

A photograph of four men, likely staff or volunteers at Bet Hagai, smiling and wearing white shirts. The image is slightly faded and serves as a background for the title.

Bet Hagai

FAMILY IS AN ANCHOR

Family is an anchor that holds you through life's storms. Unfortunately, some children aren't lucky enough to have a real family. Yehuda arrived at the Bet Hagai Youth Village at the age of 12, having already amassed a long rap sheet. Following his father's incarceration for abusing another family member, Yehuda was a lost cause, caught up in crime, bouncing from one school to the next—no one could handle him. An order from Family Court is what landed Yehuda at Bet Hagai Youth Village, but after all that he had been through, he had no faith in people, schools and least of all, in himself.

Mickey and Ortal Medil became Yehuda's house parents and gave him a warm loving home, family dinners, clothes and the attention he needed and deserved. While at first, it was difficult for Yehuda to accept authority and respect boundaries, the Medils patiently worked with him and eventually Yehuda learned to accept their love and stopped acting out. He also learned to accept help and believe in himself. Despite learning challenges, Yehuda graduated from high school, went on to excel at a military preparatory program and today, he serves as an officer in an elite unit of the Israel Defense Forces. Yehuda and the Medils remain close to this day, and they attend all of his army ceremonies.

What Bet Hagai has done for Yehuda, it has done and continues to do for many at-risk boys. Many of the boys come from broken homes, and they often arrive broken in spirit too. But, when they leave Bet Hagai, they enter adulthood with life skills, and with their soul restored.

The five house families are a core component of Bet Hagai's success. Each couple and their children, care for 10 boys aged 13-18, where they serve as role models for the boys, and provide them with a warm and nurturing environment and emotional support, all rooted in faith. In past years, CFOIC Heartland donors generously supported the renovation of a group home to meet social services and fire standards. This year, they are desperate to renovate one more home and ensure a safe environment for the boys.

The Bet Hagai Youth Village must renovate a group home for 10 at-risk boys and their caring house parents, ensuring their safety and wellbeing. By supporting this transformative program, you will have a direct impact on these broken boys. Your donation will help them grow into leaders who will be able to give back to society, as they strengthen their hold on the hills of Judea.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** The community was established in 1983, the Youth Village in 1989
- ☆ **Location:** South Hebron Hills, Judea
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** Hagai is an abbreviation of the names of three young men, Hanan, Gershon and Yaacov, murdered by terrorists in Hebron in 1980
- ☆ **Population:** 100 families in Bet Hagai, 45 boys and 6 families at the youth village



Foster parents open their arms and hearts to the boys at Bet Hagai, with unwavering love and support



Bet Hagai youth are mentored by rabbis, who provide them with spiritual fortification, as they study Bible together

BET HAGAI GROUP HOME RENOVATION

PROJECT BUDGET

Roof repair, stone-facing and painting	\$126,000
Refurbishing bathrooms.....	14,000
Airconditioning / heating system.....	25,400
Furnishings	18,400
Donations from private and government sources	-110,300
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$73,500

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