

Taking Care of the Teens in Argaman

Argaman, the Hebrew word for purple, is a moshav (agricultural cooperative) located in the Jordan Valley. The residents named their community after the verse in Song of Songs, “He made its pillars of silver, its back of gold, its seat of purple, the midst of it being inlaid lovingly by the daughters of Jerusalem”, speaking of the glory of King Solomon’s courts. The neatly ordered vineyards and date orchards, and crops of flowers dotting the area in colorful bursts of green and purple, bear evidence to Argaman’s agriculture. Since ancient times, the Jordan Valley has offered a fertile alternative to those who used the fresh waters of the Jordan River and the underground springs. When Israel returned to this area in 1967, it was sparsely populated and a virtual desert. Since then, the farming communities of the Jordan Valley have succeeded in making things grow again.



Founded in 1970 by a group of pioneering individuals, Argaman is also an acronym for the names of the Israeli Defense Force commanders who fell in pursuit of Arab terrorists, shortly after the Six Day War. The Jordan Valley is vital to the security of the State of Israel. Given the growing Palestinian presence in the hills of Samaria, the presence of Jewish communities in the long, narrow strip of land along Israel’s eastern border is essential to Israel’s security along the Jordan River.

Today Argaman is home to over 50 families, including 115 children and youth. Residents enjoy a comfortable life-style, and they have worked hard to achieve it. There is a social center, library, synagogue, clinic and swimming pool on the moshav. Children travel to the nearby regional elementary school. The people of Argaman are thrilled that they are beginning to see the younger generation settle down on the moshav.

Thanks to CFOIC Heartland, Argaman’s all-purpose basketball/ tennis/ soccer court was renovated, allowing the young people, for the first time in many years, to get together and play there in comfort, and without fear of flooding! This year the community is trying to raise money for another youth project but somehow, there is always another urgent, more pressing need that uses the available funds. They are turning to CFOIC to help subsidize some equipment for the youth recreation center, a place for the teenagers to congregate, socialize and entertain themselves.



- Argaman, like many of the Jordan Valley communities, is vital in securing Israel's eastern border. The security issues, however, haven't prevented the second generation of Argaman from starting to settle down on the moshav, increasing the numbers of the younger population.
- With growth comes responsibility and the Youth Recreation Center is in need of new equipment. Healthy recreation is not a luxury. It is an important part of growing and learning.

The youth of Argaman understand there is a lack of funds but they are frustrated. So they are turning to CFOIC Heartland for help. Help the children of Argaman play , grow and succeed, as they settle this lovely piece of God's land.

Project Budget

TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....\$5,550

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