



Bet Hagai

A GREENER FUTURE

A 17-year-old boy rubs his tired shoulders and continues to shovel hay into the horses' trough. His mentor enters the stables, amicably pats the young man on the back, and asks him to help carry bags of feed from the truck. As the two make their way towards the truck, they encounter other young men tending to the animals and working in the greenhouse. The mentor scans the boy's strong body and positive demeanor and is filled with pride and affection. "You've come a long way, and you have a bright future ahead of you," he thinks to himself.

The Bet Hagai Youth Village provides teens from dysfunctional homes with hands-on learning and vocational training. But it is as much a therapeutic program as it is an educational program. Many of the boys come from difficult backgrounds, such as abusive homes, addiction, violence, and crime. The Youth Village offers these lost boys an opportunity to turn around every aspect of their lives. Transforming them as they prepare for adulthood as contributing members of Israeli society. The physically demanding work improves the boys' physical and emotional well-being, and they gain marketable job skills. The hands-on learning teaches problem-solving skills and tangibly demonstrates the values of responsibility, patience, and discipline. The farming program includes the study of biology. The program's physical, hard work teaches the teens how to cultivate and nurture plants and trees and raise sheep and other animals. They reap the fruit of their labor when they get to sell the products of their hard work.

This year, the Youth Village wants to expand its impact by launching a blueberry farm. This blueberry crop will be used as a comprehensive tool for the boys' enrichment and a source of sustainable income for the village's activities. Through building and operating the farm, students will gain professional skills, learn business management, and obtain a hands-on education on the Biblical laws which govern farming, such as the Sabbatical Year. However, underlying the entire program is a deep-seated connection to the Land of Israel, which these boys will be able to feel and experience in a more personal way than ever before.

Bet Hagai Youth Village wants to establish a blueberry farm as a key component in its agricultural program. The new enterprise will impact these teen boys while expanding the ability to sustain the Youth Village's future activities. They need your help today, because the farm must be up and running before the next Sabbatical year begins, in the fall of 2021, when all planting must cease for one year. Your contribution to this amazing project will help plant a new crop in the Land of Israel. And an even greater reward as you invest in lost boys who need your help the most.

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



Bet Hagai Youth Village's agricultural program provides lost boys hands-on learning , and vocational job training



Teens at the greenhouse learn botany, irrigation, pollination, and business skills when they sell their seedlings and plants

BET HAGAI YOUTH VILLAGE BLUEBERRY FARM

PROJECT BUDGET

Set-Up Costs	\$43,900
Operational Costs Prior to Selling Produce	10,500
Community Participation	-10,500
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$43,900

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