



Revava

“...AND YOUR CHILDREN SHALL RETURN”

For many immigrant families, especially those running away from growing anti-Semitism in Europe, the move to Israel provides the freedom to practice their Judaism without worry and the joy of fulfilling a 2,000-year-old prophecy! Revava’s warm and inviting community has been reaching out to families who immigrated from Europe for several years, helping them make their home in the Biblical Heartland. Still, adjusting to life in a new country is a complicated and often painful process.

Many immigrants arrive in Israel not speaking Hebrew, unaccustomed to local culture, and need to adjust even their most basic life assumptions. Last year, six new families left everything they knew behind in France, immigrated to Israel, and chose to build their new homes in Revava. COVID made their adjustment process harder than ever. Hebrew lessons over zoom were ineffective, resulting in poor language acquisition and the inability to find jobs to feed their families. They have had little opportunity to acclimate to the community and forge friendships, due to many months of strict social distancing. Revava is eager to help them, but they need your help.

The children also did poorly. The school year is nearly over, yet they are still struggling academically, with poor language proficiency, and socially. After school, the children remain isolated from the community even though social distancing restrictions have eased. In addition, their new neighborhood, made up of only six trailer homes, is under-developed and somewhat isolated from the community center.

Revava is developing a program to help the new immigrant families bridge the gap, providing Hebrew tutoring for adults and children, vocational support, food vouchers, and most importantly, help to integrate with the veteran residents of the community. Additional immigrant families are coming this summer, and the mobile home neighborhood must include an inviting outdoor space and playground. This playground will provide recreation for the new immigrant families and their children and attract veteran families and children. Connecting at the park will enable them to meet and integrate naturally.

Revava desperately needs your support to help struggling new immigrant families with food vouchers, a support program, and a community park and playground near their homes. With your help, they can genuinely feel that they have come home! Your donation will be an encouragement to those who left their birthplaces behind, and like Abraham, set forth to settle in a new land.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1991
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** Located on land apportioned to the tribe of Ephraim, the community's name, which means "ten thousand," comes from the Biblical verse: "And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim" (Deuteronomy 33:17)
- ☆ **Population:** 500 families



Revava residents welcome new immigrants from France helping them integrate into the community



You can help improve Revava's new immigrant neighborhood with a park and other vital services

REVAVA IMMIGRANTS PROGRAM

PROJECT BUDGET

Neighborhood Park and Playground	\$110,300
Hebrew Language Tutoring and Job Placement Assistance	36,000
Food Vouchers.....	8,000
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$154,300

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