

A Focus on the Youth of Bet Yatir

Bet Yatir is a small religious “moshav”- an agricultural cooperative- the first of several small communities to have been established in the isolated and breathtaking southern Hebron Hills. Founded in 1979 by twelve young pioneering families, the community has grown to its present size of over 70 families. Despite their relative isolation, these residents of Bet Yatir make a tremendous effort to keep their community life rich and rewarding. Many people in Bet Yatir are involved in agriculture. The community has vineyards, orchards, field crops, chicken coops, a dairy barn and some smaller farming enterprises. The community has a packing plant for local produce as well as its own winery. Those not involved in farming, work either locally or travel to Jerusalem in the north or Beer Sheva in the south for work.



Bet Yatir is home to many children. Elementary and high school students travel out of the community to attend classes. For younger children, there are local preschools and a day-care center. Although things have been quiet on the roads lately, residents still want the option and availability of local recreation. Trying to keep up with the growth of new neighborhoods in Bet Yatir and the constant growth in the number of children is always an effort and priority.

The Youth Center is a place of socializing for the children and teens of the community and acts as a center for local events. The residents would like to invest in their youth and make the recreation options richer and more stimulating. The parents are eager to create comfortable, attractive places of leisure for their growing population, and understand that in order to raise healthy young adults, activities must be varied and easily available.

Time and use have taken their toll on this Youth Center and it shows the healthy wear and tear that comes with steady, busy activity. There is a great need to renovate and restore the center. Ripping up the old carpeting and replacing it with more decorative flooring, would make the entire open space more inviting. Add a new sound system, and you can already picture the kids flocking to this home away from home.



- Bet Yatir believes their children are a priority and are worthy of an investment of effort, time and money.
- The Youth Center is a place of fun, busy activity. Imagine what some renovations and restoration could do to put a new fresh face on this healthily worn center!

Thanks to CFOIC Heartland, so much is already in place... furniture, lighting, window treatments. All that remains to be done is the sound system and the flooring. Your contribution to the people... the children of Bet Yatir will help them feel that you care. These projects are not lifesaving, but reaching out will prove that you respect their pioneering work and share their spirit of Zionism. Help them raise their families with a sense of well being.

Project Budget

Flooring for Youth Center.....	3,810
Sound System.....	2,540
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$6,350

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