



Gitit

ROOM TO GROW

The community of Gitit is located just east of the Biblical city of Gilgal (Joshua 9:6). It is tucked against the slopes of the Samaritan Hills, rising above the Jordan Valley, to its east. Gitit is extremely isolated from other Jordan Valley communities, and vulnerable to ongoing threats of terrorism. The extreme desert heat of the region, makes it difficult to enjoy the outdoors during most of the year, requiring an airconditioned indoor space for most activities. The community dwindled in numbers at the height of the second Intifada (2000), as many families left due to security threats. Thankfully, today Gitit is experiencing revival and growth—100 families strong, with many children and teens. But with no museums, or recreational facilities nearby, life can be very challenging.

Isolation can cause issues within a community, especially for restless and energetic teenagers. Gitit is already providing their teens with some learning and recreational opportunities. But without a youth center, parents are fearful that their teenagers will turn to bad, at-risk behaviors such as vandalism, alcohol, and drugs. The people of Gitit are acutely aware they need to provide their teenagers with a safe place to socialize, play games, and engage in enrichment programs. They have located an existing building for the youth center, but it needs some repair work. Gitit needs your help to cover the renovation costs for the youth center, including painting, light fixtures and air-conditioning units.

Gitit has a vibrant, active, and diverse community, with young families and older couples, and a good mix of religious and non-religious. They have a well-developed variety of social and cultural programs that are held in the community's events hall. Wanting to keep their growing community active and engaged, as well as continue attracting new families, Gitit keeps expanding its adult enrichment programs. But with only one available facility for all these programs, space is becoming a daily challenge. The people of Gitit urgently need a new community center to support their rich community life. They have set aside an existing older building that needs updating. Gitit needs your help to cover the costs of renovation, including painting, floors, window shades, air-conditioning, and kitchen cabinets.

Gitit, a small, isolated community in the Jordan Valley, needs your help to renovate a youth center and an adult activity center. With your generous donation, you can help enrich community life for these dedicated pioneers. Your donation today will provide the men, women and teens of Gitit a place to socialize, learn, grow, and blossom, while encouraging the development of this beautiful piece of God's land!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1972
- ☆ **Location:** Jordan Valley
- ☆ **Name Significance:** IDF General Rechavam Ze'evi named the community after an ancient stringed musical instrument (Psalm 81). He explained that from the community's vantage point, the Jordan Valley appears reminiscent of the ancient instrument.
- ☆ **Population:** 100 families



Gitit has 120 teenagers, who desperately need a place of their own to socialize and engage in enrichment programs



These active pioneers need an adult activity center, to enable this isolated community to continue to thrive

GITIT YOUTH AND ADULT ACTIVITY CENTERS

PROJECT BUDGET

Community Center Renovation	\$10,700
Youth Center Renovation	7,400
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$18,100

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