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Partners' Update from Regavim

Dear Friends and Partners,

*"Should an army besiege me, my heart will have no fear;
should war beset me, still will I be confident."*

(Tehilim 27:3)

We begin the month of Elul, the Month of Mercy and Forgiveness, with quivering hearts and a passage from the Book of Psalms recited from the first day of Elul through Hoshanah Rabbah.

Last year, on the day after we concluded the recitation of this Psalm, the war in which we are still engaged was thrust upon us. We pray that this month brings with it good news, comfort and strength to the entire Nation of Israel.

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Achievements



Supporting the families of Swords of Iron fallen soldiers and hostages

When the Histadrut Labor Union announced a general strike as a means of pressuring the Israeli government to capitulate to Hamas demands, Regavim provided legal support for efforts by the Tikva Forum of Hostages' Families and the G'vurah Forum of Bereaved Families to block the illegal and highly politicized strike. We took their fight to Israel's National Labor Court - and our petition spurred intense public discussion and resulted in a judgement that halted the strike in its tracks.

We applaud the Tikvah Forum and G'vurah Forum for their strong and uncompromising stance, their untiring efforts to build national resilience and their defense of Israeli democracy. Together with them, we pray for the safe and immediate return of all the hostages and for Israel's swift and decisive victory against our enemies on all fronts. **[More on the lawsuit against the strike >>>](#)**



Protectors of the Negev – in action!

Earlier this year, our Negev Field Coordinator documented a new squatters' encampment near Yerucham. Past experience taught us that we had no time to lose, and we immediately petitioned the authorities for decisive and immediate enforcement, before the cluster of illegal structures became one more "historic Bedouin village" - an alternate reality that is much harder to correct than to prevent.

We are happy to report that the Yerucham Municipality took swift action: the squatters' encampment was cleared and the land, slated for future development as a new neighborhood of Yerucham, was protected. We will continue to monitor the area closely. Read more about the invention of "historic" villages in the Negev in our report, [**"Virtual Reality" >>>**](#)

Destruction of biblical archaeology: Will squatters return to Khirbet Zanuta?



Regavim: Compelling the government to change its course and discourse

In the context of the legal battle we've been waging to protect Khirbet Zanuta, a biblical archaeological site in the south Hebron region, we compelled the government to change its stance toward Arab squatters: At first, the state contended that there was no reason to prevent the intruders from returning to the site. Then, thanks to Regavim's legal action, the State's representative was forced to clarify - and to assert unequivocally that no construction would be permitted at the site. The Khirbet Zanuta case has become a flagship of the Palestinian Authority's international campaign of defamation of the State of Israel and the IDF. [Read more >>>](#)



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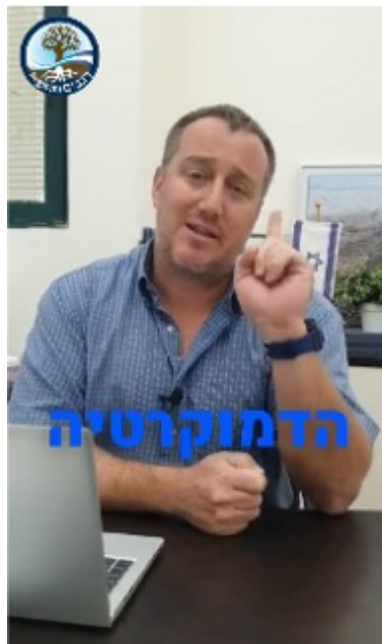


Human rights under attack: Regavim versus foreign sanctions

Pursuant to the lawsuit we filed last month in United States Federal Court, together with the Knesset Land of Israel Caucus we initiated an important hearing in the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee to discuss the

shocking imposition of sanctions on Israelis.

Regavim is spearheading a public information and diplomacy campaign against the expanding use of this unprecedented anti-democratic measure, spotlighting the injustice and the impact on freedom of speech and Israel's ability to defend itself in a time of war. Take a deep dive into the subject with our recent **webinar, "US sanctions: What they are, what they aren't and what it's all about >>>** or check out this **short viral video >>>**



Stand up to the bullies – now is the time!

We're speaking out on behalf of our colleagues at the Kohelet Policy Forum. Anti-Zionist forces have bullied this important policy think-tank into near-extinction, and we at Regavim have added our voices to those speaking out on behalf of Kohelet and against the stifling of differing views.

Meir Deutsch explains (in Hebrew) >>>

Support Kohelet >>>



Bringing the desert to the world – and vice versa

We hosted a group of journalists from around the world on a tour of the Wye-designated Nature Reserve in eastern Gush Etzion for an in-depth discussion of the government's decision to reclaim enforcement jurisdiction. MK Simcha Rothman, chairman of the Land of Israel Caucus and the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee briefed the journalists on the ramifications for the Oslo framework and state of Israel-Palestinian Authority relations. Watch video footage of the tour [here](#) and [here >>>](#) or read coverage [here >>>](#) and [here >>>](#)



Both sides of the fence

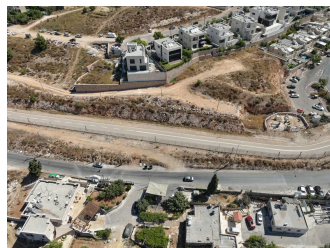
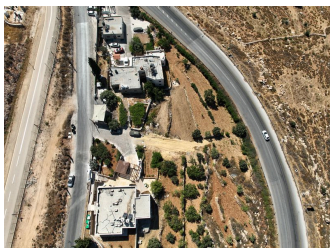
Just after the outbreak of the war, we published an important report on the threat to Israel's security along the "seam line," an area designated as a sterile buffer zone protecting Israeli communities from attacks launched in Palestinian Authority controlled Areas A and B – into the heart of Israel. This past month, partnering with the "Tzofot" Movement, we hosted the first in a series of tours of this threatened buffer zone, exposing Israeli journalists and decision-makers to the harsh reality created by continued Palestinian Authority construction of thousands of illegal structures only arms' length from Israeli homes, kindergartens and civilian infrastructure in Rosh Ha'ayin, Nirit and Bat Hefer. Read the full report [here >>>](#) and read initial coverage of the tour's focus points (in Hebrew) [here >>>](#)



Regavim – bringing the facts to your community

The director of our International Division crisscrosses the country and the globe to introduce individuals, communities, politicians and journalists, policy and opinion makers to our work and our agenda. This past month found her in communities in Judea and Samaria as well as the United States, and online - in a new webinar (**US Sanctions Against Israel: What they are, what they aren't and what it all means**). Access all of our **“Behind the Headlines” webinars here**, follow our **YouTube channel** for hard-hitting visual content, or **sign up here** for advance notice of upcoming webinars..

Breaking news from Regavim



Creeping annexation threatens the road to Jerusalem

We exposed Palestinian Authority plans for expansion of the village of Walajeh - located just south of Jerusalem – at the expense of land belonging to the Jewish community of Har Gilo. Parallel with the planning and permit procedures, the Palestinian Authority isn't waiting patiently for the legal process of approval to run its course and is creating facts on the ground: Regavim has documented dozens of illegal structures that have sprung up with strategic precision over the past few years. Israeli media outlets have begun to take notice of the serious threat to Jerusalem posed by the PA's plan and by the illegal structures that are already encroaching on access routes to Jerusalem. [Read more here \(Hebrew\) >>>](#)



New upscale (illegal) neighborhood in Western Samaria

Regavim exposed high-end construction of luxury homes and expansive businesses in an all new – and completely illegal – Arab neighborhood now under construction, on Israeli state land between two PA-controlled Arab villages (Mas'ha and Bidiya) in the western section of Samaria.

The illegal construction connects the two PA villages and creates a land bridge that blocks Israel's security access – violating both the letter of the Oslo framework and the most basic underpinnings of international law in force in this region. The new neighborhood boasts fabulous villas with swimming pools and luxury amenities, shopping centers and industrial plants the size of an Ikea outlet.

[Read breaking coverage here \(Hebrew\) >>>](#) and follow this space for updates.



Stockade and Minaret – Chapter 2

Our Negev Field Coordinator documented another in the series of identical mosques that are popping up all over the Negev, this time adjacent to Qseyfeh. Like the previous 9 mosques we have documented, this one is also illegal, built without any permits, oversight or adherence to construction code.

Who's behind this construction spree? An investigative report in Makor Rishon revealed Regavim's shocking expose' of the infiltration of the Muslim Brotherhood (Northern Branch) into Israeli Bedouin society in the Negev. These illegal structures, which are popping up on a monthly basis in squatters camps across the Negev, speak volumes about the direction in which Israeli Bedouin society is headed. [Read more \(Hebrew\) >>>](#)



Cherna /

May we be comforted by the rebuilding of Zion.

On the cusp of Elul, we were saddened by the passing of Cherna Moskowitz, a pillar of the settlement enterprise and a true partner in Zionist activism. May the towering legacy that she and her late husband Irving leave behind

serve as a living memorial, inspiring us to achieve the full redemption of the Land of Israel.



Kaparot: A High Holidays Boost

As the Days of Awe approach, Regavim's annual donation drive returns. We take this opportunity every year to reach out to our growing family of followers and friends and ask them to renew their support and enable us to continue our unique brand of activism.

Are you interested in overseeing a donations box in your synagogue or community center? Let us know where to send your very own **kaparot collection box >>>**

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