

Havot Yair: The Future is Bright!

Havot Yair is a young, spirited community in Samaria. It overlooks the Kana Brook, the Biblical boundary between Manasseh and Ephraim. Havot Yair is actually mentioned in the Bible (Deuteronomy 3:14) meaning the farms of Yair, as a place captured and named by Yair, the son of Manasseh, as part of its territory on the eastern side of the Jordan. Given the location of this community in western Manasseh and the desire to commemorate Yair Stern, leader of Israel's pre-state "Stern Gang", who believed in Israel's right to her land, the name Havot Yair seemed a perfect match.

The people of Havot Yair today have the same pioneering spirit and the same belief that this piece—every precious piece of G-d's land—should be populated by the people of Israel. In February of 2000, a handful of mobile homes were brought up to the site, but were taken down by nightfall. The second attempt at settling the land was on the eve of Israel's Independence Day in 2001. The first mobile homes arrived, and with them a generator for electricity, tanks full of water, some single young men, and a few families. The community sits on government land, allotted by neighboring Nofim for development.

The beginning was not simple. The roads weren't paved and every time it rained, the paths became muddy, cutting off access to the community. The children loved these unexpected "days off" with their parents until the parents realized it was happening every other day in the winter. One of the residents finally borrowed his parents' jeep and would transport the children to their schools and kindergartens in the neighborhood nearby.

Today, Havot Yair has both mobile homes and permanent homes and numbers 30 families, with 77 children, the oldest of whom is nineteen and the youngest a mere month old. The people of Havot Yair are always focused on their children. There are many cultural activities suitable for all the different age groups and every Shabbat there is a short Bible class in the synagogue for all the families. They are a unified group, realizing that the more involved they are with each other, the more they will feel like one big happy family. Every year the entire community takes a two-day hike together, including sleeping out under the stars!

Twenty of the 77 children are of pre-kindergarten age and each year these numbers will rise. A day care center would be a vital, welcome addition to the community. Everyone is pitching in. The money for the renovation of a building and landscaping, a fence and awnings, was donated by the residents themselves. Everyone is volunteering his or her own talents to make this happen... a local decorator, an electrician, the neighborhood contractors. The Samaria Community Council has been recruited to this exciting cause, and has allotted a budget for some minimal, basic equipment for the Day Care Center. They have been able to start the project but they need the required funds to complete it, to acquire the toys and equipment that will make this day care center a place for the community's youngest residents.



- Havot Yair is a young, exciting, vibrant community in Samaria, with a charming pioneering spirit and the eagerness and energy necessary to grow and grow!
- With the focus always on their children and the future, the people of Havot Yair want to build a Day Care Center and have rolled up their sleeves and reached deep into their pockets to make this happen.



It's contagious! Havot Yair is inviting you to take part in their new project... in their dream of building something special for themselves, their children and their future. Support their selflessness and their willingness to work hard and sacrifice, and share their vision and turn it into a reality.

Project Budget

Play Kitchen, Doctor Corner, Play House, Beauty Area	\$1,420
Blocks.....	475
Doll Carriages, Beds, and Mattresses	240
Outdoor Playground Equipment and Riding Toys	5,180
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:	\$7,315

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