



Gevaot

REACHING FOR THE STARS IN THE HILLS OF JUDEA

A small but determined community, built upon the principle of helping special needs children achieve their greatest dreams, is situated just southwest of Jerusalem in the region of Gush Etzion. Like the rest of the region, the community of Gevaot, serves as a role model exemplifying a spirit of determination and persistence in the face of challenges and adversity. Gevaot however, stands out among its neighboring communities.

The Hebrew word *Gevaot* translates into English as (geographic) “heights.” The community’s location in the Judean Hills makes “Gevaot” a fitting name for the community. However, it is Gevaot’s commitment to serve as a base of support for special-needs individuals that ultimately makes the community reach the highest levels of virtue and generosity. Moreover, by providing special-needs individuals with the tools to overcome adversity, the community helps special-needs individuals reach their greatest heights and potential.

Gevaot was built around the vision of the school “Sadna,” which was launched by Noa Mandelbaum, a self-driven and motivated woman. At Sadna, severely disabled and low-functioning children and adults are given the opportunity to reach their full potential by receiving a nurturing and customized educational environment.

The Sadna school offers vocational and experiential programs that enable the participants to feel a sense of personal achievement and self-fulfillment. The school’s ceramics studio gives the students a vital avenue to express themselves in a non-verbal, tangible form. At the studio, the students enhance their sense of self-satisfaction, not only by witnessing a physical display of their own unique works of art but also by feeling accomplished professionally, knowing that their finished products, such as bowls and trays, are used and sold at the local coffee shop.

Sadna’s ceramics studio, however, is in bad shape and needs to be renovated. Additional equipment is needed in order for the studio to function most optimally for the students. Your donation today will bring hope and satisfaction to special-needs individuals by giving them the opportunity to reach the greatest of heights of their potential.

Sadna’s students, in the small and determined community of Gevaot, strive to overcome adversity and achieve their full potential by creating beautiful ceramic works of art. The school needs your help to enable students to grow and to achieve self-worth and self-satisfaction. Your support will help special needs individuals use their skills and talents and reach for the stars and achieve their greatest heights!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

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



Sadna nurtures special-needs children, giving them the tools and opportunity to reach their greatest potential!



Sadna's students create magnificent works of art! You can play a role in helping them achieve their full potential!

GEVAOT CERAMICS STUDIO

PROJECT BUDGET

Renovations	\$20,170
Tools and Equipment.....	10,420
Furniture	3,700
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$34,290

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