The Fruits of Our Partnership

Main KKL-JNF Adopted Projects 2017

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Dear Partners,

We are pleased to present a report of the projects adopted in 2017 by KKL-JNF friends worldwide, titled “The Fruits of Our Partnership”. The projects are presented according to location and donor country.

During 2017, KKL-JNF continued to strengthen its activities in promoting sustainability, Zionist education and the development of the periphery. The report indicates an emphasis on developing infrastructure for the Negev and the Galilee, which includes preparing land in periphery communities, enabling them to expand and absorb new residents. The benefitting communities are on the confrontation line in the Negev, on the Gaza Strip border, and in the Arava and the Galilee. Projects also serve outlying regions through the rehabilitation and maintenance of forests, creating new recreation sites in forests and open spaces and making them accessible to all.

Many projects in cooperation with non-profit organizations in behalf of disadvantaged and special needs populations also received funding, contributing to various activities and creating infrastructure for social resilience and the reduction of educational and social gaps.

In addition to these, KKL-JNF countries around the world joined forces to adopt projects from among the KKL-JNF topics to be implemented through call for proposals. These include landscape development for community facilities and walking and cycling trails in the urban periphery. Together, we look forward to seeing the fruits of our efforts during 2018-19.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to our distinguished and loyal donors, our partners around the world and in Israel, without whom our projects would not exist. With your continued support, KKL-JNF has consistently proved its ability to respond to the needs of the nation and bring its projects to fruition.

Amnon Ben Ami, KKL-JNF Director General

Information contained herein is pertinent as of December 2017.
Projects in Northern Israel

**Kabri – Accessible Archaeological Garden and Outdoor Classroom**

KKL-JNF, with the help of friends of KKL Switzerland, established the Kabri Archaeological Forest Garden on the site of the KKL-JNF offices in the western Galilee. The park displays ancient implements and farming tools, with an ancient oil press at its center. Impressive, old olive trees throughout the park give shade and lend charm.

Subjects: Archaeology
Status: Completed

**Hula Valley – Stephen J. Harper Visitor and Education Center**

The innovatively designed Stephen J. Harper Hula Valley Visitor and Education Center, being developed by KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, will serve as an educational and information center for the Hula and a visitor’s first impression upon entering Hula Lake Park. The facility is expected to attract one million tourists annually to the unique ecological site, including ornithologists and ecologists from around the world. (No. 7356)

Subjects: Education
Status: In Progress

**The Naftali Mountains – Horvat Nezer Northern Lookout**

KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL Switzerland, established an accessible scenic lookout at the northern Naftali Site (Horvat Nezer) in the Naftali Mountains. The lookout is uniquely located on a hill and along the scenic mountain route, affording spectacular views of the Hula Valley and the Dan Highlands. The site was created in memory of the soldiers Chai Kalomiti and Amir Shehile, sons of the western Galilee, who fell in the Lebanon War. (No.8434)

Subjects: Tourism
Status: Completed

**Akko – Botanical Garden**

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada supported the establishment of a Mediterranean Botanical Garden in Akko’s northern neighborhoods. The garden extends over approximately 2 hectares and adds a new dimension to the wealth of cultural and historical elements in Akko, one of the major historical parts in the Mediterranean Basin. The garden has a number of sections, where visitors can enjoy the sights and smells of fruit trees, fennel, spices and aquatic plants. The project included instructional signage and planting play structures. (No.10753)

Subjects: Tourism
Status: Completed

**Haifa – MadaTech Park – Green Walkway**

MadaTech, Israel’s National Museum of Science, Technology & Space located in Haifa, renewed and restored its park and gardens. As part of the project, KKL-JNF and KKL Germany helped develop the park’s central walkway, comprising a stone paved boulevard lined with stone trees and water canals. The environment-friendly park is equipped with water from MadaTech’s own unique reservoir. Some of the park sculptures were created from recycled materials and compost is prepared on site. (No.10952)

Subjects: Tourism
Status: Completed

**Tzipori Forest – Accessible Trail**

The 1.7-km Nahal Tzipori Panoramic Trail in the Lower Galilee, made possible by KKL-JNF and KKL Norway, is paved and accessible to people with physical and visual disabilities. The trail passes through natural woodlands and planted forests that comprise Tzipori Forest, which includes ancient ruins and wonderful views of cultivated fields. The creation of the trail is part of KKL-JNF’s ongoing commitment to developing high-quality outdoor leisure trails that are accessible to all and accent Israel’s unique historical sites and landscapes. (No.12604)

Subjects: Education
Status: In Progress

**Jordan Valley – Bet Yerah HS – Classroom for Youth-at-Risk**

“The Builders’ Class” is the name of a unique program that provides a positive alternative for teenage school leavers from the Lower Galilee region. Established at the Bet Yerah High School in the Jordan Valley, youngsters receive practical tools for life in an atmosphere that is supportive and conducive to growth. JNF Canada is supporting the building of an additional classroom facility for them, in which the programs participants will be involved in helping construct.” (No.12861)

Subjects: Community
Status: Preliminary Planning

**Ghetto Fighters’ Museum – Landscaping**

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are partnering in the creation of an outdoor pavilion with requisite restroom facilities. The recreation area is adjacent to the children’s wing of the Ghetto Fighters’ Museum at Kibbutz Lohamei Hakatan. The site, including picnic tables, a shaded pavilion and drinking fountains, will serve the children who visit the museum. The project, which includes a fully wheelchair-accessible entry ramp, is being implemented using recycled materials. (No.12861)

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Status: Completed
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The Jordan River Children’s Village – Accessible Orchard

The Jordan River Children’s Village is a unique year-round, free of charge overnight camp and retreat center for children coping with chronic, genetic or life-threatening needs. KKL-JNF together with Friends of KKL-JNF Switzerland are committed to helping the village with the addition of a special and accessible element - an orchard. The project will serve to enhance the site, which draws some 1.1 million visitors a year. The mosaic is also part of a social initiative to beautify the city and will be implemented in youth clubs, senior citizen centers and facilities for people with special needs. (No.14398)

Golan Heights. (No.13555)

Migdal HaEmek – Single Track Cycling Trail

The Kiryat Ata Forest in the Lower Galilee, between the city of Kiryat Ata and the community of Adi, is one of many KKL-JNF forests in the northern region. With the support of JNF USA, KKL-JNF is planning to enhance the Kiryat Ata Forest cycling trails with a new single track, 15 km in length, which follows the contour of the forest. (No.14392)

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JNF Canada will support the building of new dormitory facilities for Migdal Ohr, in Migdal HaEmek, NHC. Migdal HaOhr is a boarding school for underprivileged youth that provides them with a safe, educational and social environment – a home. This project will add housing units for every twelve pupils, each with foster parents, providing them with a family environment. (No.14400)

The Jordan River Children’s Village – Tomb of Rabbi Meir Ba’al HaNess – Mosaic

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Metula – Hama’ayan Park – Amphitheater

KKL-JNF, together with KKL Belgium, developed the amphitheater at HaMa’ayan, the major recreation area in Metula. The renovated amphitheater is the perfect venue for local residents and visitors to attend a diverse variety of cultural events in the open Galilee air, and the expansion of the facility enables even more people to enjoy the experience. (No.14071)

Migdal HaEmek Forest – Tomas Masaryk Complex

About ninety years ago, the first olm from Czechoslovakia helped establish Kibbutz Sarid and planted the area’s first forests. One of these, the Masaynk Forest, was planted in honor of Thomas Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia. Today, KKL-JNF and KKL-JNF Czech Republic are planning a new visitors complex in the forest, named in honor of Thomas Masaryk, to mark the centenary of Czechoslovakia and twenty-five years since the birth of the Czech Republic. The project includes an accessible seating area in the shade of a cork tree, a walking trail lined with explanatory stones that tell the story of Masaryk, Kibbutz Sarid and the forest, and a path that connects to the cycling trail circling Migdal HaEmek. (No.14530)

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Subjects: Preparatory Planning

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Nahariya – Galilee Medical Center – Park

KKL-JNF, together with KKL-JNF Friends of Germany, is planning to build a park at the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya for the enjoyment of patients, visitors and staff. The park, situated between the outpatient clinics and the internal medicine wards, will include a garden with shaded seating areas, benches and tables, gardening and safety-standard fencing. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, the park will be completely accessible. (No.14583)

Projects in Northern Israel

Subjects: Preparatory Planning

Mount Tur’an – Single Track

With the support of JNF USA, KKL-JNF is implementing the construction of a new single track on Mount Tur’an. The mountain, whose peak is 546 meters above sea level, is located in the southern Galilee (near the Lavi Forest). The trail, approximately 25-km in length, will be open to cyclists in search of a mountain ride with stunning views of the Galilee. (No.14167)

Projects in Northern Israel

Subjects: Detailed Planning

Misgav – Multicultural Science Education and Sports Center

JNF Canada implemented the construction of an indoor sports and science complex at the Misgav Regional Council Educational and Cultural Campus. The complex provides the region’s youngsters with advanced science laboratories, located on the lower floor and a first class sports facility on the upper floor. The project aims to enhance learning, raise the academic achievement of Jewish and Bedouin students in the sciences and technology (STEM) and bridge educational divides. (No.14625)

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Subjects: Completed

Ofanim – Association for the Advancement of Children and Youth in Israel – Science Enrichment Program (Northern Region)

KKL Switzerland supported Ofanim, an Israeli nonprofit organization to advance education for underserved populations, in a project that brings a science enrichment
program to children in the
northern region via a mobile
lab. The mobile unit reached
14 learning groups over the
2016 school year, comprising
196 children from grades 3-6
from Migdal HaEmek, Tiberias,
Afula, Sallama, Husnayya and
Yokne’am. The project exposes
youngsters to new topics, piques
their curiosity, develops skills
and reduces educational gaps
between the central region and
the periphery. (No. 14681)”

**Subject:** Community
**Status:** Preliminary Planning

**Kibbutz Eilon – Keshet Eilon Music Center – Landscape Development – Stage B**

With the support of KKL-JNF,
Germany, KKL-JNF is planning the implementation of the second stage of a landscape development project around the classrooms at the Keshet Eilon Music Center at Kibbutz Eilon in the northern Galilee, near the Lebanese border. The unique center, established in 1990, provides international summer music courses and seminars for young violin and other string players from Israel and around the world, led by a world-renowned faculty. The program both promotes musical excellence and contributes to the development of the northern Galilee. Landscape gardening around the classrooms will enhance learning, the music making experience and the environment. (No. 14716)

**Subject:** Education
**Status:** Detailed Planning

**Hurfeish – Children’s Home – Activities for the 2017-2018 School Year**

The Children’s Village in
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The village is home to about
70 children who come from
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(No. 15148)

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**Haila – Menuhu Grove and Disraeli Street Slopes – Post-fire Rehabilitation**

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Haifa caused extensive damage,
but thankful only to property.
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destroyed. With the support of
KKL Holland, KKL-JNF restored
three recreational groves in the
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(No. 15253)

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**Haila – Shazar-Dakar Grove – Post-fire Rehabilitation**

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(No. 15263)
Projects in Central Israel

Subject: Environment Status: Completed
Tel Aviv – Yarkon - Bird’s Head Park – Birdwatching Centre
KKL-JNF, with the support of friends of JNF Australia, created the Bird’s Head Birdwatching Centre, a focus of urban nature on the Yarkon River for the area’s residents. The site has a variety of wetland habitats, observation lookouts, paths, pergolas and orchards, created to enable visitors to observe nature up close. Development elements included signage, hides, and tree and shrub plantings, specifically chosen to attract birds to perch and nest. The Birdwatching Centre was developed with the help of the Tel Aviv Municipality and the Gani Yehoshua Co. (No.5260)

Subject: Tourism Status: Preliminary Planning
Martyrs’ Forest – Scroll of Fire Monument
With the support of KKL-JNF Germany, KKL-JNF is planning an extensive landscape development project that will vastly enter an area of some 5 acres (2 hectares) surrounding the iconic Scroll of Fire monument at the heart of the Martyrs’ Forest in the Jerusalem hills. The project will ensure that the entire site is accessible to people with disabilities. (No.5257)

Subject: Education Status: Completed
Ilanot – KKL-JNF National Arboretum
KKL-JNF and KKL Denmark established an education and visitors center at the Ilanot Arboretum, located in the heart of the Sharon region. The project provides visitors with state-of-the-art interactive and experiential technology that opens up the world of trees, forestry and ecology. The KKL-JNF National Tree Arboretum is the only one of its kind in Israel and was officially recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture in 2014. (No.5260)

Subject: Tourism Status: In Progress
Jerusalem – Ilanot Schoolyard Development
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Jerusalem Municipality, upgraded the schoolyard at the Ilanot special-needs school. Pupils now enjoy new equipment and maximum accessibility. The renovated area provides a safe leisure, recreation and learning environment, which both enhances the aesthetics of the premises and the children’s opportunity for outdoor interaction. (No.10705)

Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Jerusalem – Teddy Park – Historic Building Restoration
Teddy Park, developed by the Jerusalem Foundation in Mitchell Park, outside the walls of the Old City, was named in honor of Jerusalem’s mythical mayor, Teddy Kollek, who served from 1965 to 1993. The park, made possible by JNF Canada, is a fitting tribute to Teddy’s vision of a thriving metropolis with open spaces at the city’s crossroads, inviting all residents to enjoy the park with its community and cultural events. (No.11285)

Subject: Education Status: Completed
Jerusalem – Ilanot Volunteer Rangers – The Elite Forest Protection Unit
KKL-JNF, with the help of JNF Israel, has involved the communities adjacent to the many forests of the central region in helping to protect their forests. These forests serve as the green lung for a densely populated central Israel and, as such, are vital for the quality of life of its residents. After having received the relevant training and certification, an elite unit of volunteer-mounted forest rangers has begun patrolling the region’s forests to detect and prevent forest hazards. (No.12085)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Holon – Wolfson Medical Center – Save a Child’s Heart Garden
The Save a Child’s Heart Organization provides a new hospital residence for the Wolfson Medical Center in Holon and, with the help of JNF Canada, a therapeutic garden in the middle of the facility, providing a conducive environment for various treatments. The organization files children in need of heart surgery from all over the world with their parent/guardian and houses them until recovery. (No.12435)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Jerusalem – Herzog Hospital, Glassman Mental Health Centre – Development
With the support of JNF Canada, two separate entrances are being planned for the Community Mental Health Clinic and the other, for the Psychotrauma Centre. The facility will contain rooms for counselling individuals as well as larger rooms for group sessions. There will also be an education centre in which to conduct the many workshops and hold lectures provided by the staff for health care professionals and the public. The project will increase the center’s capacity by over 50%, thereby meeting its projected needs for the foreseeable future. (No.12567)

Subject: Education Status: Completed
Jerusalem – The Western Wall Tunnels – Upgrade and Improve the Great Hall Area
JNF Canada has helped the Western Wall Heritage Foundation upgrade and improve the Great Hall area of the Western Wall Tunnels. Visitors are now able to watch the Temple Mount’s topographical changes through history come alive via a model adjacent to a section of the exposed underground wall. (No.13107)
Projects in Central Israel

Asaf Harofeh Hospital – Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders
JNF Canada is supporting research on children with autism spectrum disorders being carried out at the Asaf Harofeh Medical Center. Children diagnosed with the disorder between the ages of 5-9 and those after 8-9 years of age will be studied, including monitoring, with the goal of predicting progress in adaptive functioning, education, and social involvement. The information garnered from the study will determine which areas require focus for intervention and at which stage. (No. 13357)

Jerusalem Muslala – Kiel Tower – Green Development
JNF Canada, in cooperation with the nonprofit organization, Muslala, and the Jerusalem Municipality, transformed the roof of an office tower and indoor shopping center in the city center into a green oasis (680 sq. m.), which connects to the indoor activity area. The roof has become a venue for ecological workshops and an urban farm, established together with a local organization specializing in environmental sustainability. The roof is also home to the Jerusalem Beekeeping Association, where apiary skills are taught. (No. 13381)

Bnei Brak – ALEH Center for Special-Needs Children – Landscape Development
The ALEH Center for Advancement, Rehabilitation and Education of Special-Needs Children (CHARES) is establishing a comprehensive special education and therapeutic daycare center for children with severe disabilities. KKL-JNF Germany and KKL Switzerland are supporting a landscape development project for the center, which is the largest state-of-the-art facility of its kind in the Tel Aviv Metropolitan Area. (No. 13407)

The Satat Forest – Leisure Site (Lower Terrace)
The Satat Forest surrounds the renowned Satat, whose heritage landscapes, agriculture and movements were restored by KKL-JNF. The forest receives part of the many visitors to its lush and restored sites. To further enhance the forest’s potential to absorb more visitors, work on support of KKL-JNF Germany, KKL-JNF created a leisure site shaded by trees, which can be reached by foot, bicycle or car. (No. 13618)

Jerusalem – Eitanim Hospital – Therapeutic Garden
With the support of KKL Switzerland, KKL-JNF will help the Eitanim psychiatric hospital create a new open space for respite and therapy through contact with nature and sensory stimulation. The yard will be expanded, the area cleaned to reveal the beautiful landscapes currently hidden from view, and sensory stimulation elements will be added, all to create a safe environment conducive to healing. (No.13735)

Ra’anana – Matan Environmental Education Garden
Matan, a cutting edge women’s institute for Torah studies, invited JNF Australia to landscape an environmental education garden at its branch in Ra’anana. Matan posits that environmental education is a cornerstone of Jewish life, overlooked for many years. An on-site rich source material found in ancient Jewish texts. Accordingly, Matan created a unique classroom set in flora native to the Bible, where women can learn about the environment. (No. 13902)

Jerusalem – Strauss House – Balcony
JNF Canada supported the renovation of Jerusalem’s Boel Strauss, which included a magnificent scenic lookout balcony, providing a bird’s-eye view of the Western Wall Plaza.

The balcony is open to the general public for all to experience the exciting vantage point. (No.14155)

Tel Aviv – Developing a Cycling Team and Trails
JNF Canada made possible the creation of two cycling trails for the residents of Tel Aviv, one in the southern part of the city and the other near the Yarkon and the Kiryat Shmuel neighborhood. Both trails serve underprivileged populations from the city’s social periphery, students among them. Part of the donation was dedicated to the activities of the Israel Cycling Federation, which competes and represents Israel in international cycling events, in identifying, promoting and training athletes from Israel’s geographic periphery. (No. 14159)

Hadera – Hillel Yaffe Medical Center – Therapeutic Garden
The World’s Jewish Museum – Asper Foundation
The Hillel Yaffe Medical Center in Hadera in creating a therapeutic and relaxation garden on the patio of the maternity ward. The well-planned garden will serve as a tranquil outdoor venue created to improve patient quality of life and enhance recuperation. (No.14272)

Jerusalem Forest – Yad Vashem Leisure and Recreation Areas (1) – Green Entrance and Picnic Site
In response to Jerusalem’s burgeoning population and the increase in its number of visitors, KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL Switzerland, is planning to develop the forested area adjacent to Mount Herzl and Yad Vashem. The project will ensure both the forest can contain and provide leisure opportunities and a place for holding commemorative events for all interested. The project includes parking at the entrance with spaces reserved for small events.
for people with disabilities, trails providing easy access to a picnic area with wheelchair-accessible tables, retaining walls to prevent the washes of runoff and the rehabilitation of eroded terraces. (No.14322)

**Ben Shemen Forest – Site in Commemoration of Alberto Nisman**

KKL-JNF, together with KKL Argentina, facilitated the implementation of the Argentina Friendship site in the Ben Shemen Forest, one of the most beautiful and popular forests in the country’s center. The project in planning will feature the installation of a wall in commemoration of Alberto Nisman, including the upgrade of the main donor appreciation site with new terraces, olive tree plantings, a stone-paved trail, accessible parking and a stone bench. Alberto Nisman, an Argentine Jew and lawyer, who strove to achieve justice for the victims of the terrorist attack on the Jewish community of Buenos Aires in 2001, was murdered in 2015, hours before he was to reveal the truth about the circumstances of the AMIA bombing. (No.14324)

**Jerusalem Forest – Cedar Trail**

In 1958, David Ben-Gurion, the first Israeli prime minister, planted a cedar tree in the south of the Jerusalem Forest, adjacent to and facing Yad Vashem. With the support of KKL Israel, KKL-JNF developed the 4 km-long, circular Cedar Trail around the cedar planted by Ben-Gurion. Pleasant seating areas with views of Jerusalem were created alongside the trail, which was inaugurated in memory of Dor Cohen. (No.14348)

**Jerusalem Forest – Yad Vashem Leisure and Recreation Areas (2) – Forest Grove Compound**

With Jerusalem’s burgeoning population and the increase in its number of visitors, KKL-JNF is planning to develop the forested area adjacent to Mount Herzl and Yad Vashem, thereby ensuring that the forest can contain and provide everyone with leisure opportunities and a place for holding commemorative events. The project, supported by KKL Switzerland, involves the creation of a new picnic site and an irrigated orchard on a 0.15 hectare (0.375 acre) plot. The rehabilitation and addition of terraces and stone steps will make the area suitable for various events and inviting for picnicking and leisure activities. (No.14359)

**Martyrs’ Forest – Cypress Grove Site**

KKL-JNF, with the help of KKL Israel, created a new site in a cypress tree grove for the benefit of visitors to the Martyrs’ Forest (Ya’ar Hac Mi-Zvi). The forest was established by KKL-JNF in the early 1950s to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust. It is one of the most visited and yet serene forests in the Jerusalem area, with many memorials in commemoration of the communities that perished in the Holocaust. The cypress site was created in memory of Aver Magen. (No.14865)

**Beit Issie Shapiro Organization – Renovation of Facilities for Children with Disabilities**

KKL-JNF promotes projects for the benefit of special needs populations. In this context, and with the support of KKL Italy, KKL-JNF is planning renovation projects at three of the Beit Issie Shapiro facilities for children with special needs. Two of these are in Panama and the third is in the town of Kalansua. The project involves creating fully accessible and pleasant therapeutic environments, including adapted outdoor playgrounds, seating areas and suitable toilet facilities. (No.14749)

**Jerusalem Park – Emek Refaim – Pergola**

The Refaim Valley Park is one of the four parks forming the green ring surrounding Jerusalem – the Jerusalem Metropolitan Park. Over the years, KKL-JNF has developed sports, leisure and recreation areas and played a major part in the environmental rehabilitation of the Refaim streambed. In the center of the main promenade, KKL-JNF and KKL-JNF Germany built a seating area and pergola, where visitors can enjoy the scenery of the restored stream and parts of Jerusalem visible from the valley. (No.14754)

**Kfar Sava Park 80 – Tree Planting**

Kfar Sava Park 80, located northwest of Kfar Sava, extends over 45 acres (18 ha), bordered by green neighborhoods. The park features a biodiversity walk, jogging and cycling trails, fitness equipment, lawns, and a well-maintained amphitheater. With the support of KKL-JNF Germany, KKL-JNF is implementing the planting of 300 native tree species along the trail, comprising oak, Christ’s thorn jujube, Atlantic pistachio (Mt. Atlas mastic tree), carob, white mulberry and pomegranate. These, among other species will shade and enhance the park’s beauty. (No.14829)

**Nahalat Yehuda Youth Village – Agroecology Learning Garden**

The Nahalat Yehuda Youth Village in Rishon Lezion, a boarding school under the auspices of WZO, provides studies in agriculture for youth, many of whom are educationally and socially disadvantaged. KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL Germany, will help implement the establishment of a green learning compound at the youth village, made from natural and recycled materials. Teachers and students will learn and apply the principles of agroecology, including traditional methods of creating an orchard, the use of organic matter for composting, exploiting solar energy, and using runoff and greywater for irrigating vegetables. The youngsters will enjoy eating the produce they grow. (No.14538)

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In Progress

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Detailed Planning
Subjects: Environment | Status: In Progress

Be’er Sheva – Green Belt Project
Desertification is one of the most serious problems facing arid and semi-arid areas in the world. KKL-JNF has developed unique methods of desert afforestation (savannization) to combat the desert’s advance. The project is implementing these methods through the Be’er Sheva Green Belt project. The project also creates a green lung around the city, improving the environment and providing local residents with inviting leisure and recreation areas. (No.564)

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Subject: Tourism | Status: Completed

Dimona Park – Lake
With the support of friends of KKL Holland, KKL-JNF has facilitated the construction of a 1.1 hectare (2.5 acre) recreational lake at the entrance to Ben Gurion Park in Dimona for sailing and water sports. The 70-cm deep lake is fed by treated wastewater from Dimona and includes a well-developed bank, with trees, lawns, rock gardens, trails and an amphitheatre. The project serves as an important step towards positioning Dimona as a major tourist site in the Negev. (No.8513)

Subject: Tourism | Status: In Progress

Be’er Sheva – Recreational Lake
KKL-JNF and JNF USA are supporting the creation of a lake at Be’er Sheva River Park. The lake will extend over 20 acres and be filled with approximately 90,000 cubic meters of treated wastewater from the Be’er Sheva Municipality. A number of commercial and tourist initiatives will be developed around the lake, which will both enhance the park and benefit the capital city of the Negev. (No.7989)

Subject: Tourism | Status: Detailed Planning

Mitkhe Ramon – Bike Pump Track
KKL-JNF is planning to create a bike pump track in Mitkhe Ramon. The off-road terrain is a short looped trail over smooth dirt mounds that cyclists negotiate by pedaling alone, without a vehicle. Great for physical fitness and training in a safe environment, the pump track is suited to cyclists of all levels and will serve as a fun and attractive tourist, youth and family activity - and enhance the region’s recreation options. (No.9140)

Subject: Education | Status: Completed

Kiryat Gat – Lev Menachem Children’s Treatment Center – Therapeutic Yard
The Lev Menachem Treatment Center in Kiryat Gat provides a rehabilitation child care facility for children with special needs, developmental kindergartens and a child development center. With the support of KKL Italy, KKL-JNF is planning the creation of a special therapeutic yard to enrich the center’s facilities. The project includes a petting farm, therapeutic equipment, shading, landscaping and a lawn. (No.11928)

Subject: Agriculture | Status: Stage 1

Ramat Hanegev – Be’er Milka – Dairy Farm
With the participation of KKL-JNF, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Jewish Agency for Israel established a dairy farm in the community of Be’er Milka. The farm, made possible by KKL-JNF Germany, serves as an economic anchor, providing employment for residents on the remote Egyptian border. With this project, the community’s thirty-two young families, challenged by the lack of work opportunities, are presently ensured livelihoods. (No.11082)

Subject: Agriculture | Status: Stage 2

Mitspe Ramon – Agricultural Development
With the support of KKL Holland, KKL-JNF has prepared 72 hectares for vineyards and olive groves as part of the Desert’s Edge
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The centre, adjacent to Be’er Sheva and Israeli governments, the cooperation with the Australian in Be’er Sheva was built in 2009 and a day care center at Merhav Am. Each area was designed for infants, toddlers and pre-school children, respectively. Merhav Am, a religious community deep in the Negev and far from towns or cities, comprises 50 families with some 150 children. (No.12313)

Aleh Negev – Shaded Paths and Gardens for a Rehabilitative Village

With the support of friends of KKL Belgium and KKL-JNF, several elements were installed throughout the ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran Rehabilitative Village. The project provides necessary shade for the staff and residents, who can now benefit from treatments that take place outdoors, enjoy the option of being outside and are protected from the harsh sun when moving around the campus. The project included the construction of seven pergolas covering paths between the buildings and the gardens near the occupational center, the school, and the therapeutic safari. (No.12697)

Sheva’s WIM Commonwealth Cemetery, was inaugurated on October 31, 2017 in honour of the 100th anniversary of the victory of the ANZAC forces at Be’er Sheva, in the presence of the Prime Minister of Israel, the Prime Minister of Australia and the Governor of New Zealand. The ANZAC Centre relates the story of the defining Battle of Be’er Sheva by experiential means and is a magnet for tourists from Israel and throughout the world. IDF soldiers, students, and everyone interested in national heritage and that of the city of Be’er Sheva. Moreover, it commemorates the ANZAC soldiers and their bravery. (No.12716)

Naviah – Ossem Pre-Army Programme

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are funding the construction of a multi-purpose building in Naviah. The building provides a venue for the Ossem pre-army programme. The building comprises 250 motivated students, a number of whom are likely to return after their service to enrich the community. The sports of the pre-army programme are twofold – to strengthen the Jewish and Zionist identity of the young generation and to encourage new settlement in Naviah. (No.12754)

Sde Boker – Ben Gurion’s Cabin – Landscaping

With the support of KKL Sweden, KKL-JNF participated in the landscape development project of the Sde Boker visitors center, which includes David Ben-Gurion’s cabin. The site boasts impressive exhibits that use the latest technology; providing an engaging, interactive learning experience on the life of Israel’s primary founder and first prime minister. (No.12989)

Nahal Oz – Lower Reservoir – Dredging

The Nahal Oz Reservoir, created in 2000, is a vital water resource, serving not only as a source of water for irrigating the field crops of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, but also as a buffer zone between the kibbutz and the Gaza Strip. Over the years, sedimentation of the reservoir had limited its water capacity and had even caused wasteful overflow. In response to this situation, KKL-JNF and JNF-Australia partnered in a project to dredge the reservoir, resulting in an increase in the water capacity of the reservoir. (No.13066)

Sderot – Sinai Children’s Park

With the support of JNF USA and KKL-JNF, the Sderot Municipality has created a large park for the benefit of the city’s residents, centrally located near public institutions, residential neighborhoods, in a city that has been subjected to hundreds of rocket attacks in recent years. The Sinai Childrens Park serves as a peaceful, green area for relaxation and recreation and enhances the environment and landscape. (No.13091)

Nahal Oz – Sapir – Campus for AICAT Students

The AICAT (Australian International Center for Agriculture (AICAT)) in Sapir trains students primarily from Mainland Southeast Asia. The program combines theoretical studies with agricultural work in the field. Students also enjoy study tours to familiarize them with Israel, and upon returning to their countries they serve as Israel’s ambassadors. To date, the school is housed in an overcrowded, old building. JNF USA and KKL-JNF are supporting the development of a new campus for the AICAT program. The first stage of the project includes five classrooms, a cafeteria and an administration section and will enable 1,200 students to enroll in the program. The addition of a dormitory building is being considered. (No.13093)

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Sderot – John Baird Park

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KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL Holland, is planting 200 trees in the Royal Grove at the entrance to Mitspe Ramon. The project is part of the larger King Willem-Alexander Complex. The grove will be irrigated by recycled wastewater from the Mitspe Ramon Reservoir, which was also made possible with the help of KKL Holland. Development elements include plantings, a path and a scenic lookout. (No.13508) ●

Kiryat Malaki – Neighborhood Park
K KL-JNF Germany supported the creation of a park in the Weizmann neighborhood of Kiryat Malaki, which serves the leisure and recreation needs of its local residents, mostly new olim from Ethiopia. The project is part of the effort to improve the largely disadvantaged neighborhood by providing infrastructure and services for the community’s well-being. (No.13271) ●

Southern Region Scout Movement – Environmental Community Activities
JNF-UK and KKL-JNF are partnering with the Hebrew Scouts southern region in support of an environmental education program. Concern for the Future, Concern for the Environment. The 16 scout troops involved in the project, from Arkelin to Yeruham, serve an important function in insculpting the values of responsibility for self and society, productive teamwork and developing leadership skills. The project involves programming and activities on environmental issues, sustainability and active citizenship for all of the scout troops, who will go on to share their knowledge and experience with the broader circle of local communities. The project will include the support of a professional for programming and coordinating in the field as well as providing instruction and guidance in implementing a green, environmentally aware lifestyle. (No.13379) ●

Ashan Forest – Plantings in the Be’er Sheva Green Belt
KKL-JNF and KKL Sweden planted an area of 25 acres (10 hectares) in the Ashan Forest as part of the Be’er Sheva Green Belt project. The trees, planted mainly in limans near Nahal Kariker, comprise various broadleaf species. The plantings both improve the desert environment and provide residents of the region with more options for leisure and recreation. (No.13388) ●

Central Arava – Sapir – Scholarships for a Music Center
In partnership with the Central Arava Regional Council, JNF Canada provided scholarships for young students at the Arava Music Center in Sapir, attended by children from throughout the region. Music scholarships were awarded to eight children, among them pupils with special needs and high achievers, for individual classes, ensemble sessions and a five-day intensive music summer camp. The fund was also used to purchase instruments. The project helps transcend the geographic and socioeconomic limitations of the periphery and gives children the opportunity to benefit from the enriching experience of making music. (No.13442) ●

Ashdod – Gahalim – Helping New Olim Entrepreneurs
JNF UK and KKL-JNF are supporting Gahalim’s initiative, a project providing key resources and connections to Olim wanting to start businesses in Israel. Ashdod is a heavily industrialised city on Israel’s coast – about a third of Ashdod’s population are Olim. By continuing to fund the initiative in Ashdod, JNF UK and KKL-JNF are expanding their scope of action to help greater numbers of Olim. (No.13471) ●

Arad – Developing a Community Center for Ongoing Activities
JNF UK and KKL-JNF are funding a Youth Centre in Arad to encourage teenagers to use their time positively, and reduce antisocial behaviour. The Centre will feature four areas: a leisure area, a guidance and training area, a management area and an events area. (No.13466) ●

Derech Eretz – New Campus for Pre-Army Preparatory Program
JNF UK and KKL-JNF are supporting the Derech Eretz pre-army program, which offers motivated high school graduates from Israel’s periphery the opportunity to engage in a learning process and identity-building experience. The youth, who are to a large measure marginalized, are provided a life-changing opportunity that will help them enlist in the IDF and promote their personal development. Through its activities, the program aims to strengthen the southern periphery. Proceeding forward, establishing a new campus for the program in the Negev. (No.13506) ●

Negev – HaShomer HaChadash – Activities to Safeguard the Negev
HaShomer HaChadash safeguards the lands of Israel’s southern region. Through its educational programs on Zionism, its history and values, for youth in Israel and abroad, it ensures a deeper connection to the Land of Israel. JNF UK and KKL-JNF support these programs, which engage tens of thousands of volunteers, in educational activities and creates youth movements to inspire a new generation of young pioneers. Among its important activities, HaShomer HaChadash creates employment, rejuvenates small remote communities, and ensures higher levels of safety and calmkeeping in the southern region. (No.13511) ●

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The Youth Village for the Performing Arts – Bikurim
The Youth Village for the Performing Arts in Eshkol provides high level music education to students from grades nine to twelve, endowed with artistic potential. Drawn mainly from Israel’s disadvantaged south, students will enjoy learning in an environment of excellence and achievement. In addition to purchasing musical instruments and other essential equipment, JNF UK and KKL-JNF have provided funds to renovate a dormitory facility and build music shetels in addition to equipping a new dining room. The Bikurim Music School aims to create an environment of professional excellence and individual and collaborative achievement. (No.13506) ●

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**Yeruham – Expansion and Renovation of Musical Conservatory**

A successful initiative by the municipality to establish Yeruham as a city of music, has led to all of the city’s primary school children learning to play an instrument. Almost half the children have chosen to undertake additional music study at the Conservatory. JNF UK supported the expansion and upgrade of the Conservatory, which had previously been too small to meet the demand. The project involved upgrading the existing space and equipment and adding a new wing to provide 5 additional rehearsal rooms. (No.13969)*

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**Arad – Renovating School Playground**

JNF UK and KKL-JNF supported the renovation of the Yerelim-Ahiron Primary School in Arad, which serves around 400 children. The playground, which had been closed due to failure in meeting safety regulations, was renovated and upgraded to make it safe. The project also involved adding much-needed shade and greening to the playground. (No.14013)*

**Be’er Sheva – The Carasso Science Museum – Equipping Six Scientific Laboratories**

Located in the old city of Be’er Sheva, Carasso Science Park, is the largest of its kind in Israel. Its mission is to promote and develop science and technology education in the South and as such it works in partnership with the local schools, communities and summer camps. JNF UK and KKL-JNF have provided the funds needed to equip six rooms in the facility built for use as laboratories. (No.14010)*

**Arad – Renovating School Playground**

The community centre in Mostazah Yakhini is a vital meeting place for local school and young, hosting educational activities, BBQ events, meetings, local council meetings and even sometimes acts as an emergency operations room. JNF UK and KKL-JNF identified the need to improve the facilities, especially the community centre building, which was in need of renovation. (No.14022)*

**Hof Ashkelon Regional Council – Renovation of the Community Centre**

The Hof Ashkelon Regional Council borders Gaza and constitutes the front line in the defence of the State of Israel. The Community Centre serves as a hub for the regional council’s community, providing its residents with a meeting place for informal education activities and cultural events for all ages. Though the number of people using the Centre has increased, the building itself is very old and no longer suitable. JNF UK and KKL-JNF are funding the renovation of the Centre which will allow it to better serve the community and expand its activity. (No.14016)*

**Ofanim – Mobile Labs in the Negev**

Ofanim provides extra curricular science education for children in the Negev region. By fitting out buses as mobile laboratories, they can drive to wherever they are needed to help children in poorer areas learn science in fully equipped science labs. They operate three mobile labs in the Negev area and teach over 600 children aged 5-12. JNF UK and KKL-JNF have provided a new mobile bus for science, complete with new equipment, allowing continuity of the service when the old bus had reached the end of its life. (No.14023)*

**Karmia – Eden NGO – Renovation of a Home for Girls at Risk**

The Eden Residential Home for Girls was founded in 2005 for girls aged 12-18 who are considered “at-risk” and have been referred by the Ministry of Welfare’s Child Support Services. At present, there are 60 girls living at the home, who have been removed from their families by Court Order. Eden’s core mission is to assist each of these girls to build a healthy and positive life for themselves. JNF UK is helping Eden to improve the outdoor space of the facility and upgrade two existing dormitories. (No.14035)*

**Bene Netsarin – Plantings**

With the support of JNF-KKL Germany, KKL-JNF planted a row of sycamore trees near the synagogue in Bene Netsarin. The trees cover the length of 150 meters of the community, which is located in the western Negev sand dunes, adding green and beauty to the desert community. (No.14061)*

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Reut Association in Sderot is providing an important service for autistic young adults in the community. (No.14033)*

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**Yakhini – Renovation of Community Centre**

The four additional residential homes built at the ALUT Village for autistic young adults in Be’er Sheva provides permanent homes for life for thirty-two more residents in the Negev area. Based on experience from the 2014 Gaza-Israel conflict (Operation Protective Edge), it was decided to build large security rooms in every home so that the residents can sleep there during times of tension. This, due to the fact that many of the residents cannot be moved within twenty seconds at the sound of the Red Alert siren. The security rooms, made possible
by Friends of JNF Canada, will also serve as venues for afternoon entertainment activities, such as drama, yoga, art and music. (No.14173)*

Selected: Community Status: In Progress

Eliva – Landscape Development
JNF Australia and KKL-JNF are planning an extensive landscaping project, which includes a Seven Species Community Garden. Designed to integrate with the surroundings and steep topography, the project elements include fig, olive and pomegranate tree-plantings, an irrigation system, rockeries, retaining walls, regulation safety fences, paved walking and cycling trails, terraced seating, lighting fixtures, playground equipment, door with focusing, pergolas and trash cans. (No.14020)*

Selected: Environment Status: Completed

Ashkelon – Meitar Day Center – Prefab Structure
With the support of KKL Switzerland, the Meitar-Ashkelon Day Center for youth-at-risk purchased a prefab structure that enables the expansion of its activities for the welfare of young people at risk. The building includes two classrooms, a kitchen, a dining room and lavatories. (No.14000)*

Selected: Education Status: Completed

Be’er Sheva Green Belt – Ashan Forest – Planting
KKL-JNF, through the generous help of KKL Holland, has planted broadleaf trees on an area of 50 hectares (125 acres) in the Ashan Forest. The new plantings are part of the project to surround the city of Be’er Sheva with a green belt, keeping the desert at bay and creating a green picnic and recreation area for the residents of the capital city of the Negev and the enjoyment of visitors from farther afield. (No.14209)*

Selected: Community Status: Preliminary Planning

Beit Halochem and Beit Kay – Rehabilitation Centres
Some 60,000 treatments are administered annually at the Beit Halochem and Beit Kay Rehabilitation Treatment Centres. About half of them are Physiotherapy Treatments, the others are Hydrotherapy Treatments. About 45% of those treated at the Hydrotherapy/Physiotherapy Centres seek treatment over the years anywhere from 1–4 times weekly, as necessary. The majority of these veterans are severely disabled paraplegics, quadriplegics and hemiplegics. In most cases they are suffering from permanent spinal or head injuries incurred during their military service. JNF Canada together with KKL-JNF will support this worthy project. (No.14227)*

Selected: Water Status: Completed

Dorot – Recycled Wastewater Treatment System
With the support of JNF Australia and KKL-JNF, Kibbutz Dorot expanded their sewage treatment system. Expansion of the system had been a precondition for receiving permits to build new homes for young families, thereby ensuring Dorot’s continuity. The project involved removing sewage to the regional Sha’ar Hamelech-Yisrael treatment facility, which provides tertiary quality water for irrigating Dorot’s fields, and renovating the existing local sewage pool, which functions as a primary treatment system. In addition to freeing up the supply of fresh water the project enables Dorot to expand its agricultural activities and increase job opportunities, providing the infrastructure for a viable future for the Gaza border community of Dorot and the western Negev. (No.14320)*

Selected: Environment Status: In Progress

Central Arava – Ben Hashillim – NGO
Promoting Education in the Arava
JNF Australia and KKL-JNF are supporting a cluster of environmental and agricultural education projects, including the establishment of the cutting edge Ecological Learning Centre for the Pre-IDF Preparatory Environmental Leadership Program; the third Pre-IDF Preparatory Environmental Leadership Program specifically for disadvantaged youth, upon the request of the Ministry of Defense; staff and expert agricultural mentors for the Avodat Ivrit program (21-26 year-olds); Research & Therapy Park and Amphitheatre

Central Arava Regional Council – Planting Palm Trees at Community Entrances
With donations from JNF Holland, KKL-JNF is implementing the planting of palm trees at entrances of communities in the central Arava, a project that will serve to enhance both the environment and the landscape. Rows of palm trees will line the roads that lead to the seven communities of Idan, Hatazma, En Yahar, Sufit, Tukrin, Tostar and Paran. (No.14445)*

Selected: Education Status: In Progress

Aleh Negev – Horseback Riding Therapy Park and Amphitheatre
JNF USA is supporting the creation of a horseback riding therapy park on the campus of the ALEH-Negev Eran Rehabilitation Village in the Negev. In addition to the 160 residents, some 7,000 outpatients from throughout the region receive individual therapy sessions at the facility, recognized as cutting-edge in the services it provides children with permanent spinal or head injuries incurred during their military service. JNF Canada together with KKL-JNF will support this worthy project. (No.14227)*

Selected: Environment Status: In Progress

Central Arava – Adopt an Acacia Project (2017-2021)
The Adopt an Acacia Project is an environmental-education community initiative supported by KKL-JNF in cooperation with the Central Arava Regional Council. The present long-term project is in Southern Israel.

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and comprehensive project, supported by KKL Holland, serves to conserve the acacia population in the Arava, plant new acacia trees, support the Arava’s ecosystem and educate and involve people, particularly youngsters, in caring for their environment and promoting a green culture. The initiative was first launched some years ago with the support of JNF Canada and JNF Australia. (No.14455) 

Subject: Environment Status: In Progress

Biere Sheva Green Belt – Dudaim Forest – MIDBAR

KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL, Switzerland, is implementing a planting program for the Dudaim Forest as part of its Green Belt for Bi’er Sheva project. The project includes new tree plantings on a four-hectare strip of forest area. (No.14458) 

Subject: Community Status: In Progress

Kibbutz Zikim – Protected Playground

JNF South Africa is a partner in helping create a protected playground at Kibbutz Zikim, located in the western Negev, not far from the Gaza border. The playground was designed on the principles of ecological sustainability and will include three play areas for different ages, rubber surfaces and pergolas. (No.14499) 

Subject: Community Status: Completed

Kfar Aza – Security Plantings Around the Kibbutz, 2016

With the support of JNF Canada, KKL-JNF planted trees around Kibbutz Kfar Aza, creating a barrier and camouflage between the homes and the Gaza Strip to prevent observation of and direct firing on the kibbutz. In addition to protecting lives, the trees enhance the environment and provide greenery and shade. The chosen trees were tamarisk/shall coral, beach she-oak and eucalyptus. Project components included land preparation, purchase of saplings, plantings, irrigation and maintenance during the first year. (No.14513) 

Subject: Community Status: Completed

PREVENTION OF DIRECT FIRES ON KIBBUTZ Kfar Aza

In the context of KKL-JNF’s efforts to help attract one million people in the next years to make their homes in the Negev, KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL, Switzerland, is preparing land for housing and agricultural homesteads at Ein Yahav, enabling the community to absorb new families. The project will create 30 lots for newcomers, many of whom will be involved in agricultural activities and help ensure a viable future for the Negev. (No.14702) 

Subject: Community Status: Completed

Ein Yahav – Preparing Land for a New Neighborhood

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Subject: Community Status: Completed

KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL, Israel, implemented a project to relocate monuments in memory of six armored corps fighters killed in two attacks on the Karem Crossing at the Gaza border in 2012, thereafter renamed “The Six Border Crossing. After the disengagement, the monuments were moved to an agricultural road near Kibbutz Alumim. The monuments honor the memory of the soldiers Moshe Reidel, Asher Zagerit, Ron Lavie, Moritz Biderman, Rotem Shani and Alia Hubotshi, at a fitting and beautiful site, where visitors can learn the story of the fallen soldiers. (No.15147) 

Subject: Community Status: Completed

Netiv Haasara – Security Plantings

KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL-JNF Germany, implemented a project in which security trees were strategically planted along the road accessing the northwestern Negev’s Moshav Netiv Haasara, the community closest to the Gaza border. The trees create a camouflage that protects the moshav’s residents and visitors from being targeted by missiles fired from Gaza. (No.14875) 

Subject: Community Status: In Progress

Negev – Relocation of “The Six” Monument

The Government of Israel has officially confirmed its support for the planned Rehabilitation Hospital at ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran. This timely decision will help meet the urgent needs of hundreds of residents of the southern region who require in-patient rehabilitation following an accident, stroke, terror attack etc. With the help of JNF USA, the planned Rehabilitation Hospital will solve the problem of the shortage of beds for rehabilitation patients of the Negev and provide quality rehabilitation in a fully supportive medical environment to residents of the Negev and IDF soldiers serving in nearby Gaza. (No.14614) 

Subject: Community Status: In Progress

The Six Monument

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Karmon Forest – Relaxation Area

KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL, Israel, created a relaxation area, including an access road and olive trees, in the southern region’s Karmon Forest. A present, another two benches are being installed for the convenience of visitors. The relaxation area was developed on the site where the body of Sgt. Avi Sapir was found in 1989, after having been kidnapped by terrorists. (No.14653) 

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed

Nahalat Eran – Neuro Orthopedic Outpatient Hospital

The hospital will solve the urgent needs of hundreds of residents of the southern Negev and IDF soldiers suffering from injuries sustained during combat operations. It will provide quality rehabilitation following an accident, stroke, terror attack etc. With the help of JNF USA, the planned Rehabilitation Hospital will solve the problem of the shortage of beds for rehabilitation patients of the Negev and provide quality rehabilitation in a fully supportive medical environment to residents of the Negev and IDF soldiers serving in nearby Gaza. (No.14875) 

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Subject: Community Status: Completed

Eran – Neuro Orthopedic Outpatient Hospital

Karmon Forest – Relaxation Area

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Projects Countrywide Israel

Ecological Tours for Holocaust Survivors and Senior Citizens

KKL-JNF, with the support of friends of JNF Australia, developed a special program for Israel’s Holocaust survivors that incorporate day trips to KKL-JNF environmental projects, providing the participants with the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant, quality experience in nature. The tours follow the blueprint of KKL-JNF’s colors: blue, green, and brown. A typical outing includes a visit to a KKL-JNF water treatment facility (blue), a ride along one of our scenic routes (brown), and a KKL-JNF forest site (green). The day concludes with a festive lunch, social gathering and sing-along. (No 8820)

Volunteer Firefighting Unit

KKL-JNF, with the help of KKL Holland and Canada and in cooperation with Israel’s Emergency Fire and Rescue Services, recruited units of volunteer firefighters for the forests of the Shfela close to their communities. The volunteers received professional training, at the conclusion of which a community ceremony was held. Participants received firefighters’ clothing and equipment and were awarded KKL-JNF tree planting certificates in their names. (No 11249)

Research: Towards Water Sensitive Cities

Water Sensitive Cities, of which biotower technology is a component, adopt and integrate water management system solutions to ensure water security, maintain healthy aquifers, and improve urban climates and landscapes. With the support of JNF Australia and KKL-JNF, KKL-JNF is carrying out biotower research that aims to transform urban runoff from a problem into a solution. The project will be a platform for industry, academia and planning institutions and will serve to provide the relevant data for the optimal future implementation of biotowers. (No 12485)

Communication Equipment for KKL-JNF Firefighters

KKL-JNF, with the support of KKL-JNF Germany, Finland and New Zealand, is providing KKL-JNF firefighters and foresters with advanced communications equipment essential for emergency situations. The equipment, Nitan mobile communication instruments with antennas and mobile front command gear, is also used by the Israeli Fire and Rescue Services to identify fire sites and coordinate firefighting teams. This equipment will be invaluable during fire outbreaks in helping area managers direct KKL-JNF firefighting crews while also ensuring their safety. Operating the system requires opening a special communication frequency, which is reserved for KKL-JNF emergency use only. (No 14445)

Fire Fighting Vehicle for KKL-JNF Forests

With the help of KKL-JNF Germany, KKL-JNF purchased an Argo 8X8, a compact and highly navigable firefighting vehicle for off-road terrain. The vehicle helps firefighters reach any area of a forest, provides a safe means of transportation on difficult terrain and leaves no toxic traces. (No 1470)

Personal Safety Gear for KKL-JNF Firefighters

With the help of JNF New Zealand, KKL-JNF is providing personal safety suits, vests and other fire resistant apparel for its firefighters and foresters. These items are vital to ensure the firefighters’ safety and enable them to effectively contain and extinguish forest fires. (No 1446)

Projects Countrywide Israel
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Call for Proposals 2017

Be a catalyst for change... Enhance quality of life...

Be a partner in projects that benefit Israel’s periphery—geographic and social.

Be proud!

In 2017, KKL-JNF launched a call for proposals to develop projects for the benefit of the public, focusing on the country’s geographic and social periphery.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the KKL-JNF Resource and Development Division and its Projects and Marketing Department, together with the KKL-JNF offices overseas, the following projects were adopted for donation.

Thank you ALL for the hard work in helping create a better Israel!

Projects will be implemented during 2018-2019.

Walking & Cycling Trails in the Urban Periphery

Ma’alot-Tarshish – Montfort Lake Scenic Promenade (#15121) - Switzerland

Megiddo – Bicycle Trails Connecting to the "Square Trail" (#15120)

Lod – King Solomon Avenue – Bicycle Path (#15125)

Ramat Gan – Central Bicycle Path for Recreational and Daily Use (#15126)

Tel Sheva Bicycle Trail (#15122)

Arad-Masada – The Israel Bike Trail (#15124) - Holland

Be’er Sheva – Masada Road Bicycle Path (#15118)

Landscape Development for Community Facilities

Komemiyut – Landscaping Around the School (#15320)

Shaar HaNegev – Landscaping the Area Around the Fortified School (#15316) - UK

Ma’alot-Tarshiha – Landscape Development at the WIZO-Savyonim Daycare Center (#15134) - UK

Kiryat Bialik – Landscape Development Around the Friendship House (#15135) - Mexico

Granot HaGalil – Landscape Development around a Central Building (#15137) - UK

Dalyat El Karmel – Yad LaBanim – Landscape Development (#15140) - UK

Kfar Yradim – Green Development at Amirim School (#15141)

Ma’alot-Tarshiha – Landscape Development at the WIZO-Savyonim Daycare Center (#15134) - UK

Umm Batim – a New Elementary School – Landscaping (#15138)

The Eilot Region – Arava Renewable Energy and R&D Center – Landscape Development (#15136) - Germany

Eilat – Educational Campus – Landscape Development (#15139) - Germany

Hadera – Hillel Yaffe Medical Center Welfare Center – Landscaping (#15142) - Holland

Jerusalem – Natural History Museum – Landscaping (#15145) - Canada

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Country & No. of Signs

- USA: 1709
- United Kingdom: 4
- Canada: 10
- Australia: 68
- Europe: 88

Total: 1949

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 KKJL-JNF for a Sustainable Future

In the coming years, KKL-JNF’s focus of activity will include:

Strengthening the periphery
• 500,000 new residents in the Galilee
• 1 million new residents in the Negev
• Infrastructure for housing, agriculture and tourism

Educating for Zionist and social values
Informal frameworks, instilling Jewish, Zionist, social and environmental values and promoting young leadership, such as:
• KKL-JNF Houses for Excellence
• Pre-IDF educational preparatory programs
• KKL-JNF Field and Forest Education Centers

Strengthening international cooperation
Sharing our environmental knowledge and know-how with other countries, particularly in combating desertification and agricultural advances, helping ensure food security in arid and semi-arid countries