Festival" (2010), October 2010

"The Visible and Invisible City", video , "Two Dunams in Lev Tel Aviv", Gross Gallery, Tel Aviv, July 2010

Israel Architecture and Design Convention, May 2010

"Agro Housing"- "Wood 2010", Virserum Art Museum, Sweden 2010

Solo Exhibition - "Dwelling Fragments", Ramat Gan Museum, March 2010

Agro Housing "The first Haifa Mediterranean Biennale of contemporary art" Carmel Academic College, Haifa, February 2010

Megilat Or Synagogue, "This is Israel", ZeZeZe Gallery, Tel Aviv Port, June 2009

Here and Now, Israel Architecture and Design Convention, by "Domus" , May 2009

Dwelling in Green towards Sustainable Regionalism, ZeZeZe Gallery, Tel Aviv Port, September 2008

Agro Housing – A New Way of Living, "Facing Tomorrow", The Israeli Presidential Conference, May 2008

Maalot Conservatorium, "This is Israel, Contemporary Architecture from Israel", ZeZeZe Gallery, Tel Aviv Port, 30 August 2007 - 4 October 2007.

Agro-Housing, "China International Architectural Expo 2007", Beijing, September 2007.

Ruppin Library and Memorial, "Here and Now", "Ot Haitzuv", Wohl Centre, March 2007.

The Israeli Embassy in Paris - Rehabilitation and reconstruction & Churches Path Kfar Cana – two case studies, "Conservation of historic buildings and sites – from study to realization", The third assembly for the preservation of construction heritage, Acre, January 2007.

Haifa Police Headquarters, Neot Geriatric Hospital & Eco Housing, "Haifachtura", Kastru, Haifa, April 2006.

Ruppin Library and Memorial, "The Green Campus", Beit Berl college, April 2006.

The Churches Street - Kfar Cana, "Our streets", Merhav, Tel Aviv Port, July 2006.

Maalot Music Center, "Architecture in Detail", The Israeli Architects association, Beit Yad Labanim Haifa, The 5th Israeli Architecture Biennial, Jerusalem, December 2005. Tel Aviv, Jaffa, May 2006

Israeli Architecture, Arsenal Pavillion – Paris, February 2000.

Public Buildings in Israel, the Community Centers Association, May 1999.

Israeli Architecture 50th Year Anniversary - Achievements of Israeli Architecture, 1998.

Shoham Sports Hall, "Merhav 1997" - Israeli Architects Association, December 1997.

Projects in Progress, "Haifa 2000" – Auditorium Haifa, June 1995.

Carmilo Hotel, "From the Architects Drawer", Bezalel School of Design, Jerusalem, May 1993.

Neot Ashkelon Neighborhood, Ministry of Housing exhibition, the Israel Trade Fairs and Convention Center, April 1992.

Neot Ashkelon Neighborhood, "Israeli Architecture, homeland – resurrection", Russia, May 1991.

"Tel Aviv Kiosks", Tel Aviv Art Gallery, May 1990.

"Architectural Thoughts", Horev Gallery, Haifa, December 1989.

Housing Exhibition, The Israel Trade Fairs and Convention Center, May 1987