



# Hemdat

## THE BOND THAT MAKES US STRONGER

Hemdat is the fulfillment of a Zionist dream. Located in sweeping landscapes with breathtaking views spanning from the Dead Sea in the south to Mount Hermon in the north, it is vitally strategic to protect Israel. Just outside the community, you will find a hiker's paradise: desolate hills carpeted in the spring with lupines and irises, challenging hiking courses boasting steep ascents and winding descents, water streams, and ancient ruins. Given its desert location, however, it is not a popular place to live for most people.

Due to the harsh desert conditions, Hemdat has undergone several reincarnations where zealous pioneers arrived, stayed for a few years, and departed, necessitating an ongoing military presence to prevent nomadic Arab tribes from illegally seizing the land. In 1997, a Bible school was established in Hemdat, and one family decided to settle there. Gradually, more families came and began building the community as it stands today. In reflecting on past failures, the people of Hemdat realized that the community has to offer more than just affordable housing if it would survive in such geographical isolation. It would need to foster an authentic atmosphere of camaraderie, mutual responsibility, and community-wide involvement. Hemdat is a close-knit community with permanent homes, lots of children, and dreams of growing bigger.

But the location is still isolated, and the environment is harsh. There are no cafes or restaurants, no large grassy areas with park benches where adults can meet and connect while children play, and there is nowhere to socialize outdoors. The people of Hemdat are feeling alone and isolated. But you can help!

At the center of the community is an undeveloped plot of land. Which, unfortunately, is a dangerous area where local children like to play and explore. However, the location is ideal for establishing a recreational park where residents can meet and hold community-wide events. This community connection is vital for attracting new families. Hemdat needs your help to turn this neglected area into something inviting and functional, an area that will help ensure future growth.

**The people of Hemdat need your help to create a beautiful outdoor gathering space in the center of the community. This park will strengthen the neighborly atmosphere and attract new families. These dedicated pioneers have chosen to raise their children in an isolated but Biblically significant place. Your gift today will help this isolated community grow and prosper. You will be encouraging deep connections and mutual support among residents as they live out their dreams and devote their lives to settle the Biblical Heartland.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1979
- ☆ **Location:** Jordan Valley
- ☆ **Meaning of Name:** Hebrew for Beloved
- ☆ **Geographic Significance:**  
Located only a few kilometers from Israel's border with Jordan, it is vital in securing Israel's eastern border
- ☆ **Population:** 50 families



*Hemdat needs your help to grow! They want to attract many new young families with children*



*With your help this empty spot in the center of the community will become a beautiful park and outdoor gathering space*

## HEMDAT OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PARK

### PROJECT BUDGET

Landscaping.....	\$10,700
Parking .....	15,500
Park Benches .....	1,900
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$28,100</b>

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