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Italian support to the preservation of cultural heritage in the Holy Land and screening of a documentary on the restoration of the Nativity Church in Bethlehem



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On Tuesday October 4, the Consulate General of Italy will organize an event in Jerusalem on the Italian contribution, worth more than 6.5 million euro since 2008, to the preservation of cultural heritage sites in the Holy Land. The support of Italy originates from the close connection to the history and culture of the Holy Land and the commitment to continue the longstanding support for the enhancement of local heritage.

Architect Osama Hamdan from the Mosaic Center will present the restoration done at the Church of All Nations and at the Dominus Flevit, with the renovation of ancient mosaics (and the training of local staff).

The event will continue with the screening of the documentary "Restoring the Sky", by the Italian group *Piacenti S.p.A.* which won an international tender to restore the Nativity Church - World Heritage site. Giammarco Piacenti, one of the co-founders of *Piacenti S.p.A.*, will present the documentary which exposes the newfound beauty of the Church of the Nativity together with daily work of experts from *Piacenti*.

Piacenti S.p.A. represents one the Italian excellences in this field and coordinates 60 firms and 170 experts in Bethlehem since 2013.