



Einav

Passing the Torch to Young Pioneers

You could feel the excitement in the air as teenagers, seniors, and young families all joined in celebrating Tu B'Shvat – the Jewish New Year for trees. They planted trees, prepared the ground, and together celebrated a stronger Jewish presence in Biblical Israel.

It all began with Corona. The people of the tight-knit community of Einav usually see each other often — at synagogue, at community gatherings, in neighborly visits with one another. But with its strict social distancing requirements, Corona forced community gatherings outdoors. But there was nowhere to sit and meet outdoors.

The solution — create a beautiful outdoor gathering place for the people of Einav. A place in the heart of the natural forest along the community's outskirts, where families, young and old, can leisurely connect with one another.

The local teenagers were key to the project. Being out of school for nearly a year and only seeing their classmates on zoom a few hours a day, they felt isolated and bored. This project gave them a common goal. They were out at the site from dawn every day until their first zoom class began and returned to the site again as soon as their zooms were over. They cleared brush, created paths, planted flowers (including tulip bulbs donated by Dutch Christian friends).

These young people worked hard to develop an area where the founding pioneers planted trees 30 years earlier. And the teens welcomed the passing of the torch. Their enthusiasm and hard work were nothing short of awe-inspiring. Their energy was contagious.

On Tu B'Shvat, every Einav family planted a tree in the forest, expressing their dedication to the land and the renewed park area. They also built picnic tables, a small covered look-out, and installed a wooden swing. But there is improvement that still needs to happen: another swing, an outdoor BBQ, and the crown jewel of the project — a gazebo with seating encircling a chimneyed firepit, where the people of Einav can gather, at any time, to enjoy nature, to fellowship, to play music, to pray and to study Bible.

Einav is developing a new park area, a sanctuary in nature, for its residents. A place where they can strengthen their community bonds and their connection to God. They handed the torch of pioneering to their dedicated and idealistic teenagers, and the youth accepted with zeal and energy. Your support for this project will not only create a beautiful place for fellowship in Einav, but it will have an immense impact on the next generation of pioneers of Biblical Samaria, as they follow the path their grand-parents first paved 40 years ago.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1981
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** Einav is Hebrew for grape and refers to the vineyards that were prominent in Samaria in Biblical times. Similar to the name of a nearby Arab village, Anabta, that may reflect an ancient Jewish village of a similar name.
- ☆ **Population:** 215 families



Einav youth planted thousands of tulip bulbs in the park, a gift from wonderful Christian friends through CvI Holland



Einav residents—older pioneers, families and teens—joined to plant trees and prepare the grounds for the park, last month

EINAV COMMUNITY PARK

PROJECT BUDGET

Gazebo	\$15,000
Electric	9,600
Irrigation System	9,000
Fire Pit.....	7,000
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$40,600

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