

# The Future is Bright in Havot Yair

Havot Yair is a young, spirited community in Samaria, overlooking the Kana Brook, the Biblical boundary between Manasseh and Ephraim. Havot Yair “the farms of Yair” is mentioned in the Bible (Deuteronomy 3:14) as a place captured and named by Yair, the son of Manasseh, as part of its territory on the eastern side of the Jordan. Situated in western Manasseh, the community is named in honor of Yair, son of Manasseh, and Yair Stern, leader of Israel’s pre-state “Stern Gang”, who believed in Israel’s right to her land.



The people of Havot Yair today have the same pioneering spirit and the same belief that this piece—every precious piece of God’s land—should be populated by the people of Israel. In 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 pioneering beginning was not simple. The roads weren’t paved and every time it rained, the paths became muddy, cutting off access to the community. Today, Havot Yair has both mobile homes and permanent homes and numbers 45 families, with more than 120 children, the oldest of whom is twenty and a dozen are under a year old. There are many cultural activities suitable for all the different age groups; and, every Shabbat there is a short family Bible class in the synagogue. They are a unified group, realizing that the more involved they are with each other, the more they feel like one big happy family. Every year the entire community takes a two-day hike together, including sleeping out under the stars.

The families of Havot Yair are growing. **CFOIC Heartland** recently donated towards a quality shading for the playground, helping the people of Havot Yair get through the heat of the summer, allowing them to remain outside, enjoying the Mediterranean climate and the hilltop breezes. Not too long ago, a joint project of Havot Yair’s local talent, together with generous funding from **CFOIC Heartland**, managed to finish the building of a lovely day care center for the community’s youngest residents. And just last year **CFOIC Heartland** helped the community with a 200 square foot expansion and renovation of the local kindergarten.

As the community grows, so do their needs. This year, the people of Havot Yair would like to focus on creating an enriching, recreational space for its youngsters. A space that can be shared, and enjoyed by parents and children alike. Havot Yair would like to transform a run-down mobile home into a library and Gymboree. To make this happen, the community will need to renovate the building, and purchase all the necessary equipment, including books, shelves, games, Gymboree equipment, and seating. The library will serve children of all ages, while the Gymboree will be a wonderful place for parents of small children to come together in the afternoon hours.

This would be a wonderful gift for those who have sacrificed so much to live in the Biblical heartland. Together we can make this happen!

- Watching a community grow brings great joy, along with responsibility, increased needs and expenses.
- Havot Yair would like to create more communal spaces, for everyone's benefit.



**G**rowth is 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. Will you join the exciting growth in Havot Yair by donating to their library and Gymboree?

### Project Budget

Building Renovation .....	\$5,000
Gymboree Equipment .....	\$2,000
Books and Games.....	\$1,500
Tables and Chairs.....	\$1,000
Book Shelves .....	\$500
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

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