



Gevaot

KEEPING SPECIAL-NEEDS FAMILIES SAFE

Last August, Arab terrorist arsonists started several fires in the forest bordering the small community of Gevaot. The dry conditions fanned the flames, quickly spreading it toward the community. Gevaot is home to special-needs children, young adults and their families. As the fires moved rapidly toward the community, family members, including those who are particularly vulnerable in the face of danger and stress, became visibly agitated. They were on the verge of panic.

A major feature of the special programs at the Sadna School in Gevaot, is the animals, from horses to hamsters and everything in between. As the fire approached the school area, most families and the larger animals were evacuated, while local firefighting crews, aided by crews from more distant localities and firefighting planes, heroically fought to subdue the fire. Thankfully, no lives were lost, but the event left the community reeling. Coping with such a terrifying event would cause anyone undue distress, but for families with severely disabled children, the experience was a nightmare. Parents could not evacuate their families until they had calmed their severely disabled child, and as they sought temporary accommodations, they wondered — *Who will host a family with a special-needs child, and for how long?*

For years, the people of Gevaot have lived under constant threat of harm. But in recent years, terrorists in Judea and Samaria have added arson to their arsenal of weapons. Setting fires along the perimeter of small and often isolated communities, often taking advantage of the dry season, is an easy and effective way to create havoc and inflict real harm. In recent months, Gevaot has experienced a significant increase in arson attacks.

Gevaot recently received a government grant towards the purchase of surveillance cameras. But the grant does not cover the entire project. To truly protect the men, women and children of Gevaot, the community desperately needs your help to cover the remaining costs, including installation, electrical infrastructure, and a security center, where security personnel will monitor surveillance feed.

Gevaot, a very special community in Gush Etzion, desperately needs your help to purchase vital surveillance equipment. With its special-needs population, this community is particularly vulnerable to terrorist attack. And they must have ample warning time to shepherd their many dependent residents to safety. Surveillance cameras in Gevaot, more than anywhere else in the area, is a matter of life and death!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1995
- ☆ **Location:** Gush Etzion region, Judea
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** The word "Gevaot" means hills, and the word "Sadna" means workshop
- ☆ **Population:** 45 families



Without surveillance cameras, firefighting crews could not locate the fires' origins, and struggled to subdue the flames



Your donation will help Gevaot purchase surveillance cameras, to enable them to protect their vulnerable residents

GEVAOT SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT

PROJECT BUDGET

Construction of surveillance headquarters	\$11,050
Surveillance Cameras	8,800
Electrical infrastructure	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$25,350

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