

The People of Migdal Oz

Migdal Oz was founded in 1977 by members of the Religious Kibbutz Movement, as part of the revival of the Gush Etzion communities, that fell in the War of Independence. Migdal Oz is located in the heart of Gush Etzion (Etzion bloc), which was originally settled by Jewish pioneers in the 1940s. The four settlements of Gush Etzion were destroyed by the Jordanian Army during Israel's War of Independence. Many of the area's residents were killed, and others were taken prisoner and later released, after the signing of the Armistice Agreement in 1949. Since 1967, the entire Gush Etzion region has proven vital to the security of Israel, protecting the southern approaches to Jerusalem.



Since its founding, the kibbutz has grown into a vibrant agricultural and industrial community, housing massive turkey coops, one of the country's largest dairies, fruit orchards, and olive groves. Migdal Oz represents a commitment to a solid Jewish future in Israel. Communal life is based on religious observance, Jewish culture, and a dedication to the education of the kibbutz's children in the path of their heritage. The religious atmosphere of Migdal Oz is enhanced by a prestigious Bible College for women.

Today, there are 400 residents in Migdal Oz, including hundreds of children. Migdal Oz is able, financially, to cover only the most basic upkeep of the community's educational institutions, like salaries, meals and ongoing maintenance. But the need for additional enrichment is vital. Studies show that informal education provides at least as much of what a child needs as what is taught in the classroom setting.

Migdal Oz would like to start with their youngest children, a sweet, enthusiastic, lovable segment of their population. Enrichment during those formative years is essential for proper development. The Kibbutz's Day Care Baby Center needs new flooring, two small air conditioning units, a refrigerator and kitchen cabinets. The entranceway and the yard, which are used for free play and activities, need refurbishing. A new door, an awning and some basic landscaping work would put a new face on the center. The Day Care Toddler playground can use some new equipment to replace the old and updating of some of the older equipment.



- Migdal Oz has hundreds of children and is able to support only the most basic programming.
- The municipality would like to invest in their youngest children... in their future, by newly renovating and better equipping their Day Care Center.

The assistance of CFOIC Heartland in completing this project in Migdal Oz will demonstrate your support and belief in the rights of the people of Migdal Oz to lead normal, healthy lives, as they fulfill their dream of rebuilding the pioneering sites of pre-State Zionism and settling Biblical Judea.

Project Budget

Day Care Center Entrance and Yard.....	\$5,710
Indoor Renovations	8,380
Toddler Playground	11,110
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$25,000

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