

*Symposium: Schneller –
a living heritage in the Middle East
Sunday, November 28th, 2010 at the
Auguste Victoria-Foundation, Jerusalem*

150 years after the establishment of Schneller's Syrian Orphanage in Jerusalem, the century-old altar has been rediscovered and moved from its original place into the Church of the Ascension / Kaiserin Auguste Victoria Foundation, on the Mount of Olives.

We cordially invite you to our Symposium commemorating the jubilee and celebrating a living heritage!

Propst Dr. Uwe Gräbe

Rev. Michael Wohlrab



First Sunday in Advent, November 28th, 2010

10:30 Advent worship service of the German speaking congregation at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Old City

14:00 – 14:30 Welcome at Auguste Victoria, Mt. of Olives, and Opening of the Photo Exhibition

14:00 – 14:10 Welcoming remarks by Rev. Michael Wohlrab, Pastor at the Church of the Ascension - Kaiserin Auguste Victoria-Foundation

14:10 – 14:20 Welcoming remarks by Rev. OKR Jens Nieper, The Evangelical Church in Germany

14:20 – 14:30 Welcoming remarks by Rev. Andreas Maurer, Evangelischer Verein für die Schneller-Schulen

14:30 – 16:00 Session 1: The History of the Place

14:30 – 14:50 Lecture 1: Germany and Jerusalem in the 19th century (Prof. Haim Goren)

15:00 – 15:20 Lecture 2: The German Protestant Heritage in Jerusalem – A Palestinian Perspective (Dr. Nazmi Al-Jubeh)

15:30 – 15:50 Lecture 3: The history of Schneller's Syrian Orphanage in Jerusalem (Dr. Jakob Eisler)



16:00 – 17:00 Session 2: National and Religious Dimensions

16:00 – 16:20 Lecture 4: Changing perceptions: The Schnellers and the Jews during the Ottoman Period
(Arch. Gil Gordon M.Sc.)

16:30 – 16:50 Lecture 5: The Significance of the Schneller Institutions for Palestinian Christians (Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb)

17:00 – 18:30 Session 3: Present and Future

17:00 – 17:20 Lecture 6: The work of the Schneller Schools today (Rev. Andreas Maurer / Musa Almunaizel)

17:30 – 18:15 Round table discussion among all panelists

18:30 Refreshments / light dinner

19:30 – 21:00 Rededication of the Altar

19:30 – 19:40 Introductory remarks by Propst Dr. Uwe Gräbe

19:40 – 19:50 The transference of the Altar from Schneller's Syrian Orphanage to Auguste Victoria:
an operation and its challenges (Arch. Gil Gordon M.Sc. / Arch. Ilan Kariv)

19:50 – 20:00 Words of greeting from the donors of the altar: Dept. Mayor Naomi Tsur, Jerusalem Municipality

20:00 – 20:10 Words of greeting from the local Schneller Family: Rev. Ibrahim Azar, ELCJHL, son of a Schneller deacon

20:10 – 20:20 Words of greeting from the Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany:
Gerhard Schlaudraff, Deputy Representative, German Representative Office in Ramallah

20:30 – 21:15 Re-dedication of the altar from Schneller's Syrian Orphanage;
Celebration of the Holy Communion

21:15 Conclusion



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