

The image features the word "Avigayil" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text, there is a photograph of three children (two boys and one girl) looking towards the camera. The background of the photo is a light-colored wall with Hebrew text. The word "אביגיל" (Avigayil) is written in blue Hebrew characters on the wall behind the children.

# Avigayil

## A COMMUNITY SURROUNDED BY ADVERSITY

The Bible (I Samuel 25) relates the story of a confrontation between David and Nabal, a selfish and mean merchant living in Maon. While David had previously protected Nabal's workers in the Judean desert, Nabal refused to extend hospitality to David and turned him away with rudeness and contempt. Under risk of retribution from her husband, Nabal's wife Avigayil (Hebrew for Abigail) offered David and his men food and drinks, thereby preventing violence and bloodshed. Her actions exemplify courage and trust in God when faced with a life-threatening situation. The founders of Avigayil named their community, located across from Biblical Maon, after this brave woman who later became King David's wife, as they sought to fulfill God's will in the face of adversity.

Located in Hebron Hills, the isolated community of Avigayil was established in 2001 by a small group of single young men who lived in an abandoned bus in an effort to protect and settle Jewish land during the height of the Second Intifada. Living in Avigayil is not easy. Still relatively undeveloped with primitive infrastructure, there are 50 families living in Avigayil today. While these idealistic pioneers have created a warm and accepting environment, they face increasing security threats on a daily basis. Arab illegal land seizures and illegal construction are rampant. Anarchist protesters go out of their way to disturb Jewish life in the area, often blocking the entrance to Avigayil, and preventing residents from leaving or entering the community for hours. And hostile attacks threaten local families' most basic resources, destroying Avigayil's power lines and siphoning away water from the regional water pipes, leaving residents without power or running water for days at a time.

Despite being surrounded by four hostile Arab villages in close proximity, the people of Avigayil remain resolute in their commitment to hold on to their ancestral lands. Like all Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria, Avigayil has a rapid response team that is always on alert and a rotating IDF unit that guards a daycare during the day and patrols the perimeter at night. Rapid response team members are volunteers who can be alerted at any time of the day or night in the event of a terrorist infiltration or any other emergency. But mounting security threats make it imperative that they have an emergency center where they can safely congregate to map out immediate threats and courses of action. The people of Avigayil need your help!

**Avigayil critically needs an emergency center to defend the lives of their men, women, and children from certain dangers. Your donation towards building and furnishing an emergency center will significantly improve both response time and outcome during terrorist attacks. With your help, the people of Avigayil will be safer and more secure as they settle the Biblical Heartland.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Name Origin:** Hebrew name of King David's wife Abigail, who resided in the Biblical town of Maon. The community of Avigayil is located near Ancient Maon
- ☆ **Established:** 2001
- ☆ **Location:** Hebron Hills, Judea
- ☆ **Strategic Significance:** Part of a cluster of small Jewish communities in the Hebron Hills that were established to strengthen the Jewish presence in this vital area of Biblical Israel
- ☆ **Population:** 50 families, including 150 children and teens



*You can provide the brave pioneers of Avigayil with an emergency center to protect families and save lives!*



*Avigayil is located in close proximity to several hostile Arab villages, and is extremely vulnerable to terrorist attacks*

## AVIGAYIL EMERGENCY CENTER

### PROJECT BUDGET

Emergency Center Building .....	\$27,810
Generator and Security Equipment .....	11,700
Air-Conditioning and Furnishings.....	8,630
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$48,140</b>

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