The Independence Garden – Renovation

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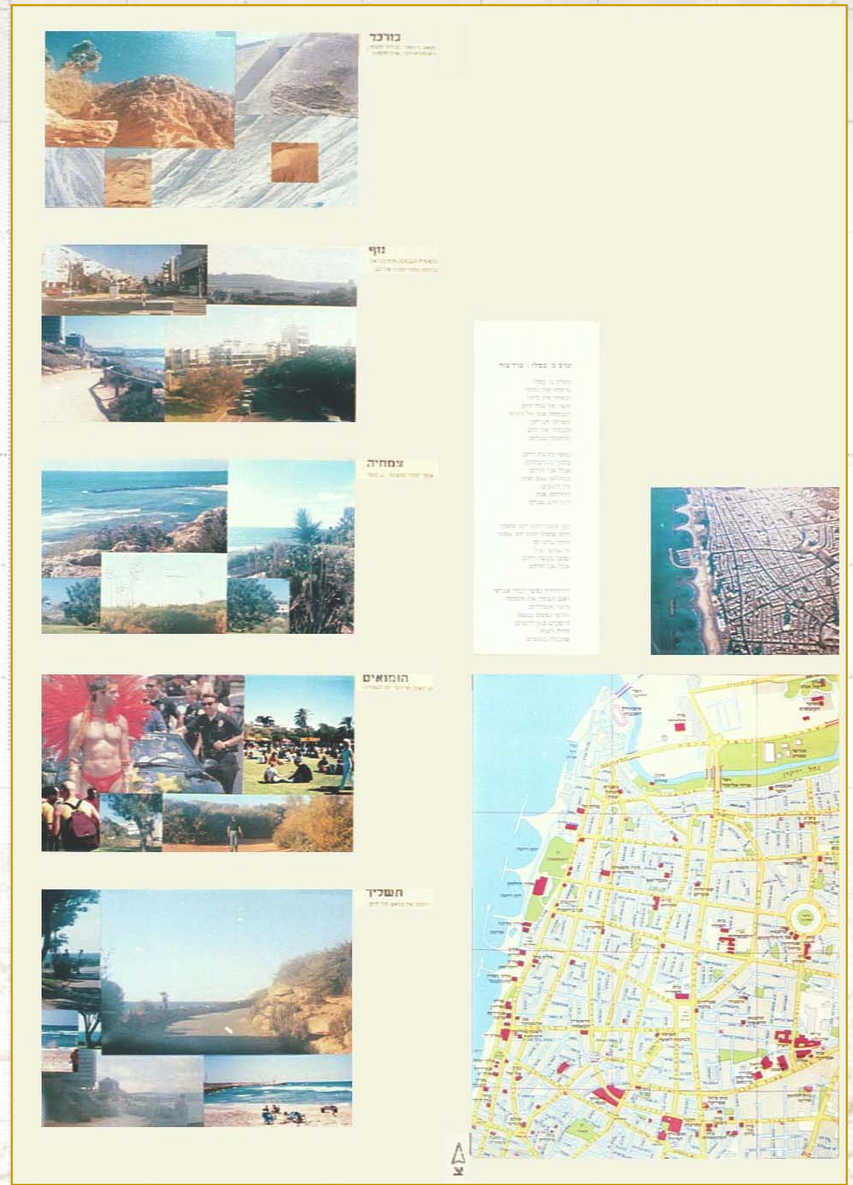


Introduction

Missed urban potential:

•The garden blocks the streets from the beaches

•Breaks off commercial and entertainment sequences

•Small number of visitors – definitely not a metropolitan park

•The only park in a large urban district has a unique coastal park character

•The Beaches – accessibility and parking issues – boundary issues

Enclosed garden – No visibility – Unwelcoming

•Visual disconnection of the garden and Hayarkon Street

•No clear and inviting entrances to the garden, other than from Nordau Boulevard

•Insufficient accessibility between the garden and the beaches

•Low visibility of the sea from the garden – restricted to the Cliff area

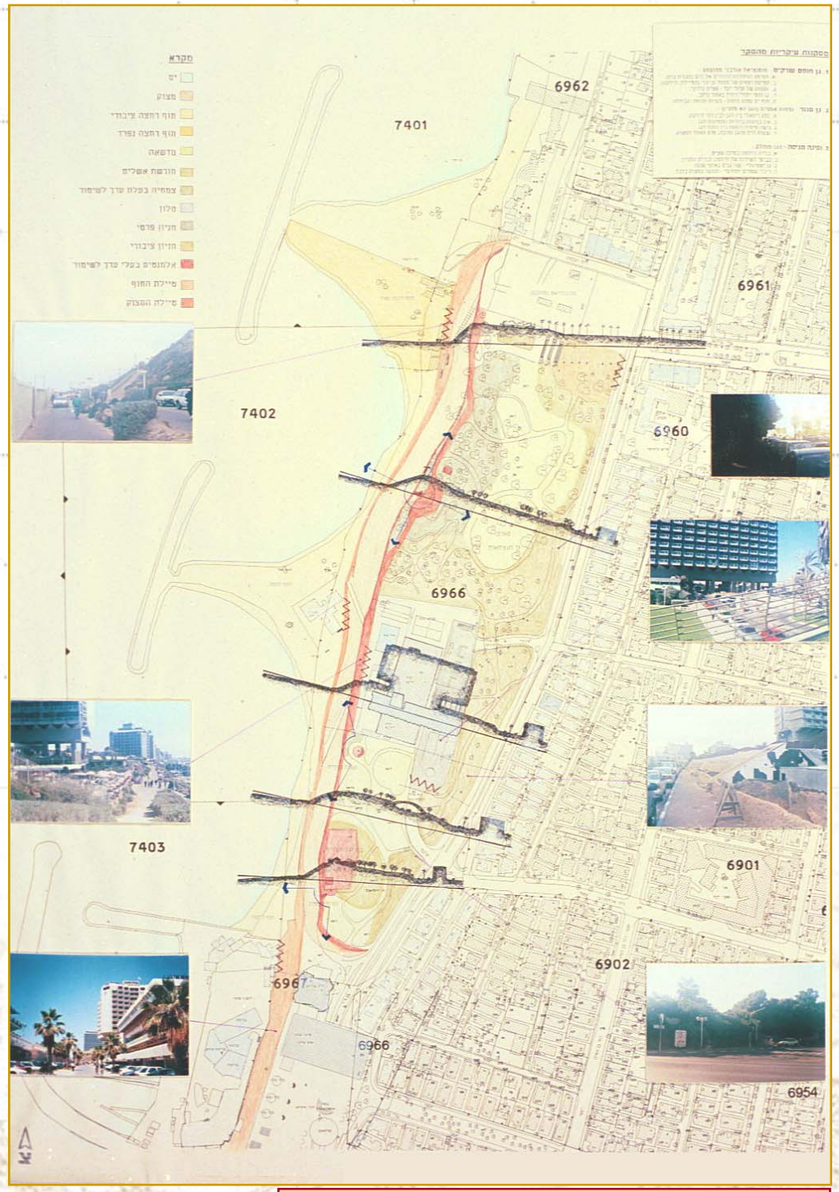
Segmentation and Division

•Hilton hotel built at the centre of a public open space

•Hilton's access routes and parking facilities tear off and dominate the garden

•The Independence Garden and Spiegel Garden – effectively separate gardens

•Too many "dead" areas – circulation narrows to cliff area



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