

# Young Again in Netiv Hagedud

It's so nice to walk around Netiv Hagedud nowadays. There are young mothers pushing strollers and kids playing in the park. For years, the community felt like they were turning into a senior citizen enclave, but recently there has been an influx of young families, mostly second generation, who have joined the community. Of the fifty families now living in Netiv Hagedud, half have young children...what a blessing!

With growth, though, comes responsibility, and the residents realize they have to provide for this very welcome segment of the population. There is a dire lack of indoor and outdoor play equipment in the community Day Care Center.

Netiv Hagedud has an interesting place in the Jordan Valley's history. The name of the community commemorates a battle that took place in 1918 during WWI when Turkey and England were on opposite sides. The British directive was to seize "Um-el-Shart", the only bridge in the region. Troops, among them the *Jewish Battalion*, were sent to reinforce British troops on the Jordanian front. After a difficult battle, the mission was accomplished thanks to the Jewish troops.

Netiv Hagedud was established in 1976 as an agricultural community. To this day, the original pioneers cultivate the land, growing bell peppers, grapes, and of course hundreds of dunams of dates, the region's major crop. The younger generation does not farm and works outside of the community, commuting to the larger cities nearby.

Netiv Hagedud is flourishing! The fields are green and lush; the families are thriving and growing. These pioneers are turning to CFOIC Heartland with the opportunity to take part in this beautiful dream of settling G-d's land.





- Netiv Hagedud saw their community aging until a group of second generation families decided to return and make their homes here.
- The Day Care Center needs sturdy, attractive, plentiful equipment, both inside and outside in the yard.

Show support for this beautiful Jordan Valley community by reaching out to the children. Your donation will help give them the equipment to strengthen their muscles today , so they can strengthen the Land tomorrow.

### Project Budget

**TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED: .....\$5,560**

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