



Naaran

SHAPING FUTURE PIONEERS

In twenty-two years, Naaran has indeed come a long way! The few founders, who arrived to re-establish the kibbutz as single men and women in 1999, are now married with children of their own, and the community continues to grow steadily. The people of Naaran grow incredibly delicious Medjool dates and potted flowers, but they are also raising the next generation of Zionist farmers.

Kibbutz Naaran, initially established in 1977, was mostly abandoned by the early 1990s, as the barren, isolated conditions proved too challenging for the original founders. But just a few years later, ten single young adults returned to the land, committed to breathing new life into it. These idealistic Zionist pioneers were not satisfied with merely working the land and enjoying the fruits of their labor. Rather, they wanted to ensure Jewish continuity in their Ancestral Land and took steps to make that a reality. They established an educational and outreach program, inviting teenagers and young adults from all over Israel to visit Naaran and participate in educational and fun retreats on Zionism, leadership, and farming. Inspired by these workshops, young city-raised adults returned to the Jordan Valley as farmers, dedicated to putting down deep roots and settling the sparsely inhabited land. Today, Naaran has 80 adults, and 60 children and the community continues to grow steadily.

But living so far away from other communities is difficult for the children and teens of the community. Currently, there are twenty-five teenagers in the community, ages 13 to 18. Taking after their parents, these teens are fiercely dedicated to their community, regularly extending a helping hand, participating in volunteer projects, and leading activities for the younger teens and children. The Naaran children's center, where all children and teen activities take place, has enriching after-school programs for older elementary-school children and younger teens. It also serves as a meeting place for older teens where they create meaningful friendships and organize community involvement. But with so much activity, the children's center is bursting at the seams. The people of Naaran, understanding that teenagers need their own space, want to create a youth center for their dedicated teens. An existing older structure is available for that purpose, but it requires extensive renovation. Naaran needs your help to renovate and transform this building into a warm and inviting place for their teenagers.

Naaran wants to provide its dedicated teenagers with a safe, inviting place to socialize and engage in enrichment activities. Your support will provide another brick in the building and development of this pioneering community. Give today to encourage teens to continue their charitable work, and participate in raising the next generation of inspiring pioneers in the Biblical Heartland.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ✧ **Established:** Established in 1977 -
Reestablished in 1999
- ✧ **Name Origin:** Named after the
Biblical city of Naaran (1 Chronicles
7:28) as a town in the eastern part
of Ephraim
- ✧ **Location:** Jordan Valley, 10 km
north of Jericho
- ✧ **Strategic Significance:** The Jordan
Valley is Israel's only security border
in the east. Control of the few
crossings from this area to the west
can prevent an invasion of Israel
- ✧ **Population:** 80 adults, 60 children
and teens



*The people of Naaran are not only raising top-grade dates—
they are raising the next generation of pioneers*



*You can help develop this young community in the Jordan
valley by supporting a new youth center in Naaran*

NAARAN YOUTH CENTER

PROJECT BUDGET

Youth Center Renovation	\$31,150
Furnishings and Equipment	3,460
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$34,610

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