

The Past Meets the Present in Psagot

Psagot is a small community located less than a kilometer from the major Arab city of Ramallah which has been under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority since 1995. It is not always easy to live in a community like Psagot, under threats from its Arab neighbors.

There are currently 290 families living in Psagot, the pioneers and newcomers living side by side. The number of families moving into the community keeps growing. There is a day care center, four pre-schools and an elementary school to serve the younger segment of the population.

Eight years ago, a neighborhood was established on the far-reaching outskirts of Psagot, near a beautiful archeological site. This mobile-home site was named “The Ai”, for the Biblical city that stood at that spot during the days of Joshua. How exciting to live in an area spoken of in such detail in the Scriptures! The story of the Battle at Ai, when the Israelites are defeated after Achan steals from the spoils of Jericho, which were dedicated to G-d... the subsequent battle which turns the city into a place of victory, through the Jewish people’s complete faith in G-d’s provisions. Sixteen seasons of excavations have uncovered ancient remains: A piece of a temple, an olive press, a ritual bath, water cisterns, residences, a wall remnant, an underground tunnel, and even a coin from the Bar Kochba Revolt.

The people of Psagot feel it is a privilege - a mission - to keep this chain of settlement going. In honor of the community’s 30th anniversary, they feel it would be appropriate to express this connection with their history, by further developing this archeological find. Volunteers are willing to offer their artistic creativity and their willingness to work hard. The residents will take this upon themselves as a community project. But the need is bigger than they are!

Archeologists and other professionals in the field of heritage preservation believe that “The Ai” has the potential to be a very valuable and significant tourist site. They believe this place must be shared with the rest of the country. The people have invested great resources in starting to ready the area, and now they would like to begin with the first stage of renovations: initial plans, steps, guard rails, organized parking areas, walking paths and explanatory signs for visitors.





- Residents of Psagot’s growing neighborhood known as “The Ai” (established eight years ago), consider it a joy and privilege to live near the ancient site of biblical Ai.
- Several discoveries, dating as far back as the time of Joshua, made at the archeological site near “The Ai” neighborhood strengthen and validate its biblical ties to the area.

The people of Psagot have an opportunity to uncover their wonderfully rich past as they continue to build a promising future on God’s land. It is not enough for Israel to build modern buildings and freeways. As Israel moves forward she must look back to times when her history was being made, back when the people of the Scriptures walked the land. This is a project of Biblical proportions.

Project Budget

First stage of renovations of site	\$8,000
Community Investment	-1,000
Regional Council	-2,540
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....	\$4,460

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