Coretta Scott King

FOREST

IN THE GALILEE REGION OF NORTHERN ISRAEL

Perpetuating her message of equality and peace

In the summer of 2006, Hezbollah launched Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, destroying two million trees that covered thousands of acres of forest in the Galilee. As a tribute to Coretta Scott King and her message of peace and equality, a section of the Biriya Forest, which was destroyed by the rockets, will be replanted as the Coretta Scott King Forest. King, who passed away in 2006, was a distinguished human rights activist and leader. She devoted her life to social justice, alongside her husband, The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Coretta Scott King Forest will join a forest that was planted in Israel in memory of her husband.

From the time of her husband’s assassination in 1968, King devoted much of her energy to building and developing programs for the Atlanta-based Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. She was one of the most influential American leaders of our time and received honorary doctorates from more than 60 colleges and universities.

King wrote a message to Israel’s parliament acknowledging the actions taken by the Jewish state to commemorate her husband: “On April 8, 1968, just before he was killed, Martin delivered his last public address. In it he spoke of the visit he and I made to Israel. Moreover, he spoke to us about his vision of the Promised Land, a land of justice and equality, brotherhood and peace. Martin dedicated his life to the goals of peace and unity among all peoples, and perhaps nowhere in the world is there a greater appreciation of the desirability and necessity of peace than in Israel.”

With your help, we can rebuild Israel’s northern forests and carry on Coretta Scott King’s commitment to peace and justice.

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