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Dear Colleagues,

The Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund Resources and Development Division is pleased to present its 2015 Joint Achievements Report of Adopted Projects, titled “The Fruits of Our Partnership”. The report is presented according to Israel’s three regions and forty-five donating countries and includes project type and specific location. In addition, each project’s stage of development and donation status is indicated.

This is the first joint achievements report to be produced under the auspices of our new leadership, with whom we look forward to strengthening our work in all areas that promote sustainability, Zionist education, and the continued development of the southern and northern regions.

Our focus remains steadfast on the Negev and the Galilee, for which we provide the infrastructure that will ensure a viable future for what is now known as the periphery. In addition to developing new communities in the Negev and preparing land for agriculture and housing in the Arava, we continue to create and develop park related projects throughout Israel. These projects enhance the environment and significantly contribute to people's quality of life. They include the Hula Valley Visitor Center, the Ilanot Aboretum, Dimona’s Ben-Gurion Park and lake and Be’er Sheva River Park, whose evolving development continues to transform the “capital of the Negev”. The number of visitors who enjoy KKL-JNF’s forests and recreational facilities, including the expanding network of cycling trails, are continually growing. These sites constitute only some of the open spaces that are essential for the well-being of Israel's inhabitants.

All our projects serve to promote well-being, from forest planting, maintenance and rehabilitation, scenic lookouts and routes, land preparation for housing and agriculture to stream bank rehabilitation and water reservoirs. Presented herewith are also projects provided for the benefit of vulnerable and disadvantaged populations and include landscaping development for a wide range of residential institutions and special needs and medical facilities, which create aesthetic, green and accessible physical settings that improve quality of life.

There are many people I wish to thank, beginning with our loyal donors and partners, both worldwide and in Israel, without whom our projects would not exist. With your support, KKL-JNF has consistently proved its ability to respond to the needs of the nation and bring its projects to fruition. I extend my thanks to Mr. Danny Atar, KKL-JNF World Chairman; Dr. Uzi Landau, World Co-Chairman; and Vice Chairmen, Mr. Zeev Noyman, Mr. Hernan Felman, Atty. Shlomo Deri, Mr. Mike Nitzan, and Mr. Nisan Cialic and to the KKL-JNF Lands Administration Authority, which is responsible for much of the project implementation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to Hedva Levi-Kali, Adi Tene-Nathan and the staff of the Projects and Marketing Department, responsible for the production of this brochure, as well as the many people involved in ensuring the success of the projects recorded herein, including our emissaries throughout the world, KKL-JNF directors, the staff of our offices worldwide and the KKL-JNF desks in Jerusalem.

Warmest regards,

Avi Dickstein
Executive Director
Resources and Development Division
Projects in Northern Israel

Subject: Tourism Status: In Progress
Nahal Na‘aman – Stream Rehabilitation and Cycling Trail
Nahal Na‘aman, in the Greater Haifa area east of Haifa, was one of the most polluted streams in Israel. In the context of its rehabilitation, KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland, in cooperation with other bodies, are creating a park; an important nature site for the residents of the Greater Haifa area as well as for visitors, with a walking and cycling trail along the stream. (No. 4683)

Subject: Environment Status: Completed
Misgav – Regional Sustainability Education Center – Stage 2
KKL-JNF and JNF Australia enabled the development of the Misgav Regional Sustainability Education Centre, as part of its activities in developing and supporting environmental education in Israel. The center comprises an ecological garden and learning space that serves the local community and visitors. The latest developmental stage included expanding the centre using green construction to build two classrooms. Education focuses on water and its wise use, exemplified by the rainwater harvesting system that was installed on the classroom roof. The centre serves as a hub for ecotourism and environmental education, benefiting the western Galilee. (No. 8281)

Subject: Tourism Status: In Progress
Hula Valley Bird Sanctuary Visitor and Education Center
The innovatively designed Stephen J. Harper Hula Valley Visitor Center, being developed by KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, will serve as an experiential education and information center for Hula Lake and will be a visitor’s first impression upon entering the 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)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Metula – Mount Tsfaiya Scenic Lookout
Mount Tsfaiya rises above and to the west of the veteran farming community of Metula on the Lebanese border, established in 1890. The scenic lookout affords breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside, including snow-capped Mount Hermon and the Hula Valley. The scenic lookout consists of a semicircular plaza with six stone benches in front of which are metal orientation plaques and a shade pergola. An audioguide has been installed with explanations in Hebrew and English. KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany have partnered to repair and improve the site. (No. 7543)

Subject: Water Status: Completed
Shamir Recycled Water Reservoir
The Shamir Recycled Water Reservoir in the Upper Galilee’s Hula Valley is used for irrigating crops such as cotton and alfalfa. The reservoir, made possible by KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, solves two serious problems – sewage and the high cost of water. Effluents from communities in the area are treated and recycled, while providing a readily available source of water for agriculture. The region’s residents benefit from a significant improvement in their quality of life and local farmers profit from a relatively inexpensive water source. (No. 7251)
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Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Biriya Forest – Path of the Righteous & Scenic Outlook
Biriya Forest, with 5 million trees, is one of the largest planted forests in Israel. It provides a wide variety of recreational and scenic sites, including the tombs of Talmudic sages, which attract visitors from all streams of Jewish tradition. KKL-JNF and KKL Mexico have established a scenic outlook in the forest and a 150 meter access trail to the burial sites of two Talmudic scholars, Abaye and Rava. (No.7672)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Biriya Forest – Upgrading Biriya Fortress Tower
Biriya Fortress in the heart of KKL-JNF’s Biriya Forest is a symbol of the struggle for independence on the eve of the declaration of the State of Israel. The fortress is located at a strategic spot overlooking the surrounding scenery and today serves as a heritage site. The fortress tower, for years very popular with visitors, had been in need of repair and KKL-JNF and JNF Canada undertook repair of the stairway to the observation tower for the benefit and safety of visitors. (No.7963)

Subject: Education Status: Detailed Planning
Northern Region – Atidim Project – Scholarships
JNF Australia is supporting Atidim by providing tuition for a class of twenty-two students from disadvantaged homes, enabling them to complete a diploma in natural gas engineering. Atidim is an important social initiative which identifies high-potential Israeli youth and invests in their education, enrichment, empowerment and pursuit of excellence. Atidim helps these promising students from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend college and enables them to pursue careers in a variety of fields. To achieve these goals, Atidim works closely with government ministries, the IDF, leading technological companies and top universities and colleges in Israel. (No.13759)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Adamit Forest – Scenic Lookout
The Adamit Forest overlooks the mountainous landscapes of the western Galilee, the Lebanese border and the Haifa Bay. KKL-JNF and KKL Israel developed a scenic lookout in the forest in memory of Topaz Klein, a prison officer who was killed in the 2010 Carmel wildfire. (No.10188)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Kiryat Shmona Hesder Yeshiva – Basketball Court
JNF Canada developed a basketball court and its environs at the Hesder Yeshiva in Kiryat Shmona. The site provides the students, who combine yeshiva studies with military service, with quality outdoor recreation, contributing to their health and well-being. The basketball court is open to all, serving the yeshiva students as well as youth from the surrounding neighborhoods. (No.7996)

Subject: Environment Status: In Progress
Hula Valley – Guide
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting the continuing work of researchers at the Hula Valley Lake Park’s Bird Ringing Station by providing the cost of an aid, including appropriate instruction, from among the park’s guide staff. Researchers gather vital information on the habits and habitats of 100 species of migrating birds, while visitors observe their activities. (No.8459)

Subject: Environment Status: Completed
Hula Lake – Bird Ringing Station
KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany have supported activities at the Bird Ringing Station at the Hula Valley Lake Park. This important site and element of the Hula project serves researchers, who gather vital information on the habits and habitats of 100 species of migrating birds that stop over at the Hula every winter, while visitors observe their activities and learn, too. (No.13703)

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Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Tsalmón – Family-Soldier Meeting Point
KKL-JNF establishes green and inviting family-soldier meeting areas at IDF bases throughout Israel, enabling families to visit their loved ones during their military service. The Tsalmón Family-Soldier Meeting Point, developed by KKL-JNF and KKL Venezuela, provides this opportunity for soldiers training to be counselors in the IDF Gadna program, which prepares young Israelis for military service. (No.8574)

Subject: Environment  Status: In Progress
Afula – Nahal Hamoreh Park
KKL-JNF and KKL France are developing a park at Nahal HaMoreh in Afula in memory of the three teenagers kidnapped and murdered in Gush Etzion in the summer of 2014. The project includes stream regulation, a promenade and a playground. (No.12927)

Subject: Water  Status: Completed
Afek Recycled Water Reservoir – Upgrading
KKL-JNF, KKL Norway and KKL Sweden have upgraded the Afek Reservoir Complex. The two reservoirs comprising the complex have a joint capacity of 1 million cubic meters and receive wastewater from the Akko sewage purification plant. The water is used to irrigate the region’s agriculture, thereby saving an equivalent amount of freshwater for domestic use. (No.8770)

Subject: Education  Status: In Progress
Haifa – WIZO Ecological Garden
The children who attend the therapeutic boarding school, WIZO Ahuzat Yeladim in Haifa, learn about and care for plants on the school ground in a therapeutic gardening programme being made possible by KKL-JNF and JNF Australia. Through implementing methods that promote water efficiency, soil conservation, the use of native and biodiversity-friendly plants and recycled materials, students are able to grow an environmentally friendly garden. The project entails expanding the area for these activities, including a greenhouse. (No.8821)

Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Nir Etzion – Playground and Fitness Equipment
KKL-JNF and KKL Sweden developed a fitness area at Nir Etzion, a cooperative farming community on the Carmel. The complex was established next to an existing complex of play structures and a sports field, thus completing the public complex intended to expand the recreational opportunities for the residents. The project is part of KKL-JNF’s involvement in rehabilitating communities that were damaged by the Carmel wildfire in 2010. (No.10584)

Subject: Tourism  Status: Preliminary Planning
Mt. Gilboa Summit Ridge – Single-Track Bicycle Trail
KKL-JNF and JNF USA are planning the development of a single-track cycling trail on Mt. Gilboa in the eastern Lower Galilee. The trail, 26 km long, will be moderate in difficulty and sections along the mountain ridge will afford different angles of panoramic views onto the beautiful valley landscapes, altogether providing the ultimate cycling experience. (No.8904)

Subject: Environment  Status: In Progress
Israel Electric Co. – Hagit Site – Preservation
The Hagit Forest project is a KKL-JNF environmental initiative to encourage companies and organizations to save paper and adopt environmental values. The forest near the Hagit Power Plant is being planted with native tree species and will include bicycle and walking trails and picnic tables. KKL-JNF and KKL Israel is developing the project together with the Israel Electric Corporation. (No.9207)
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Subject: 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 ports in the Mediterranean Basin. The garden has a number of sections, where visitors can enjoy the sights and smells of fruit trees, herbs, spices and aquatic plants. The project included instructional signage and inviting play structures. (No.10735)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Shehenya Scenic Road – Scenic Lookout
KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany built a scenic lookout and memorial on the Shehenya Scenic Route in the Lower Galilee. The project was developed in memory of Yisrael Ben Ze’ev, a KKL-JNF forest guard who was murdered in 1938 and whose remains were found in 1990 in a nearby cave. The project includes a path, a plaza paved with natural stone, and an outdoor theater seating up to 50 people. A memorial corner includes an informative stone plaque describing the area and the life and work of Yisrael Ben Ze’ev. (No.8845)

Subject: Tourism Status: In Progress
Haifa – Madatech Park – Green Walkway
MadaTech, Israel’s National Museum of Science, Technology & Space located in Haifa, is renewing and restoring its park and gardens. KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany are developing the park’s central walkway. The project includes palm trees, which will line the stone paved boulevard, and water canals running along its sides. The environmental friendly park will be irrigated with water from the MadaTech reservoir, some of the sculptures will made from recycled materials and compost will be prepared on site. (No.10952)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Afula – HaEmek Medical Center – KKL-JNF Wellness Path
HaEmek Medical Center is one of Israel’s largest, state-of-the-art medical facilities in Israel, providing medical services for the highly diverse population of the Galilee and the Jezreel Valley. KKL France developed the hospital grounds, creating a green environment for the benefit of patients and their visitors. Development involved landscaping around two of the hospital’s new buildings and creating a walking path encircling the medical center, followed by landscaping the environs, including seating areas. (No.11208)

Subject: Community Status: Preliminary Planning
Avene Etan – Playground
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are planning the development of a playground at Avene Etan, which now includes children who moved to the community from Gush Katif following the disengagement from Gaza. Development elements for this important community project will include earthworks and debris removal, infrastructure, rubber safety surfacing, play structures, benches and shade elements. (No.11319)

Subject: Community Status: Partially Completed
Misgav – Mount Shekhanya Promenade
KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland are developing the northern section (until the entrance to the community of Manof) of the Mount Shekhanya Promenade in the Misgav Regional Council. The promenade provides a breathtaking view of the Lower and western Galilee and serves to connect the communities of Manof, Koranit and Shekhanya, as well as attracting visitors from far and near. (No.11322)
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Subject: Community Status: Completed
Ma’alot Tarshiha – Family Park
KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland, in cooperation with the Ma’alot Tarshiha Municipality, have added a number of improvements to the city’s Family Park. Development included a new play area with the latest fitness and playground equipment, picnic and barbecue facilities, a repaired and improved tennis court, a sculpture garden, new paths, lawns and seating corners. (No.11482)

Subject: Community Status: Detailed Planning
Kiryat Haim – Ilan Day Center – Landscape Development
KKL-JNF and KKL Italy, in cooperation with ILAN (The Israeli Foundation for Handicapped Children), will landscape the grounds surrounding the new ILAN complex in the town of Kiryat Haim, near Haifa. The new day center, Bet Miriam, provides young adults from the northern region who have disabilities, such as cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy, and their families with daily support. KKL-JNF’s green contribution will considerably enhance this respected center, providing inviting surroundings and easy, protected access between the complex’s buildings. (No.12010)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Carmel Coast Forest – Scenic Lookout
KKL-JNF and KKL Israel have created a beautiful and accessible scenic lookout in memory of Ido Cohen in the Carmel Coast Forest. Ido Meir Cohen was an IDF fighter in the elite Shayetet 13 unit, who died in 2010 as a result of a fatal illness he contracted during his army service. His family specifically chose the forest site, which overlooks the sea, because of its significance for Ido, who loved the forest, its nature and views. (No.12558)

Subject: Education Status: Detailed Planning
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 program’s participants will be involved in helping construct. (No.12661)

Subject: Environment Status: In Progress
Galilee – Kishorit – Organic Garden
Kishorit is a home for life for adults with special needs. Located in the western Galilee, it is often described as a “Garden of Eden”. Adjacent to the community’s organic garden is a steep incline that JNF Australia is helping transform into cultivatable land by building terraces into it. This project will ensure the growth of the agricultural garden, which provides employment for the community’s residents. (No.13422)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
KKL-JNF Western Galilee Visitor Center
Akko hosts about 2.5 million domestic and foreign visitors per year, but few take advantage of the vast expanse of natural beauty that runs east from the city’s sandy beaches and north to the green and forested border. With the support of JNF USA, the JNF Western Galilee Visitor Center was built in a 200-year-old building in Akko’s old city. JNF USA’s partnership with Western Galilee Now, a consortium of tour guides and businesses, including wineries, boutique dairies, artisans and more, continues to help grow local businesses and increase employment opportunities. (No.13083)
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Subject: Community Status: Completed
Tefahot – Bet Midrash – Development
JNF Canada supported the construction of a Bet Midrash for the Tefahot Hesder Yeshiva at Moshav Tefahot. A permanent facility for study, which is the heart of the community, had been previously lacking. The yeshiva comprises graduates of religious high schools and yeshivot from all over of Israel. (No.13528)

Subject: Education Status: Completed
Green Leadership Classrooms in I‘billin, Zarzir, Yafia, Fureidis, Tamra
KKL-JNF constructs Green Leadership Classrooms in schoolyards throughout Israel. These structures, which KKL-JNF awards to student councils that have met specific environmental goals, are venues where peer educators, trained by KKL-JNF’s Youth and Education Division, lead experiential ecological-education sessions. Upon the request of minority authorities to join the program, KKL-JNF created a specially tailored syllabus of environmental activities for several schools, including those in Fureidis, Tamra, Yafia, Zarzir and I‘billin. (No.13692, 13693, 13694, 13697, 13698)

Subject: Community Status: Preliminary Planning
Ghetto Fighters’ House Museum – Amphitheater
KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany will join forces with the Ghetto Fighters’ House (Bet Lohamei HaGeta’ot), to repair its large amphitheater. Every year, since 1949, the closing ceremony of the country’s official Holocaust Memorial Day is held at the amphitheater, built in the 1980s with the help of KKL-JNF. Today, a major investment is required to enable the venue to safely continue holding cultural events. (No.8763)

Subject: Community Status: Detailed Planning
Tur’an – Urban Park (Stage 2)
KKL-JNF and KKL Belgium are involved in developing an urban park in the Lower Galilee village of Tur’an, not far from Nazareth. The elements of the second stage of the project, which will benefit the village’s residents and enhance their quality of life, include earthworks, steps, flooring, rock gardens, paving, plumbing, electricity, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. (No.13138)

Subject: Environment Status: Completed
Kerem Maharal – Bustan Thom
Bustan Thom (Thom’s Orchard) is an experiential environmental learning centre located in the southwestern Carmel, promoting coexistence between people and nature. It was established in memory of Captain Thom Farkash, an Israel Air Force pilot who was killed in the Second Lebanon War. The project, made possible by JNF Canada, involves educational projects for all populations, including the disadvantaged, instilling a culture of organic agriculture and care for the environment. (No.13437)

Subject: Education Status: Detailed Planning
Oranim – Scholarships for Australian Students, Environmental Education
JNF Melbourne is supporting a program in environmental education at the Oranim Academic College of Education in northern Israel designed for students from Monash University, Australia. The project provides scholarships to students doing their practicum in environmental education and the development of a curriculum that fits their needs. This exciting, multi-faceted sustainable education program will benefit the Australian participants, children of Israel’s periphery and Australian children, who will be taught by the program’s participants upon their return to Australia. (No.13517)

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Subject: Education Status: Completed
Ilanot – KKL-JNF National Arboretum
KKL-JNF and KKL Denmark are involved in creating a national botanical educational center at the Ilanot Forest in the Sharon Plain. The project focuses on forestry and ecology, providing a wealth of interactive, experiential activities, both indoors at the state-of-the-art visitors’ center, and outdoors in the 200-acre arboretum, comprising a scientific collection of trees and shrubs. The Ministry of Agriculture formally declared the site a botanical garden in August 2014. (No.5260)

Subject: Education Status: Completed
Sataf – Peace Orchard – Educational Activity
Surrounded by KKL-JNF forests and natural Mediterranean woodland, terraced Judean slopes have been restored to resemble traditional Judean Mountain farms. The terraces are once more producing crops, utilizing water from irrigation channels leading from water storage pools fed by tunnels from the area’s two springs. This site is the setting for a unique learning project, supported by KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, which will involve Jewish and Arab children who together will maintain an orchard at the site, as part of a unique program focusing on peace and sustainability. (No.6474)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Jerusalem Park – Arazim Valley Park Complex
The Arazim Valley Park, part of the Jerusalem Ring, is a developing metropolitan park on the western outskirts of the city. The park forms a green ring connecting the city of Jerusalem to the hills surrounding it. KKL-JNF and JNF Australia supported the park’s ecological restoration and preparation before its opening to the public. Developmental elements included the restoration of part of the Nahal Sorek flow channel, a bicycle path along the stream with scenic lookouts and resting points, and the creation of a recreation area with picnic and sports facilities for the whole family. (No.8558)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Tsor’a – President’s Forest – Sculpture Road
The President’s Forest is an attractive destination for the residents of central Israel, especially for families on day-trips. KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany have supported the forest’s development, whose special charm is its combination of natural woodlands, archaeological sites, lookouts, and its Sculpture Road, which has made the forest famous. This well-traveled road, dotted with environmental sculptures, has become a kind of outdoor museum showcasing the work of Israeli artists. (No.7013)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
British Park – Night Bird Nest Squadron Garden
In 2015 the Night Birds Nest Squadron of the Israel Air Force adopted an area of the British Park – a wooded area in the Judean Plain – with the support of JNF UK and KKL-JNF. The recreation area was upgraded to become a gathering place for the Squadron team and their families. The area – dedicated to the memory of those who have given their life in the defence of the State of Israel – will be taken care of by the families of those who served with the squadron. (No.6547)

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Subject: Tourism
Status: Partially Completed

Alexander River – Italy Park

Italy Park, made possible by KKL-JNF and KKL Italy, is part of the Alexander River Park, which extends along the banks of central Israel’s Alexander River. This part of the river is clean and serves as an enchanted enclaves in the bustling center of the country, attracting visitors from all over Israel who come to learn about river restoration and the animals that live in the river habitat. Lovely picnic areas overlook the river, and along its banks KKL-JNF has developed a trail for walking, jogging and cycling. (No.7533)

Subject: Tourism
Status: Partially Completed

Ramot Menashe – Peace Valley

The LOTEM organization brings nature closer to people with special needs, including KKL-JNF’s first inclusive park, Nahal HaShofet, and the ecological farm in Emek HaShofet. KKL-JNF and JNF USA are supporting the opening of a visitor center at Emek HaShofet (Peace Valley) with training classes, a new baking center, amphitheater, universally accessible paths and the groundbreaking of its Biblical Botanical Gardens. (No.8014)*

Subject: Education
Status: In Progress

Lod – MAOF – Environmental and Zionist Education Project

MAOF is a unique environmental and Zionist education project aimed at new immigrant students and peripheral communities. This program includes educators, students and families who are involved in all stages of MAOF’s programming, from design to final implementation. MAOF’s hands-on, experiential approach helps forge a lasting bond between new olim, their environment, the land, nature and Zionism today. KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting the MAOF project in the mixed Jewish-Arab city of Lod, for the benefit of all its students. (No.10753)

Subject: Water
Status: Completed

Mishmar HaSharon – Floodwater Reservoir

The Mishmar HaSharon Reservoir in the Hefner Valley impounds winter floodwaters that are used for irrigating nearby fields, thus saving higher quality water for domestic use. KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany expanded the reservoir from its previous capacity of 280,000 cubic meters to 1-million-cubic meters. Following the development of a scenic observation terrace above the reservoir, it has become a focus for tourism and birdwatching, in addition to serving its function of irrigation. (No.8059)

Subject: Environment
Status: In Progress

Tel Aviv – Bird’s Head Park – Ornithological Park

KKL-JNF and JNF Australia are creating 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 watch nature up close. Development elements include signage, hides and tree and shrub plantings, specifically chosen to attract birds to perch and nest. The Birdwatching Centre is being developed with the help of the Tel Aviv Municipality and the Ganei Yehoshua Co. (No.8786)

Subject: Tourism
Status: Completed

Canada-Ayalon Park – Ayalon Trail

The Ayalon Trail in Canada-Ayalon Park is a hiking and biking trail that begins at the main park road meeting point, in the upper section of the Valley of the Springs. The 8-km trail, created by KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, provides visitors to Ayalon Park with an opportunity to enjoy the wealth of nature and heritage sites, ancient water systems and scenic views unique to the park. The trail adds to the diversity of the outdoor activities offered the numerous visitors to this most popular park throughout the year. (No.10046)
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Subject: Research Status: In Progress
Tel Aviv University – Smaller-Winnikow Joint Fellowship Fund for Environmental Research
JNF Australia is supporting postgraduate environmental studies at Tel Aviv University, involving one of the following five research categories: 1) Conservation, environmental protection, strategies, and national level forestry and open space management; 2) Israel’s sea and beaches; 3) River and ecosystem rehabilitation, biological monitoring, watershed management, and river restoration planning; 4) The interrelation between forest ecosystems and the effects of climate change and desertification; 5) Environmental research on issues of national importance with emphasis on sustainability. (No.8899)*

Subject: Environment Status: In Progress
Hefer Valley – Birdwatching Park
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are partnering in the creation of the Emek Hefer Birding Park, located in a rural area, for the conservation and enrichment of aquatic habitats. It will include fish ponds and a floodwater reservoir, ensuring an ecologically sustainable interface between the two and attract thousands of migrating birds and birdwatchers. (No.11418)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Jerusalem – Hadassah Medical Center, Mt. Scopus – Environmental Healing Garden
JNF Australia is improving the quality of care for patients at Hadassah University Hospital, Mt. Scopus through having created an environmental healing garden where patients enjoy the therapeutic benefits of directly commingling with nature. They may also enjoy using the garden’s fitness equipment or rest tranquilly in the shade amid nature’s calming sights and sounds, all of which play a part in creating the positive outlook that is essential to the healing process. (No.8958)*

Subject: Education Status: In Progress
The Fight for Gush Etzion – Movie
Recently declared a National Heritage Project, the Gush Etzion museum is undergoing extensive renovation and being transformed into a modern, sophisticated, interactive visitor center that will preserve the story of Gush Etzion for generations to come. KKL-JNF purchased the land of Gush Etzion in 1928 and helped its reestablishment five years after it had been abandoned. Almost two decades later, the children of those who fought and died in the struggle for independence created a memorial on the spot where their parents hid during the final attack. KKL-JNF and JNF USA, in partnership with governmental and regional bodies, are involved in the effort to preserve this heritage and support the restoration of the visitor center, including the production of a docudrama that serves to share the stories of the fighters and their families. (No.9048)*

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Jerusalem Park – Refa’im Valley Park – Extreme Sports Area for Youth
KKL-JNF and KKL France have supported the development of a site for extreme sports in the Refa’im Valley Park, part of the Jerusalem Park. At this site athletes and vacationers will enjoy climbing and jumping activities not usually found in KKL-JNF forests, which will help attract new segments of the population to the park. (No.10547)

Subject: Education Status: Partially Completed
Ramot Menashe Park – Accessible Biblical Garden
KKL-JNF and JNF USA are erecting explanatory signs along the educational trail at the Peace Valley Farm, with focus on native Israeli trees and shrubs, including information on plant species, their biblical origin and uses. All signage is designed to be completely accessible. Additional signs will be erected with
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Jerusalem – Ilanot Schoolyard Development

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Jerusalem Municipality, are upgrading the schoolyard at the Ilanot special-needs school. Its pupils will enjoy new equipment and maximum accessibility, which will enhance the premises and opportunity for outdoor interaction and provide a safe leisure, recreation and learning environment. (No.10705)

Jerusalem Park – Refa‘īm Valley Park – Accessible Family Playground

KKL-JNF and KKL France have supported the development of an accessible playground for children of all ages in the Refa‘īm Valley Park, part of the Jerusalem Park. The playground, located in the western section of the valley, provides families, including children, toddlers and people with disabilities, with a safe and pleasant outdoor recreational environment. (No.10556)

Jerusalem Park – Refa‘īm Valley Park – Main Promenade

KKL-JNF and KKL France have developed a 1,000 meter-long promenade that traverses the length of the Refa‘īm Valley Park and joins the northern promenade via picturesque bridges. A stroll along the promenade provides visitors with a taste of the park’s main attractions as well as a scenic view of the valley and the surrounding Jerusalem neighborhoods. The inclusive design promenade also provides convenient access to park attractions. (No.10559)

Holocaust Martyrs Forest – Anne Frank Memorial – Stage 2

Visiting the Holocaust Martyrs Forest and the forest’s Anne Frank Memorial evokes emotion and reflection. KKL-JNF and JNF Holland support a project which ensures that the veteran forest and its significant sites are maintained and continue to be open to visitors from Israel and abroad. Work includes clearing debris, repairing and renewing scenic routes, improving drainage to prevent flood damage and creating firebreaks to prevent wildfires. (No.10124)

Ben Shemen Forest – Herzl Bicycle Trail

KKL-JNF and KKL Israel developed the Herzl single track, loop bicycle trail near Mitspe Modi’in in the heart of the Ben Shemen Forest, the green lung of Israel’s central region. The intermediate level trail, designed for safe cycling and the protection of the environment, passes through nature and heritage sites and includes explanatory signage. (No.10706)

Bar Ilan Research – Electrochemical Desalination

JNF Australia is supporting the research of Professor Doron Aurbach, Department of Chemistry at Bar-Ilan University. This study focuses on the electrochemical desalination of brackish water. The project aims to develop methods to recycle or use brackish water, such as that found in the Arava bores for irrigation. (No.8953)

Pardes Hanna – Ecology Field Trips for the Children at Neve Michael

JNF Australia is helping Neve Michael, a home and haven for children at risk located in Pardes Hanna, provide environmental field trips to three different sites where the children will learn about and experience aspects of creating a sustainable environment. (No.13947)
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Subject: Tourism Status: Completed

Tel Aviv – Bicycle Path

JNF Canada, in cooperation with the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality, created a 1 km section of the bicycle path that runs along the magnificent Tel Aviv-Jaffa coastline, near Independence Park. The path passes through an area packed with history, spectacular sea views and shade-giving Tamarisk trees. The bicycle path will be named as per the donor’s request. (No.12711)*

Subject: Environment Status: Completed

Arazim Valley – the Tur Sinai Lookout

KKL-JNF and JNF USA created a scenic lookout close to Jerusalem with a view of the Arazim Valley. The lookout honors the memory of Tur Sinai (Zack Tertziner), a man who loved nature and whose farm in the Judean Hills reflects Tur’s contribution to the country’s agricultural development. (No.13464)

Subject: Community Status: Completed

Kfar Sava – Meir Children’s Hospital – Outdoor Sport Facility

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada participated in establishing a therapeutic outdoor sport facility at the Meir Children’s Medical Center in Kfar Sava. The new facility, which extends over 5,000 square metres, complements an indoor gymnasium and fitness room and includes a running track, outdoor exercise and fitness equipment and a playing field for team sports, surrounded by greenery. (No.11174)

Subject: Education Status: Preliminary Planning

Gush Etzion – an Or Torah Institution – Environmental Education

The “Adam/Adama” project is an interdisciplinary initiative involving grades 9-12 at the Neve Chanah High School in Gush Etzion, just south of Jerusalem. JNF Australia is supporting an environmental education program there, featuring aspects of ecology and sustainability taught in the classroom, on field trips and through various projects. (No.13261)*

Subject: Education Status: Completed

Judean Lowlands – Retorno Rehab Center – Therapeutic Petting Zoo

JNF Canada assisted the Mateh Yehuda Regional Council in building a therapeutic petting zoo at Retorno, the International Jewish Center for Prevention and Treatment of Addictions. The zoo includes greenery, flowing water, two shaded group seating areas and a tool shed. It serves teens, adults and families. The project enabled the expansion of the center’s existing therapy program by including a variety of animals that help facilitate rehabilitation. (No.10862)*

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed

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 mythological 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: Community Status: Detailed Planning

Jerusalem – Herzog Hospital – PTSD and Health Center

With the support of KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, two new centres are being built at the Herzog Hospital’s Glassman Mental Health Centre in Jerusalem. One will be for the Community Mental Health Clinic and the other, for the Psychotrauma Centre. The facility will contain rooms for counseling 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 centre’s capacity by over 50%,
thereby meeting its projected needs for the foreseeable future. (No.12956)*

Subject: Education  Status: Partially Completed

Latrun – Armored Corps Memorial Site – Park Restoration
KKL-JNF and KKL France are supporting a tree maintenance project at the Armored Brigades Park, part of the Yad Lashiryon, Armored Corps Memorial Site and Museum at Latrun, where ceremonies are held and memorials have been erected in honor of Israel’s fallen soldiers. Thousands visit the accessible park year round. Next year the site’s roads and trails will be repaired and upgraded. (No.12144)*

Subject: Research  Status: Detailed Planning

Assaf HaRofeh – Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders
JNF Canada is supporting research on children with autism spectrum disorders being carried out at the Assaf HaRofeh Medical Center. Children diagnosed with the disorder between the ages of 3-6 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 importance of the information garnered from the study will determine which areas require focus in intervention and at which stage. (No.13357)*

Subject: Tourism  Status: In Progress

American Independence Park – New Recognition Site
KKL-JNF inaugurated American Independence Park on July 4, 1976, marking 200 years of American independence. The park spans more than 1,500 acres of open space, providing green lungs for Israel’s two largest cities, Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem. The park’s donor recognition center serves as a site for family gatherings and recognition ceremonies, bar mitzvahs and other events. With the support of KKL-JNF and JNF USA, the accessible park is being expanded to accommodate new recognition walls and gathering areas. (No.12603)*

Subject: Community  Status: Completed

Jerusalem – ALYN Hospital – Therapy on the Terrace
KKL-JNF and KKL Italy have helped the ALYN Hospital for children with severe disabilities build a 158 sq. metre therapeutic outdoor terrace with specially designed equipment for use in occupational and physiotherapy. The complex will provide an environment that promotes optimal function and restorative activity. (No.12937)*
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Subject: Education  Status: Detailed Planning
Megiddo – Regional High School – Education and Life Skills Center

JNF Canada is supporting plans to establish the Education and Life Skills Center at the Megiddo Regional High School near En HaShofet. The project includes restoring two old buildings and the completion of a new auditorium. This worthy project was initiated by the Vickar Family in honour of Tova Vickar, who, in the aftermath of WW II, had been a pupil there. (No.12992)

Subject: Community  Status: Detailed Planning
Jerusalem – Herzog Hospital – Therapeutic Garden

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting the planned construction of a therapeutic garden, 100-150 sq. m, near the main entrance of the new Mental Health Centre at the Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem. The project will include a beautiful grassy area, interlocking surface pathways, shrubbery, trees, a seating area with benches, and playground equipment. It will serve as an outdoor play therapy area for children as part of diagnosis and treatment of psychological trauma. As well, families and patients will be able to spend time together in this tranquil space. (No.13100)

Subject: Education  Status: In Progress
Jerusalem – Shmita Environmental Education Park

JNF Australia designed and provided a one-year initiative of educational activities for groups of people, including youth from Israel and abroad, at the Shmita Environmental Park. The park, adjacent to the Australian section of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, is part of the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University. The program includes the social and environmental values of leaving the land fallow every seventh year, as prescribed in the Bible. (No.13275)

Subject: Education  Status: Detailed Planning
British Park – Mountain Biking for Youth – Geerz

Geerz is an environmental education program for youth, combining the physical, mental, and emotional challenges of mountain biking with valuable lessons in ecological responsibility and a love for the Land of Israel. JNF Australia, in partnership with Geerz, will run a pioneering 30-week education biking program over the course of the upcoming school year in the KKL-JNF forests of Adulam, Zacharia, British Park, and Charuvit. (No.13276)

Subject: Tourism  Status: Completed
Begin Park, En Kobi – Overnight Camping Facility

Begin Park, one of the forests surrounding Jerusalem, is an important element in KKL-JNF’s efforts to maintain the delicate ecological balance between built-up and open areas in the Judean Mountains. En Kobi, one of the largest springs in the Judean Mountains, is at the heart of Begin Park, whose many attractions include an overnight camping facility near the spring, which KKL-JNF and JNF Canada helped make possible. (No.13777)

Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Modi’in Forest – Horvat Regev Scenic Lookout

KKL-JNF and KKL Israel developed a recreation, scouting area and scenic lookout in memory of Hen Egoz at the Horvat Regev olive grove in the Modi’in Forest. Two stone benches forming semicircles were created under the shade of picturesque olive trees. The special site on the edge of the forest includes a campfire and a panoramic sign at the scenic lookout, which affords a view of the Ayalon Valley, Ramle and Lod. The veteran olive trees have been pruned and treated; the area has been cleaned; its drainage problems solved; the site’s terrace rehabilitated, and safety grilles have been installed over old cisterns and open pits. (No.13756)
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Subject: Education  Status: Completed
Jerusalem – Ammunition Hill – Ongoing Activities
Visiting Ammunition Hill is a powerful and emotional experience that conveys the intensity of the fighting at the site. JNF USA supported the creation of the site’s memorial hall, which includes photos of the 182 soldiers who fell in the battle for Ammunition Hill. In 2015, donations were also dedicated to signage and ongoing educational activities. (No.13277)*

Subject: Community  Status: In Progress
Ilanot Arboretum – Casuarina Circle
KKL-JNF’s Central Region is planning to develop a memorial site in honor of Dan Uzan, who was killed by a terrorist in Denmark in February 2015. The site will be developed at the Casuarina Tree Circle in the heart of the Sharon plain’s Ilanot Arboretum. The project, supported by KKL-JNF and KKL Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland, includes an accessible trail leading from the main arboretum into the center of the Casuarina Circle, where a circular area will be created that can also contain people with disabilities. Signage at the site’s entrance will honor Dan Uzan. (No.13622)

Subject: Education  Status: Detailed Planning
Alexander Muss High School – Educational Tours
The Alexander Muss High School is the only pluralistic, college-prep, international academic experience in English for high school students in Israel. The curriculum is conducted in chronological historical order, with on-site learning at the actual places where history took place, including KKL-JNF sites. JNF Australia is planning to sponsor school visits to places such as Gan HaShlosha, Independence Hall, Hatzar Kinneret, Ben Gurion’s hut, the Vidor Center in the Arava, the Atlit Detention Camp, Mt. Herzl Museum, archeological digs at the Burgin Ruins, and biking at the Hula Park Lake. (No.13720)*

Subject: Education  Status: Detailed Planning
Jerusalem – Beit Morasha, Educational Programs
JNF Australia is helping to support educational projects at Beit Morasha in Jerusalem. The projects, for new olim and prospective new olim from the former Soviet Union, include leadership seminars, Land of Israel and heritage studies and environmental education. (No.13581)*

Subject: Community  Status: Preliminary Planning
Jerusalem – Hadassah Medical Center Mt. Scopus – Entrance and Security Check
KKL France is helping to build a security structure at the entrance to Hadassah Hospital at Mt. Scopus through which about 7,000 people pass daily. The 72 sq. m facility with reinforced glass in the upper part of its walls, will include a magnetometer and 24/7 surveillance cameras, among other security equipment and services. The project is vital due to the medical center’s location on Jerusalem’s northeastern borderline and the nature of the population which it serves. The facility is designed to enable a thorough and smooth security check in the most dignified way possible. (No.13613)*

Subject: Tourism  Status: Detailed Planning
Tel Aviv – Velodrome
JNF Canada is supporting the planned Tel Aviv Velodrome, which will serve as an international standard facility for competitive cycling for children and professionals and the only cycling training facility in the Middle East. The facility will open up the world of competitive cycling, training and triathlon in Israel, and promote achievement and physical fitness. The velodrome includes 10 different Olympic disciplines, with a steeply banked oval track consisting of two 180-degrees circular bends connected by two straights tracks. (No.13836)*
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Subject: Education Status: Detailed Planning
Hebrew University – Environmental Studies for Periphery Youth
JNF Canada, in cooperation with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is providing an environmental education program that includes science and technology, designed and developed for children and youth from Israel’s periphery. (No.13372)

Subject: Tourism Status: In Progress
Ariel Sharon Park – Ecological Complex and Green Lung
KKL-JNF and KKL Denmark are partnering in an exciting project which will bring nature closer to the urbanites of the Tel Aviv Metropolitan Area, improving quality of life and the environment. The project includes a birding and ecological lake, rich in biodiversity, among other nature park attractions. (No.13578)

Subject: Community Status: Detailed Planning
Megiddo – Olive Grove
KKL Spain will plant twelve thousand olive trees, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel, near the mosaic remains of an ancient church located on Kibbutz Megiddo’s agricultural lands. The plantings, to be carried out in stages, will comprise some 138 olive trees per 0.1 hectare plots. The lush olive grove will realize the land’s agricultural potential and enhance tourism. (No.13870)

Subject: Education Status: Detailed Planning
ALEH Bnei Brak Center for Special-Needs Children – Landscape Development
The ALEH Center for Advancement, Rehabilitation and Education of Special-Needs Children (CARES) has appealed to KKL-JNF to join them in establishing a comprehensive special education and therapeutic daycare center for children with severe disabilities. KKL-JNF, JNF-KKL Germany and KKL Switzerland are participating in this project, which involves landscape development for the center, the largest, state-of-the-art facility of its kind in the Tel Aviv Metropolitan Area. (No.13457)

Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Rehovot – KKL-JNF Green Leadership Classroom, Hadarim School
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting a Green Leadership Classroom at the Hadarim School in the city of Rehovot’s Kiryat Moshe neighborhood. The leadership program includes a core group of 15 chosen students, many of whom are from new olim families, who receive instruction provided by KKL-JNF’s Youth and Education Division in topics concerning the environment and Zionism. The young leaders learn how to convey KKL-JNF’s environmental values to their peers, with focus on water, soil, afforestation, ecology, and the cycle of Jewish and national holidays and events. (No.13897)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Jerusalem – ALUT Ein Karem – Landscape Development
JNF Canada supported ALUT – The Israeli Society for Autistic Children in renovating its occupational center in the Ein Karem neighborhood of Jerusalem. The project involved landscape development around the center, where the fifty people who suffer from severe autism and the staff who instruct and care for them, can enjoy a green, safe and aesthetic outdoor experience. (No.13930)

Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Jerusalem Forest – Ecological Picnic Area
KKL-JNF and KKL Italy have developed a new picnic area in the Jerusalem Forest as part of the effort to maintain the Jerusalem Forest as the capital’s largest green open space. KKL-JNF’s goal is to ensure that this natural treasure continues to serve the people of the city and her surroundings, a forest where families and friends can spend quality time in nature, and by doing so reinforce its importance for the people of Jerusalem. (No.13371)
Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Jerusalem Shaf Yativ
Shaf Yativ has been created to assist individuals with severe mental illness, providing them with the skills that will help them integrate into society. As part of this effort, JNF Australia is developing an educational program focusing on sustainability and outdoor education. Future plans include the development of a gardening center. (No.11959) *

Subject: Community Status: Detailed Planning
Tel Nof Air Force Base – Four Play Areas
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, in cooperation with the IDF, are planning recreation projects that focus on children and youth, located close to the homes of the air force staff personnel. In a community that is by definition isolated and far from urban parks and recreation facilities, it is important that the youngsters of the personnel have safe, inviting places with appropriate equipment in which to play. (No.13425) *

Subject: Community Status: Detailed Planning
Jerusalem – Herzog Hospital – Therapeutic Garden for Patients with Parkinson’s Disease
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting the development of a therapeutic garden at the Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem for patients with Parkinson’s disease; a place where they can meet with family in a green, tranquil atmosphere. The project is based on accumulated research indicating the therapeutic effect of spending time surrounded by nature, such as that provided by a garden. (No.13435) *

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Tel Aviv – Gvahim – Nonprofit to Help Olim
Gvahim is a JNF UK and KKL-JNF assisted non-profit organisation that helps promote highly skilled Olim in their careers. Launched in 2006 by the Rashi Foundation and a group of Israelis in the industrial sector, Gvahim provides Olim and returning citizens with the guidance they need to successfully integrate into the Israeli workforce. The programme includes workshops and individual consultation, primarily providing participants with skills and knowledge useful in finding suitable employment. (No.13493) *

Subject: Community Status: Preliminary Planning
Holon – Wolfson Medical Center – Save a Child’s Heart Garden
The Save A Child’s Heart Organization is building a new hospital residence at the Wolfson Medical Centre in Holon. With the help of JNF Canada, the Save A Child’s Heart Garden will be constructed in the middle of the facility for therapy and treatments. The organization flies 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 – The Great Hall in the Western Wall Tunnels
JNF Canada will help the Western Wall Heritage Foundation upgrade and improve the Great Hall area of the Western Wall Tunnels. Work undertaken will include a model, situated adjacent to a section of the exposed, underground wall, which will bring alive the Temple Mount’s topographical changes throughout history. (No.13107) *
Subject: **Environment** Status: **Completed**

**Be’eri – Fire Watchtower – Upgrading**

Fire watchtowers are one of the most important elements in KKL-JNF’s countrywide firefighting network. Early spotting allows the fire to be nipped in the bud. The 18-m high Be’eri fire watchtower, made possible by the support of KKL-JNF and KKL Denmark, KKL Finland, KKL Norway and KKL Sweden, overlooks extensive areas of the western Negev and is an essential element in fire prevention, which is even more important in this beautiful and varied desert region. The Be’eri watchtower is one of forty fire lookout towers in the country, manned particularly during the summer months. (No.5331)

Subject: **Community** Status: **In Progress**

**Be’er Sheva – Homes for Children at Risk (“Orr Shalom”) – Repairs and Renovation**

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are supporting the renovation and refurbishment of three therapeutic family group homes in Be’er Sheva, ensuring that they meet health and safety standards and serve as functional and comfortable homes for up to thirty-three children. Under the auspices of “Orr Shalom” for Children and Youth at Risk, the homes care for children who have been removed from their biological families by the social welfare services following abuse or tragedy.

Subject: **Tourism** Status: **Completed**

**Grofit – Therapeutic Riding Farm**

The Therapeutic Riding Farm at Grofit in the southern Arava was established in 1996 and is operated jointly with the Elot Regional Council Psychological Service. As part of its efforts to strengthen the residents of peripheral areas, JNF USA and KKL Switzerland have helped finance equine-assisted therapy for those in need, who cannot afford this mode of treatment. (No.5728)

Subject: **Tourism** Status: **Completed**

**Shizafon – Armored Corps Training Base – Family-Soldier Meeting Point**

KKL-JNF and JNF Australia have supported the development of a Family-Soldier Meeting Area at the Shizafon Armored Corps Base in the southern Negev. The site was designed to provide a pleasant, green setting for meetings between soldiers, many of whom remain on base for extended periods of time, and their families. (No.6794)

Subject: **Tourism** Status: **Completed**

**Be’er Sheva River Park – Amphitheater Complex**

Be’er Sheva River Park’s 12,500 seat amphitheater was made possible by KKL-JNF and JNF USA. The entertainment complex is Israel’s largest outdoor performance venue, offering year-round music, theatre, and dance performances that showcase an eclectic mix of Israeli and international artists. The amphitheater also hosts festivals, city events, and celebrations, serving as a gathering place for diverse populations and dramatically altering the cultural landscape of southern Israel. The entire facility holds 30,000 people. (No.7973)
Subject: Water  Status: Completed  
**Sderot Recycled Water Reservoir**
KKL-JNF, KKL Belgium, JNF Canada, KKL Switzerland and JNF USA supported the construction of the Sderot Recycled Water Reservoir, an important addition to the western Negev. The reservoir receives treated industrial and domestic wastewater which is then used to irrigate a variety of crops in nearby communities. Using recycled water for irrigation frees up freshwater for domestic use and lowers the cost of crop growing. (No.8065)  

Subject: Environment  Status: Completed  
**Sha’ar Hanegev Regional Council – Recycled Water for Irrigation**
KKL-JNF and JNF Australia partnered in a project to help the infrastructure of Nahal Oz, Kfar Aza and Mefalsim, three kibbutzim that plan to expand their communities, located in the western Negev near the Gaza border. Their expansion had depended upon upgrading their sewage systems and increasing the amount of water available for irrigation. For this purpose, KKL-JNF and JNF Australia supported the development of a system that conveys wastewater to a nearby treatment plant for purification, which is then used to irrigate the kibbutzim field crops. (No.11170)  

Subject: Community  Status: In Progress  
**Kadesh Barne’a – Land Reclamation for Housing**
KKL-JNF and JNF Australia, in cooperation with the Ramat Negev Regional Council, are preparing land for housing at Moshav Kadesh Barne’a, a cooperative farming community in the western Negev. The thirty-two plots being developed southeast of the existing settlement will enable thirty-two new families to make their permanent homes in the moshav and work in agriculture. The prospective families are either those of the moshav’s children or those relocating from other parts of the country, mainly the center. (No.8722)  

Subject: Community  Status: Completed  
**Ashdod Naval Training Base – Family-Soldier Meeting Point**
The Ashdod Navy Base Family-Soldier Meeting point, donated by KKL-JNF and KKL France, was designed to provide a pleasant, green setting for meetings between families and soldiers serving on the base, some of whom are away from home for extended periods. The facility can be enjoyed by soldiers during their leisure time, as well. (No.8289)  

Subject: Tourism  Status: In Progress  
**Dimona – Ben-Gurion Forest-Park – Lake**
KKL-JNF and JNF Holland are developing a 1.1 hectare (2.5 acre) recreational lake at the entrance to Ben Gurion Park in Dimona, which will be used for sailing, water sports and other activities. The project serves as a step towards positioning Dimona as a major tourist site in the Negev. A recreational and shopping area will be developed around the lake as well as an outdoor theater to host various events. The lake will eventually be fed by treated wastewater from Dimona. (No.8313)  

Subject: Community  Status: In Progress  
**Sde Boker – Gadna Base – Outdoor Fitness Area**
The GADNA is a special program that prepares young Israelis for their service in the Israel Defense Forces. Almost all Israeli high school students participate in one week of GADNA activity before joining the army. KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are creating an outdoor gathering and fitness area at the Gadna base at Sde Boker for the regular army staff, who, to date, have neither an organized meeting place nor fitness equipment of any sort. The site will extend over 350 square meters and provide a view of the amazing Nahal Tsin desert landscapes. (No.8323)
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**Subject:** Community  |  **Status:** In Progress
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**Merhav Am – Community Center Landscaping and Main Park**
KKL-JNF and JNF Australia are supporting the development of the Merhav Am Community Centre. The project includes landscape development of the grounds surrounding the community centre and the creation of a green park directly across from it. The park will include a childen’s playground and landscape development, transforming the immediate Negev desert environment into one inviting for outdoor leisure and recreation. (No.11291)

**Subject:** Tourism  |  **Status:** Completed
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**The ANZAC Trail**
The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), founded in the First World War, played a crucial role under British command in wresting Palestine from the Ottomans. The ANZAC Trail project, supported by KKL-JNF and JNF Australia, retraces the footsteps of the original ANZAC Mounted Division battle at Be’er Sheva as well as highlights the natural features along the way. The complete length of the route is approximately 60 kilometers, passing through several Negev regional councils and including detailed signs, trail markings and three major educational stations. (No.8398)

**Subject:** Environment  |  **Status:** In Progress
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**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 desertification. The Be’er Sheva Green Belt project, supported by KKL-JNF and JNF USA, is implementing these methods to create green around the city of Be’er Sheva, serving to improve the environment and provide local residents with inviting leisure and recreation areas. (No.8564)

**Subject:** Education  |  **Status:** Completed
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**Ne’ot Smadar – Ya’alon Learning Center – Landscaping**
KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany have landscaped the grounds of the Ya’alon Learning Center, created by the members of Kibbutz Ne’ot Smadar in the southern Arava, where the art of dialogue, cooperation and hands-on sustainable living practices are taught. Project elements include approach roads, shaded areas, plantings, stone walls, a parking area and an irrigation system. The landscaping provides visitors with pleasant outdoor surroundings for learning and relaxation. (No.8684)

**Subject:** Education  |  **Status:** In Progress
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**Sderot – Sapir Academic College – Amphitheater**
KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany are developing an amphitheater at the Sapir College campus in the northwestern Negev. The amphitheater will initially seat 1100, with 400 additional seats added during the second development phase. The amphitheater will serve the college as a central venue for various gatherings such as graduation ceremonies and student events and will be an important addition to this excellent academic institution. (No.8839)

**Subject:** Community  |  **Status:** Completed
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**Be’er Sheva – Holistic Treatment Clinic for Cancer Patients**
With the support of JNF UK and KKL-JNF, Ruach Dromit, a non-profit organisation, launched the first Holistic Treatment Centre of the Negev. Ruach Dromit provides complimentary care for cancer patients and their families, offering treatments, workshops and counselling services; easing the psychological burden of battling cancer and increasing the chances of recovery. The Centre cares for cancer patients and their families. Located in Be’er Sheva, the Centre provides a vital service for the Negev. JNF UK has provided Ruach Dromit with funding and advice from the project’s foundation. (No.12750)

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Subject: Environment  Status: Partially Completed
Ambassadors Forest – LTER Research – Joint Nordic Project
KKL-JNF and KKL Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden are funding LTER (Long-Term Ecological Research) in the Ambassadors Forest to learn how to best utilize runoff for irrigating desert reforestation. The study examines the effect of various savannization (desert reforestation) treatments on the amount of surface runoff and the relation between runoff and rain. The ideal treatment produces the largest amounts of runoff, which in turn saves water for irrigation. This research serves as a model for other of the world’s arid and semi-arid countries. (No.8851)

Subject: Community  Status: In Progress
Kibbutz Gevulot – Bet Mexico – Landscaping
KKL-JNF and KKL Mexico are supporting plans to landscape the surroundings of Bet Mexico, an educational facility at Kibbutz Gevulot in the Western Negev. The facility serves Israeli youth during the summer and Birthright participants around the year, including joint Israeli and Diaspora youth encounters. The planned work includes a central plaza and seating area, sports facilities, and gardening. (No.8882)

Subject: Tourism  Status: Preliminary Planning
Nir Moshe Forest – Negev Development
KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland are planning to upgrade one of the forests north of Moshav Nir Moshe by establishing a network of trails for walking and cycling, recreation and picnic areas and scenic lookouts. Nir Moshe is part of the Shikma Watershed which has been extensively developed for tourism and attracts visitors from all over Israel who come to enjoy the amazing desert landscapes, varied archaeological sites and unique natural values characteristic of the region. (No.8959)

Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Bene Netsarim (Halutsit 1) – Perimeter Road
KKL-JNF and KKL France have forged a perimeter road in Bene Netsarim (Halutsit 1), the new home of former Gush Katif residents from Netsarim, who are building a new future in the western Negev, near the Egyptian border. The road surrounds the community’s school and synagogue and facilitates access to the educational campus. This project is part of KKL-JNF’s ongoing involvement with the community. (No.9046)

Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Hura – Wadi Attir Project
KKL-JNF, JNF USA and KKL Holland have partnered with the Negev Bedouin community to develop a unique environmental tourism project in Wadi Attir, an ecological farm that combines traditional Bedouin agriculture and modern technology. The cooperative, organic farm runs on alternative energy and is the first of its kind in the Bedouin community. KKL-JNF, JNF USA and JNF Holland prepared the land and are providing professional assistance based on KKL-JNF’s extensive experience in preventing desertification and developing agriculture in the Negev. (No.9142)

Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Kedma Youth Village – Training Center and Horse Riding Club
As part of the efforts to support various educational activities and facilities for challenged populations, KKL-JNF and JNF Canada developed a Training Center and Horse Riding Club at the Kedma Youth Village for at-risk youth. The facility provides an important venue where workshops, courses and instruction in equestrian-related subjects are held. The village is known for its unique therapeutic horse riding program that helps youngsters-at-risk “get back on track.” (No.10120)
Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Yeruham – Youth Leadership Centre

The Municipality of Yeruham has asked for JNF UK and KKL-JNF’s support in renovating and equipping the new Yeruham Youth Leadership Centre. The Centre will provide 200-250 youth aged 10-18 with weekly educational activities, teaching leadership and responsibility. Groups including the Israeli Scouts, IDF preparation programme and the Yeruham Youth Council will make use of the Centre. (No.12747)*

Subject: Research Status: In Progress
Central Arava – Intensive Cultivation Systems for Greenhouses

In order to increase the profitability of vegetable farming in the Arava Valley it is necessary to extend the growing season. The system proposed in this study, supported by KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, provides the climatic conditions that allow greenhouse peppers to be cultivated throughout most of the year. Research also focuses on developing and testing a management program for pepper cultivation to prevent disease and deal with problems arising from the extended growing season. Results of the study will enable Arava farmers to successfully compete in the global produce market. (No.10916)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Golda Park – ANZAC Trail Entrance

The ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Trail invites visitors to walk in the footsteps of the ANZAC soldiers to Be’er Sheva and to learn about one of the crucial WWI battles in the Middle East, while enjoying the unique northern Negev landscapes, nature and archaeology. The new entrance from Golda Park was developed in a well house dating back to the British Mandate. The project was made possible by KKL-JNF and JNF Australia and involved restoring the building and its roof, preserving the historical well and its pumps, laying paths, and developing group gathering areas, signs and exhibits. (No.11059)*

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Central Arava – Music Center

The music center at the Arava Community Center offers Central Arava residents of all ages a variety of musical activities, which, until now, were only available in Be’er Sheva or Eilat. The new center, built with the support of KKL-JNF and JNF Canada, includes classrooms, a piano room and a central hall for recitals and exhibitions. (No.10908)*

Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Kiryat Gat – Day Care Centers for Children

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are funding the purchase of new equipment and furniture in a number of after school centres for children and youth in Kiryat Gat. Located in less affluent areas of Kiryat Gat, the centres provide group activities, field trips, cultural events as well as academic assistance. (No.13489)*

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Be’er Sheva – Allenby Park – Restoration

Be’er Sheva’s Allenby Park is dedicated to the memory of General Sir Edmund Allenby, a commander of the WWI Battle of Be’er Sheva. KKL-JNF and JNF Australia have restored the historic park as part of the ANZAC Trail project, commemorating the liberation of Be’er Sheva from the Ottomans. Allenby Park covers an area of 3.5 square kilometres and is one of the development elements located at the end of the route in Be’er Sheva’s Old City. (No.10448)*

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Western Negev – Kibbutz Kissufim – Security Plantings

In recent years, the daily lives of the people of Kissufim have been disrupted by rocket and mortar attacks from Gaza. With the support of the regional council and the IDF, KKL-JNF and JNF Canada have made possible tree and shrub plantings around the kibbutz to serve as buffers,
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Camouflaging local residents as they go about their daily activities as well as providing a sense of security for vacationers at the kibbutz guest houses. (No.10288)

Subject: Research Status: In Progress
Studying the Effect of Brackish Water Irrigation on Olive Groves
Olive groves in the Negev Highlands are becoming a significant source of income for farmers in the region. KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland are supporting current research on the effect of brackish water irrigation on olive cultivation. In the Negev and other arid and semi-arid regions water is costly and the possibility of using brackish water for irrigation provides many opportunities and economic benefits for the region’s farmers. (No.10833)

Subject: Community Status: Preliminary Planning
Carmit – Synagogue Landscaping
KKL-JNF has been active in preparing land for and developing the Negev flagship community of Carmit. KKL-JNF and KKL Spain are currently supporting plans for the landscape development of the community’s synagogue, which will also serve as its community center (for the time being). The synagogue is included in the 500 plots reclaimed by KKL-JNF, and the development of its environs includes earthworks, erecting a pergola, creating an access trail and extensive landscaping, vital to creating a viable living space in the arid Negev. (No.11293)

Subject: Community Status: Detailed Planning
Shaveh Darom – Playground for a New Community
KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland are planning to create a playground at Shaveh Darom for the benefit of the new community’s children. Shaveh Darom, in the western Negev, was established by Gush Katif evacuees, whose members are experiencing revival after years of being unsettled. (No.11550)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Tse’elim IDF Base – Landscaping
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are developing three areas of the Negev’s extensive Tse’elim army base. The project will upgrade and landscape the family visiting area, the intake and release facility and the barrack’s main plaza. The project includes earthworks, planting of water-saving plants and installation of picnic tables, benches, shade pergolas, lighting, irrigation and trash cans. (No.11537)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Naveh – Landscaping a New Neighborhood
KKL-JNF and KKL Argentina are supporting the improvement of an open space in Naveh (Halutsit 4). The green area for the community is being developed with seating corners, play equipment and other facilities. Naveh is the new home of former Gush Katif residents from Atsmona, who are building their future in the western Negev. (No.11951)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Talme Yosef – Synagogue Landscaping
Talme Yosef is a moshav in the northwestern Negev near Gaza. The moshav was named in honor of Yosef Weitz (1890–1972). To date, Talme Yosef comprises 65 families, and it is now expanding to absorb new families. KKL-JNF and KKL Belgium are planning the landscape development of the moshav’s new synagogue, which is under construction. (No.12078)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Military Reserve Forest – Hilltop Scenic Lookout
KKL-JNF and KKL Israel established a scenic lookout in the northern section of the Miluim (army reserves) Forest on the banks of Nahal HaBesor. It is situated 90 meters above sea level and overlooks the expanse between Gaza and Be’er Sheva as well as the Judean lowlands and the Hebron mountains. (No.12323)
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**Subject:** Community  
**Status:** In Progress  
**Sapir – Solid Waste Landfill**

KKL-JNF and KKL Italy, in cooperation with the Central Arava Regional Council, are building a centralized, underground solid waste disposal site at Sapir, which will serve the waste disposal needs of all the regional council’s communities. (No.12228)

**Subject:** Community  
**Status:** In Progress  
**Sderot – Ezra Le’Marpeh Medical Rehabilitation Center**

KKL-JNF, JNF Australia and KKL Italy are landscaping the grounds of the new Ezra Le’Marpeh Organization, a medical and rehabilitation center in the periphery city of Sderot, serving western Negev residents. The facility will provide the best rehabilitation services for people suffering physical injury and emotional trauma as a result of ongoing rocket attacks from Gaza. (No.11931)

**Subject:** Community  
**Status:** In Progress  
**Kibbutz En Hashlosha – Park**

KKL-JNF, KKL Chile and KKL Uruguay are supporting plans for a park at Kibbutz En Hashlosha in the western Negev, near the clubhouse, pool and sports field that will serve both as a leisure area for the kibbutz and a soldier-family meeting place. The park includes lawns, plantings, landscaping, lighting, benches, tables, paths, a flagstoned gathering area with a pergola and benches. (No.11636)

**Subject:** Education  
**Status:** Completed  
**Arava Children’s Environmental Center**

The Arava Children’s Educational Centre provides an innovative curriculum enrichment program with focus on science, the environment and sustainable agriculture for the children of the Shitim School in Sapir. The experiential learning environment includes various types of greenhouses, a livestock corner and outdoor classrooms designed for all pupils, from gifted children to those with special needs. KKL-JNF and JNF Australia supported the expansion and repair of the center’s infrastructure and the provision of activity equipment and educational and interpretive programs. The project was carried out with the vision of meeting the needs of the Arava’s population, whose numbers are expected to double within the next decade. (No.12071)

**Subject:** Community  
**Status:** Preliminary Planning  
**Arad – Nahal St. Playground**

KKL-JNF and KKL Mexico are supporting plans to improve and upgrade a small park in the Gevim neighborhood in Arad, a city in the hills overlooking the Dead Sea region. The park is very popular with Arad’s residents repaired, upgraded and expanded in order that it continue to fulfill its vital function as an urban leisure and recreation area. (No.12376)

**Subject:** Education  
**Status:** In Progress  
**Ashdod – Hazon Meir Day Care Center – Pergola**

KKL-JNF and KKL France are supporting the installation of a large pergola that will shade the yard of the Hazon Meir Day Care Center in Ashdod, which has over 70 toddlers and young children, most of whom come from economically challenged families. The pergola will provide needed shade, enabling the children to play in the yard protected from the strong sun during morning hours. (No.12451)

**Subject:** Research  
**Status:** Preliminary Planning  
**Yair R&D – Arava Desert Studies Centre**

KKL-JNF and JNF Australia are supporting plans to add an additional wing to the Yair R&D laboratory building and will assist in providing new laboratory equipment or further research. The labs and offices will absorb more scientists and facilitate widening the scope of agricultural research. (No.12574)*

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Subject: Tourism Status: In Progress
**Eilat – Holland Park – Development and Maintenance**

KKL-JNF and JNF Holland are repairing Holland Park’s eroded infrastructure as well as making it accessible. The park’s abundant plant life, irrigated by recycled wastewater and brackish water, has made it a haven for various species of wildlife. For humans, the park offers a cycling trail and a 2km “Walking for Health” trail, leading to a scenic lookout. (No.12223)

Subject: Tourism Status: Preliminary Planning
**Be’er Sheva ANZAC Visitors Centre**

KKL-JNF and JNF Australia, in cooperation with the Be’er Sheva Municipality, are supporting the establishment of the ANZAC House (Visitors Centre) in the heart of Be’er Sheva’s Old City. The Museum is expected to open its doors in October 2017, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the historic ANZAC Battle of Be’er Sheva. (No.12716)*

Subject: Education Status: Completed
**Alumim – Regional Visitor & Heritage Center – Green Development**

KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland have landscaped the new Visitor & Heritage Center at Kibbutz Alumim. The center presents the history of the veteran Kibbutz Be’erot Yitshak within the context of Zionist pioneering in the Negev from the 1940s until present. (No.12717)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
**Dimona – Community Garden Project**

JNF UK and KKL-JNF support urban community gardens, small plots of land, collectively tended by local residents. This project involves constructing a new community garden in Dimona, serving to facilitate social-environmental activities; improving neighbourhoods and providing fresh produce and plants, satisfying labour and a sense of community. (No.12752)*

Subject: Community Status: Preliminary Planning
**Kfar Aza – Entranceway Development**

KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany have provided Kfar Aza with a representative entranceway, regulating the flow of vehicles and serving as an inviting transition from the desert to a green landscape. The project involved constructing a pedestrian walk, paved cycling trail and pergola, landscaping, eucalyptus tree rehabilitation and new plantings. Through its support, KKL-JNF helps ensure that Kfar Aza, situated only 2 km east of Gaza, continues to thrive. (No.12076)

Subject: Research Status: In Progress
**Besor R&D – Applied Research on Exported Flowers**

KKL-JNF and JNF Holland are supporting research on cut flowers, carried out during 2015-6 at the Besor R&D. The study focuses on two topics: determining optimal growing conditions for new plants, including Eupatorium Rugosum Braunlaub, Actinotus Sydney Flannel flower, and the white romance species, and improving the successful production of flowers for export already familiar to western Negev agriculturalists, including peonies, Eustoma (Lisianthus) and Zantedeschia. (No.13353)

Subject: Community Status: Preliminary Planning
**Kiryat Gat – “Hineni” – Senior Citizens’ Clubhouse at the Agricultural Center**

Following the visit of the JNF Canada delegation in January 2015 to the Ethiopian community’s “Hineni” agricultural farm initiative in Kiryat Gat, the guests received a program of renovations for a building to provide suitable space for a senior citizens’ club. KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting the establishment of the venue, which will serve the elders of the community in their work on agricultural projects, as a center for meeting, leisure and training and personal empowerment workshops. (No.13366)*
Mitspe Ramon – Agricultural Development – Stage 2

The Desert’s Edge is a growing KKL-JNF agricultural project near Mitspe Ramon. The project, being made possible by KKL-JNF and JNF Holland, plays a significant part in the region’s changes and includes developing agriculture suited to the climate and creating a unique agritourism attraction. In order to expand the agricultural area it is necessary to prepare 72 hectares with more vineyards and olive groves for producing wine and olive oil. (No.12136)

Idan – Preparing Land for Agriculture – 2014

KKL-JNF and JNF Holland have prepared 25 acres (10 hectares) of land for the expansion of farming at Moshav Idan in the central Arava Valley. The land will be used for hothouses in which peppers, zucchini, eggplant, watermelon and melons will be grown. Because the loess soil in this section of the Arava is unsuitable for cultivation it must be reclaimed before it can be farmed. With the preparation of this plot of land two new, young families can now be absorbed into Idan. (No.12285)

Naveh – Osset Pre-military Academy – Landscaping

KKL-JNF and JNF Australia developed the landscape of the Osset Pre-military Torah Academy at Naveh (formerly Halutsit 4) with an environmental garden. Osset is one of the first pre-military academies of its kind and one of the most successful. The project has resulted in a pleasant environment enjoyed by both students and teachers. Development elements involved channeling runoff used in creating limans (micro water catchments), as well as fruit tree plantings, gardening and an irrigation system. (No.12320)

Military Reserve Forest – Recreation Area

KKL-JNF and KKL Israel, together with the Eshkol Regional Council, developed a picnic and recreation area in the Besor Forest in the western Negev. KKL-JNF began planting the Besor Forest in the 1960s and continues to add trees, diversifying the forest's plant life. The recreation site was named in honor of Yaakov Harari, among the pioneers of groundnut (aka peanut) cultivation in Israel, an agricultural leader in the Besor region, and known for his love of the land. (No.12322)

Southern Region IDF Bases – Development for Women Soldiers

KKL-JNF and KKL Mexico are developing a project for the benefit of women soldiers serving in units at seven IDF bases located in the Negev. The project involves landscaping and equipping soldier club facilities, providing a pleasant environment for women soldiers at leisure time. (No.12618)

ALEH Negev – Shaded Paths and Gardens for a Rehabilitative Village

KKL-JNF and KKL Belgium are planning to create shading throughout the ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran Rehabilitative Village. Most of the year the climate is very hot, especially in the summer, when temperatures peak. The residents can receive various treatments outdoors, on condition that the areas are appropriately shaded. The project includes the construction of seven pergolas covering paths between the campus buildings and gardens near the occupational center, the school, and the therapeutic safari. The gardens include special concrete surfaces and pergolas made of galvanized metal, painted with epoxy to prevent rust and covered with appropriate fabrics. (No.12697)
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Subject: Education Status: Preliminary Planning

ALEH Negev – School Landscape Development

The innovative ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran Rehabilitative Village is home to children and young adults with severe physical disabilities and treats hundreds of outpatients. KKL-JNF and KKL Mexico are supporting the planned landscape development around a new wing for special education, upon its completion. (No.12703)

Subject: Community Status: Completed

Bror Hayil – Sewage Delivery System Connection

The project, made possible by KKL-JNF and JNF Australia, facilitates the collection and conveyance of sewage from the kibbutzim of Bror Hayil and Heletz to the regional sewage treatment plant. Having met the required health and sanitation standards, the sewerage improvement project enables the kibbutzim to expand and welcome new members. (No.13067)

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed

Be’er Sheva River Park – Playground

The River Park Playground, a new element in the Be’er Sheva River Park made possible by KKL-JNF and JNF USA, enables thousands of families to enjoy outdoor activities in an exciting open space more than twice the size of New York City’s Central Park. (No.13036)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress

Sderot – KKL-JNF Square

JNF-KKL Germany, in cooperation with the Sderot Municipality, is creating KKL-JNF Square (aka IDF Park). The centrally located square and urban park complex is being built for the benefit of the desert city’s residents and connects public buildings, including a school, to residential neighborhoods. (No.13101)

Subject: Education Status: In Progress

Children’s Edible Garden in Dimona, Ashkelon and Kiryat Gat

The School Gardens for Meaningful Outdoor Learning and Community Activities in Distressed Neighbourhoods Programme started 15 months ago in three elementary schools in Dimona, Ashkelon and Kiryat Gat. Assisted by JNF UK and KKL-JNF, the project aims both to have a positive impact on the quality of learning of children from disadvantaged homes and to improve the quality of life for nearby residents; creating flourishing communal gardens in neglected corners of schoolyards for use by children and the wider community. (No.12753)

Subject: Education Status: In Progress

Naveh – Otsem Pre-Army Program

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

Subject: Education Status: Preliminary Planning

Central Arava – Sapir – “A Warm Home in the Arava”

KKL-JNF and KKL Brazil are partnering in the establishment of “A Warm Home in the Arava” for some 400 of the region’s children. The programme caters to 6-14-year-olds, including Bedouin children and those with learning and emotional disabilities. The project, located at a community center in the central Arava community of Sapir, will operate after school hours and provide hot, nutritious lunches, tutoring, help with homework, enrichment activities and individual therapy. (No.13180)
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Subject: Community Status: Completed
Ofakim – HaBanim Park
JNF UK and KKL-JNF supported the renovation of HaBanim Park, the largest park in the Negev city of Ofakim. The park – dedicated to the memory of those who have given their lives in defense of the State of Israel – has suffered from years of neglect. The renovated park helps promote community cohesion and enhances Ofakim’s attractiveness to prospective families, contributing to the city’s regeneration. The new amphitheater, the park’s central feature, was funded by KKL-JNF and JNF UK and provides an inviting venue for concerts and community celebrations. (No.13470) ■

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran Rehabilitation Village – General
JNF USA supports the development of many projects at the innovative ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran Rehbilitative Village. The state-of-the-art complex is home to children and young adults with severe physical disabilities. (No.13376) ■

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Ayalim Association – Training & Guidance for Village Managers
JNF UK and KKL-JNF are supporting the Ayalim Association as they work to build student villages in disadvantaged corners of the Negev. Ayalim’s volunteers each dedicate 500 hours of community work every year. Upon completing their studies, as many as 85% choose to remain in their adopted towns – bringing many long-term benefits, as highly motivated, well-educated community members with a strong sense of civic responsibility. JNF UK and KKL-JNF are funding the training of ‘village managers’, project members with the skills to lead their fellow volunteers and liaise with members of the communities in which their villages are based. (No.12755) ■

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Nahal Oz – Soldier-Family Recreation & Leisure Area
KKL-JNF and JNF Ireland have created a relaxation site among eucalyptus trees near the entrance to the western Negev’s Kibbutz Nahal Oz. The shaded area is open to the general public and is well used by soldiers serving at the nearby Nahal Oz IDF base and the families and friends who visit them. (No.12902)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
HaShomer HaChadash – Running Costs
HaShomer HaChadash is one of Israel’s most successful new volunteer organisations – over 700 volunteer guardsmen and approximately 20,000 agricultural volunteers participated in HaShomer HaChadash programmes in 2015. Much like the guardsmen who defended the farmlands of the Yishuv, HaShomer HaChadash volunteers protect farmland from the theft and arson that plague communities in Israel’s peripheries. JNF UK and KKL-JNF have assisted the organisation by providing operational costs and purchasing vital new equipment for volunteers. (No.12757) ■

Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
ANZAC Memorial – Renovation
The ANZAC Memorial honours the soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand cavalry who fell in battle in the Land of Israel during the First World War. Inaugurated in 1967 in the Be’eri Forest in the area where ANZAC fought against Turkish troops, the monument stands at the scene of the first and second battles of Gaza. The memorial, made possible by JNF Australia, is shaped in the form of an “A”, the first letter of ANZAC, with a scenic lookout at its top, resembling a horse’s head from afar. With the passing years, the monument eroded, but with the support of KKL-JNF and JNF Australia, the monument was repaired and upgraded and serves as a heritage conservation site and meaningful tourism attraction. (No.12810) ■
Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Be’eri – Picnic and Recreation Site
KKL-JNF and KKL Israel have partnered in establishing a picnic and recreation area in the Be’eri Forest to commemorate Captain Tal Nachman, killed at the age of 21 on February 4, 2014, during Operation Protective Edge. (No.13443)

Subject: Community Status: Detailed Planning
Arad Child and Family Center
The Arad Care Complex, Early Childhood and Family Center helps children and adults with special needs. The center’s Emergency Medical Facility, supported by JNF Canada, will provide residents of the entire region with lifesaving medical attention during times when regular clinics are closed, with the closest hospital in Be’er Sheva, some 45 km away. (No.13708)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Naveh – Beit Midrash – Landscape Development
KKL Panama is supporting the landscape development around the Beit Midrash (“House of Learning”) at Naveh (Halutsit 4) in the northwestern Negev. The landscape provides a green and aesthetic environment in the heart of the desert community. (No.13710)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Be’eri Forest – Picnic and Leisure Site
KKL-JNF and KKL Israel have established a picnic and leisure site in the Be’eri Forest in memory of Barak Refael Degorker z”l, killed by a Katyusha rocket in the area on July 26, 2014 during Operation Protective Edge. The site has picnic tables and a drinking fountain for the many hikers, including those seeking out the anemones in bloom between January and March. (No.13741)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Hof Ashkelon Regional Council – Additional Bomb Shelters – 2015
KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland extend their support to the residents of Ashkelon with the planned installation of fourteen bomb shelters. The protective shelters will be strategically placed next to child activity and youth group clubs, playgrounds and one synagogue, serving to save lives during mortar attacks. Thirty two of the Hof Ashkelon Regional Council’s communities comprise fifty percent of the Gaza border communities that are exposed to rocket fire. (No.13431)

Subject: Education Status: Completed
Be’er Sheva – Summer Camp for Children with Cancer
Through the support of JNF Canada, eighty children and their parents participated in special summer camp activities held at the Oncology Department of the Soroka Hospital. The project provided them with the necessary facilities and staff for enjoying activities that included art and cooking instruction and an opportunity to play freely, safely. (No.13438)

Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Central Arava – Sapir – Scholarships for a Music Center
In partnership with the Central Arava Regional Council, JNF Canada is providing scholarships for young students at the Arava Music Center in Sapir, attended by children from throughout the region. Music scholarships will be awarded to eight children, among them those with special needs and high achievers, for individual classes, ensemble sessions and a five-day intensive music summer camp. The fund will also go towards purchasing instruments. The project will help transcend the geographic and socioeconomic limitations of children in the periphery and give them the opportunity of the enriching experience of making music. (No.13442)
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**Subject: Education**  
**Status: In Progress**

**Derech Eretz – Pre and Post Army Program**

Derech Eretz is a pre-army programme (mechina), catering to students from Israel’s peripheries. JNF UK and KKL-JNF have provided funds to improve facilities at the mechina’s campuses at Nitsana and Yerucham. Participants are chosen not for their academic attainment, but rather for their high potential. Students undertake study and volunteer work, developing self-awareness and maturity. Derech Eretz prepares participants for military service, encouraging a sense of belonging and commitment to Israel and the Jewish people. (No.12758)*

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**Subject: Community**  
**Status: Completed**

**Israel Trauma Coalition for Response & Preparedness**

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are supporting the Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC), which operates Resilience Centers in each of the five local authorities near the Gaza Strip. These five communities have suffered from ongoing rocket and missile attacks for a decade now. The organisation’s therapists are receiving training in specific modes of therapy in order to provide effective psychological care for children who suffer cumulative stress and trauma from living in a situation considered at-risk for normal development. (No.12759)*

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

**KNF–JNF Forests and Field Centers – Portable Bell Bomb Shelters**

In view of the security situation, JNF Holland is supporting the purchase of portable bell bomb shelters to be installed in KKL-JNF forests and Field and Forest Education Centers (FFEC) throughout Israel. The shelters will serve to protect youngsters hosted at the FFECs, forest visitors and foresters from missile attacks. (No.12813)*

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**Subject: Community**  
**Status: In Progress**

**Bene Netsarim – Preparation of Land**

Bene Netsarim (Halutsit 1) is one of the new communities in the Halutsa Sands of the western Negev, close to the Egyptian border, whose residents are from former Gush Katif communities. Today, Bene Netsarim numbers one hundred families, and KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting them in preparing land for agriculture and creating access roads. Bene Netsarim is interested in pursuing the same type of farming (mainly vegetables), at which they were previously so successful. (No.13525)*

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

**Central Arava – Sapir – Emergency Center**

KKL-JNF and JNF USA are participating in the development of a permanent structure for the Sapir Emergency Center. The center will serve the region’s residents in the event of war, fire, earthquake, or any that threatens the region’s residents. The Emergency Center will provide facilities for the police station, an emergency clinic, a firefighting team and search and rescue team. By concentrating all essential emergency units at one site the center will enable a more coordinated, efficient, prompt and functional response to any urgent event or crisis. (No.13094)*

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**Subject: Community**  
**Status: In Progress**

**Tlalim Base – Landscaping – Plantings**

The Tlalim IDF Base is Israel’s anti-aircraft training base. The anti-aircraft unit is responsible for protecting Israel’s airspace from enemy aircraft and missiles. This includes operating the “iron dome” system that protects southern Israeli communities from Hammas rockets, testing the Hets anti-missile system and other activity related to the protection of Israel’s airspace. KKL-JNF and KKL France are developing the landscape and planting trees at this desert base. (No.12936)*
Subject: Education Status: Completed
Sha’ar HaNegev Secondary School – Additional Development
JNF Australia has landscaped the grounds of the Sha’ar HaNegev High School, which for years had suffered rocket and mortar fire from Gaza that almost completely destroyed the school yard. Today the grounds are protected from such attacks. The landscape development project incorporated a number of gardens, each with a different theme, including an Israeli garden, an ecological garden, a seasonal pond, an orchard, a vineyard, an herb garden, a butterfly conservatory and a vegetable garden. The landscaping was divided into three areas, corresponding to Israel’s three main phytogeographic regions: Mediterranean, Irano-Turanian and Saharo-Arabian. (No.12892)*

Subject: Community Status: Preliminary Planning
Tlalim Base – Amphitheater
The Tlalim IDF Base is Israel’s anti-aircraft training base, responsible for protecting Israel’s airspace from enemy aircraft and missiles. This includes operating the “iron dome” system that protects southern Israeli communities from Hamas rockets, testing the Hets anti-missile system and other activity related to the protection of Israel’s airspace. KKL France is supporting the construction of an amphitheater at the base that will be used for gatherings and events. (No.12993)*

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Merhav Am – Completion of the Community Center
JNF Canada is a partner in providing the community of Merhav Am, in the heart of the Negev desert, with a community center for all its vital cultural activities. The venue will also enhance the community’s appeal to potential newcomers and help increase its numbers, to date 65 families strong. The project involves completion of the center. (No.13408)*

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Idan – Preparing Desert Land for a Prosperous Future (2015)
KNL-JNF and JNF Holland have prepared land for agriculture in the central Arava community of Idan. The land will be used for hothouses in which tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, eggplant, watermelon and melons will be grown. With the increase in land for crops Idan can now absorb four new families. (No.13015)

Subject: Education Status: Preliminary Planning
Grofit – Therapeutic Riding Farm
The Red Mountain Therapeutic Riding Center (RMTRC) at Kibbutz Grofit was established in 1996 and continues to grow and meet the special needs of children and adults with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. KKL -JNF and JNF USA are supporting a project to ensure that the horse riding stable is suitably roofed. (No.13087)*

Subject: Environment Status: In Progress
Southern Region – Scout Movement – Environmental Community Activities
JNF Australia is partnering with the Hebrew Scouts southern region in support of an environmental education program, “Concern for the Future; Concern for the Environment” project. The 16 scout troops involved in the project, from Ashkelon to Yeruham, serve an important function in inculcating the values of responsibility for self and society, productive team work and developing leadership skills. The project involves programming and activities on environmental issues, sustainability and active citizenship for all of the scout troops. Their knowledge and experience will then be shared 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 conscious lifestyle. (No.13379)*
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Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Southern Arava – Israel Ride
JNF Australia is supporting "Israel Ride", a project of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies' Eco Paths Department, whose goals are to promote sustainability through field trips and tours of Israel, while raising funds to support the activities of the Institute. Israel Ride's participants learn about Israel, principles of conservation and sustainability and meet the cross-cultural mix of alumni, who present their projects during the ride. The riders spend a day at the Arava Institute, touring its facilities and meeting current students and staff. (No.13273)*

Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Kfar Aza – Kheytsim – Shuva “Seed Group” – Respite Activities
JNF UK and KKL-JNF funded a series of recreational activities for children of the Negev during Operation Protective Edge, including a Gymboree, and respite day trips. (No.13477)*

Subject: Water Status: Preliminary Planning
Elot Region – R&D – Desalination Plant
Following the signing of the agreement between Israel and Jordan in February 2015, a large desalination plant will be built in Aqaba, providing significant quantities of quality water for irrigation. In order to reap the full benefits of this new water source, the Southern Arava R&D Centre (SARD) is developing algorithms, reflecting the new conditions before the water becomes available. For this purpose, KKL-JNF and KKL France are supporting plans for the construction of a small-scale desalination plant (100 cubic meter per day), including a storage tank and infrastructure for water and electricity. The research will pave the way for the next generation of desert agronomists, help strengthen the economy of the Elot Region and continue to lead in desert agriculture, benefitting the world. (No.13352)

Subject: Community Status: Preliminary Planning
Central Arava – Evelyn G. Lipper Sports Center in Sapir
The Evelyn Lipper Excellence and Training Facility project in Sapir, supported by KKL-JNF and JNF USA, will promote excellence in professional swimming by creating the necessary physical and educational infrastructure for the next generation of Israeli swimming professionals; establish a state-of-the-art, financially and environmentally sustainable swimming pool and supporting sports facility in the Central Arava Regional Center, and serve the Central Arava community by providing a wider array of sports activities and related services, crucial for the well-being of the region's residents and contributing to attracting new populations to the region. (No.13088)*

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Merhav Am – Infrastructure for Students
JNF Canada supported the Beit Midrash project at Merhav Am, now in its second year. The program began in September 2014 with five students and today has ten participants, who integrate the Beit Midrash Torah program with their academic studies. The students receive free housing (and only pay for water, electricity and property tax), and a NIS 1,800 scholarship. (No.13527)*

Subject: Education Status: Completed
Negev – “Shiur Acher”
“Shiur Acher” (A Different Lesson) is an educational project designed to expand the horizons of underprivileged children and youth. “Shiur Acher” introduces young people to high-flying professionals in various fields, opening up a world of possibilities for youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds. The project will reach approximately 1,000 children from over twenty schools in nine separate Negev municipalities. JNF UK and KKL-JNF are helping support the coordination of courses, volunteer training and all aspects of management. (No.13514)*
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**Naveh – Students’ Study Hall**

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are partnering in the establishment of a Students’ Study Hall (kolel) in the southern community of Naveh, where students will learn Torah while pursuing academic studies. The project includes the construction of a Bet Midrash and classrooms. (No.13089)*

**Sderot – Sinai Park**

KKL-JNF and JNF USA, in cooperation with the Sderot Municipality, are planning to establish a large park for the benefit of the city’s residents. The park is centrally located near public institutions and residential neighborhoods. In a city that faces social problems and has been subjected to hundreds of rocket attacks in recent years, the Sinai Park will create a peaceful green area for relaxation and leisure and will serve to instill civic pride. (No.13091)*

**Elot Regional Council – Residences for Medical Personnel**

KKL-JNF and JNF USA are supporting the Kibbutz Yahel Physician Housing Compound project, designed to help attract top-quality physicians to live in the Elot Region. So far, plans for five new homes have been completed, and construction is forthcoming. (No.13092)*

**Bnei Netsarim (Halutsit 1) – Medical Center and Dental Clinic**

KKL-JNF and JNF USA are partnering to assist in the construction of a medical center and dental clinic for the residents of Bnei Netsarim (Halutsit 1) in the northwestern Negev. The Maccabi Health Services will provide the center’s medical and administrative staff. (No.13095)*

**Sderot – John Baird Park**

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting the creation of a new park in a large neighborhood in Sderot, on Borohov Street. The park will serve the neighborhood’s children and families and will include a variety of fitness and playground equipment, among other essential and enhancing elements, not least, bomb shelters. (No.13115)*

**Retamim – (OR Movement) – Building a Synagogue**

JNF UK and KKL-JNF assisted the OR Movement in establishing a synagogue in Retamim for the benefit of the residents. Retamim is an old kibbutz in the central Negev. The kibbutz, having been abandoned by its original inhabitants, is currently being resettled by members of the Religious Zionist community. (No.13491)*

**Be’er Milka – OR Movement – Equipping a Synagogue**

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are supporting the OR Movement as it works to draw new life and investment to the Negev generally and Be’er Milka in particular. The OR Movement renovated and equipped the synagogue in Beer Milka. (No.13473)*

**Ashdod – Gvahim – Helping New Olim Entrepreneurs**

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are supporting Gvahim’s TheHive, 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 TheHive in Ashdod, JNF UK and KKL-JNF are expanding their scope of action to help greater numbers of Olim. (No.13471)*
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Subject: Environment  Status: Preliminary Planning
Mitspe Ramon – Royal Grove and Recognition Center
KKL-JNF and JNF Holland are planning to plant the Royal Grove at the entrance to Mitspe Ramon (200-trees). The project is part of the larger King William-Alexander Complex. The grove will be irrigated by recycled wastewater from the Mitspe Ramon Reservoir, which was also made possible with the help of JNF Holland. Development elements include plantings, a path and a scenic lookout. (No.13200)

Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Eshkol Regional Council – Youth Village for the Performing Arts
The Youth Village for the Performing Arts in Eshkol provides high level music education to disadvantaged students from grades nine to twelve 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 missile shelters. The Bikurim Music School aims to create an environment of professional excellence and individual and collaborative achievement. (No.13506)

Subject: Community  Status: In Progress
Ofakim Cycling Club – Achuzat Negev
The Ofakim Cycling Club provides various cycling opportunities for the residents of the city of Ofakim. The club, a project of the Ahuzat Negev community organisation, promotes cycling for its health, community and environmental benefits, and is working to develop Ofakim’s reputation as a bicycle-friendly city. Among its many activities, the Ofakim Cycling Club hosts an annual cycling race and festival. JNF UK and KKL-JNF have supported the renovation of the Ofakim Cycling Club’s clubhouse. (No.13513)

Subject: Education  Status: Completed
Bene Nestsarim (Halutsit 1) – Halutsei Dror Yeshiva
KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany participated in developing infrastructure and landscaping the new Agricultural Yeshiva High School at Bene Nestsarim. The institution both educates young people and provides employment for the region’s residents. Bene Nestsarim was established by former Gush Katif community members following the disengagement plan. (No.13227)

Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Tsukim – Kindergarten
JNF USA supported the creation of the Tsukim Kindergarten, dedicated in memory of Joanne B. Simche. This is the third new kindergarten recently built in the Central Arava community of Tsukim, essential in improving conditions for 14 children who previously spent their days in an old, damp caravan. Forty-two children are currently enrolled in Tsukim’s preschool system. (No.13375)

Subject: Community  Status: Completed
Halutsiot – Shlomit – Bomb Shelters
JNF Canada has supported the building of bomb-proof residential spaces adjacent to the caravans at Shlomit, a Halutsit community near the Egyptian border. Until now, the families living in the caravans, exposed to direct rocket strikes from Gaza, had no protection within or near their homes. (No.13424)

Subject: Environment  Status: Completed
Emergency Centre – Oil Spill Rehabilitation
In December 2014 millions of tons of crude oil leaked from the Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline, along some 7 km and polluted the northern section of the Evrona Nature Reserve in the Southern Arava. In the wake of the environmental disaster KKL-JNF and JNF Canada established an Emergency Centre at nearby Be’er Ora to deal with the spill. The station includes an emergency storehouse, firefighting
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设备，一台紧急车辆和额外的设备，包括手电筒，口罩，急救设备和其他杂项。
(No.13124) *

Subject: Community
Status: Detailed Planning
Kiryat Malaki – A Park for Ethiopian Olim Children
The Municipality of Kiryat Malaki has asked KKL-JNF to help create a park in the Weizmann neighborhood, which will serve its local residents, mostly new olim from Ethiopia. KKL-JNF and JNF-KKL Germany are supporting this project as part of the efforts to improve the largely disadvantaged neighborhood by providing infrastructure and services for the well-being of the population.
(No.13271) *

Subject: Education
Status: In Progress
Ashdod – Yeshivat Hesder Neve Dekalim – Development
JNF Canada is partnering in developing a new campus for a Hesder Yeshiva in Ashdod. The Neve Dekalim Yeshiva had been uprooted twice, once from Yamit in 1982 and ten years ago, from Gush Katif. Since its establishment some 30 years ago in the Sinai, the yeshiva has continued to be a symbol of young, Zionist education. With the help of KKL-JNF a new campus is being developed for the yeshiva at its new, permanent home in Ashdod.
(No.13409) *

Subject: Education
Status: Preliminary Planning
Arava – Promoting Education in the Arava
The Ben Hashitin NGO for Promoting Education in the Arava was established by second generation Arava residents to help meet the challenges of Zionism and the Arava in the 21st century. JNF Australia is supporting a ten-month, pre-army preparatory program for motivated youth, both religious and secular, who have completed high school and are interested in contributing to Israeli society and who can benefit from a program that will help prepare them for life's challenges.
(No.13384) *

Subject: Community
Status: Completed
Kiryat Gat – Ethiopian Olim Cottage Industry
KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are helping the Atachlit Farm, an educational center for Ethiopian culture and an initiative of the “Hineni” community in Kiryat Gat, to create a social enterprise and employment center project conceived by a group of women from the community for the women of the community: the “Chao House”, a cottage-industry for the preparation of “Chao”, an essential...
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Subject: Tourism Status: Completed
Western Negev – Nitsana Forest Leisure and Recreation Area
KKL-JNF and KKL Israel have established a leisure and recreation area in the western Negev’s Nitsana Forest in memory of Erez Sagi, a 19-year-old soldier killed during Operation Protective Edge. Sergeant Erez Sagi, of the Givati Brigade’s Shaked Battalion, was killed in battle with terrorists attempting to infiltrate Kibbutz Nahal Oz. The site chosen to memorialize Erez is in the very forest in which he enjoyed hiking. (No.13418)

Subject: Environment Status: In Progress
Ashan Forest – Plantings in The Be’er Sheva Green Belt
KKL-JNF and KKL Sweden are planting an area of 25 acres (10 hectares) in the Ashan Forest with some 800 trees as part of the Be’er Sheva Green Belt project. The trees are being planted mainly in limans near Nahal Karkor, and will comprise various broadleaved species. The planting will both improve the desert environment and provide residents of the region with additional facilities for leisure and recreation. (No.13388)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
OR Movement – Amasa Mountain
JNF UK and KKL-JNF helped to renovate and equip the Community Centre in Har Amasa. Har Amasa is a community in the Tamar Regional Council in the Negev, currently home to over 20 young families with over 45 children between them. The existing centre was not in good shape and required crucial renovations and improvements to the structure, support beams, kitchen, main hall, and more. The project has transformed the community, creating a venue for clubs to hold events and for residents to meet and build new relationships. (No.13476)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Be’er Sheva – Ambulance Service for the Negev
JNF UK and KKL-JNF, in cooperation with Refuah V’Simcha, are providing funds for the purchase of an ambulance for the Refuah V’Simcha organisation. Based in Be’er Sheva, the ambulance will provide free transport for sick and disabled people to scheduled treatments including chemotherapy and dialysis. The service will provide a lifeline to patients in the southern region who cannot afford the cost of private ambulance services. (No.13507)

Subject: Community Status: Detailed Planning
Ofakim Shielded
The city of Ofakim, within 22 km of the Gaza Strip, has been under the constant threat of rocket and mortar attacks for over a decade. The city’s 8,300 residents have lived without proper bomb shelters for protection. KKL South Africa, in cooperation with the Municipality of Ofakim, is helping provide Ofakim’s homes with a bomb-proof room, the best solution to their predicament. In addition to saving lives, the room will help preserve normal daily functioning, affording a sense of security, even in times of emergency. (No.13383)

Subject: Environment Status: In Progress
Be’er Sheva – Eco-Productive Park
The Productive Ecological Park in Be’er Sheva, a project supported by JNF UK and KKL-JNF, in cooperation with Earth’s Promise, is a visionary initiative to create an edible and usable landscape in an open public space adjacent to a disadvantaged neighborhood. The park will comprise a visitors’ center for hands on learning with resources on urban agriculture and ecology and will connect to and improve existing urban agriculture projects, including an urban orchard, a community garden and an urban farm. (No.13509)
Lakia Local Council – Renovations for Youth-at-Risk Center

Lakia is a Bedouin community in the northern Negev, which suffers from an array of social problems. JNF UK and KKL-JNF are helping to renovate and reopen a youth centre in Lakia for children at risk, providing them with the support and direction they need to make a good start in life. (No.13512)*

Arad – Developing Community Centers for Ongoing Activities

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are funding a Youth Centre in Arad to encourage teenagers to use their time positively, and discourage antisocial behaviour. The Centre will feature four areas: a leisure area, a guidance and training area, a management area and an events area. (No.13480)*

Shlomit – Construction of a Mikveh

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are partners in establishing a Mikveh in Shlomit in the western Negev. The national-religious community was established in 2011. Today 50 families live in Shlomit, which is expected to grow to 500. The Mikveh enables the community to observe the commandment of ritual immersion. (No.13529)*

Sderot – Ezra Le’Marpeh

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are supporting the Ezra LeMarpeh Organisation in developing a medical and rehabilitation centre in the southern city of Sderot. The new facility will ensure that thousands of Negev residents who have suffered serious injury or illness will soon be able to obtain the rehabilitative care they desperately need. In particular the new centre will feature a facility for the treatment of those who have been injured in terrorist attacks. (No.13523)*

Shaveh Darom – Fortified Classrooms

JNF Canada is a partner in the construction of four fortified classrooms in Shaveh Darom, built to protect the town’s children from rocket and mortar attacks fired from the Gaza Strip. Shaveh Darom is a new community, established in 2011 for Gush Katif evacuees. For the time being, residents live in temporary mobile structures until permanent homes are available. The schools, too, are mobile structures, unprotected from missile fire and the project provides protection in emergencies and enables children to remain within the classroom in times of war. (No.13526)*

Yeruham – Early Childhood Center

JNF UK and KKL-JNF are constructing a new building for the municipal Early Childhood Centre in Yeruham, enabling it to concentrate on all the services currently provided inefficiently in different locations, within a one-step centre. In particular the Centre will specialise in the identification and treatment of children with developmental problems. In addition the project includes the construction of several state-of-the-art day care centres. (No.13519)*

Mitspe Ramon – Sports Field

KKL-JNF, JNF Canada and JNF-KKL Germany participated in the development of a new sports field in the Sapir Quarter of Mitspe Ramon. The field is located between the Hesder Yeshiva and the elementary school. The field serves the elementary school children in the morning and in the afternoon and evening it is open to the neighborhood children for sports and leisure activity. The field includes a combination sports field, a volleyball court and sports facilities. (No.11930)*
Subject: Research
Status: Detailed Planning

Yair R&D – Arava Biotechnology & Medicinal Plant Research Centre

KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are planning to add an additional wing to the Yair R&D laboratory building and will assist in providing new laboratory equipment, enabling further research in desert biotechnology and medicinal plant research. Expansion will facilitate the absorption of more scientists and widen the scope of research. (No.13979)*

Subject: Community
Status: Preliminary Planning

Hatsor Air Force Base – Playground for Children of Personnel

JNF Canada is supporting the provision of a playground area at the kindergarten near the housing units of the Hatsor Air Force Base. Life at the base is intense, and for the welfare of its personnel and their children an appropriately equipped and safe play area is a requisite facility. (No.13327)*

Subject: Tourism
Status: Completed

Hatsor Air Force Base on Call Room – Lavatories

KKL-JNF and KKL Israel supported a project at the Hatsor Air Force Base involving the provision of two lavatories for pilots of the 105 Squadron’s “on call” room. Located in the south of Israel, Hatsor is a major air force base with some of the IAF’s most sophisticated pilot training systems. (No.13561)*

Subject: Research
Status: In Progress

Southern Arava R&D Center – Medjool Dates

Medjool dates are the mainstay of the economy of the Southern Arava. The Southern Arava Research and Development Center’s (R&D) cost-effective, environmentally friendly methods ensure that the highest quality of fruit reaches the market. KKL-JNF and JNF USA are supporting research in maintaining quality preservation of semi-dry Medjool dates during long-term storage, enabling year round marketing on an industrial scale for the regional date packing plant. (No.13562)

Subject: Environment
Status: Preliminary Planning

The School Gardens Program

JNF Australia is supporting the School Gardens program, which will be implemented at four elementary schools in Be’er Sheva, Sderot, Netivot and Yeruham respectively, during 2015-17. The initiative, with focus on the environment and nutrition, serves as a platform to promote Israeli children’s development, particularly those growing up in underserved communities, inspiring them to learn. As part of the program, relevant teacher training will also be provided. (No.13639)*

Subject: Community
Status: In Progress

Sansana – Halev Park

KKL-JNF and KKL Chile are supporting the creation of HaLev Park, created in the wake of Operation Protective Edge in memory of the fallen soldiers, Hadar Goldin, Liel Gidoni Benaya Sarel, z”l, whose names in Hebrew form the acronym LEV [heart]. The project was initiated by Ron Flamer, CEO and founder of the OR Movement and the fallen soldiers' parents. The park, located in Sansana (the first community founded by the OR Movement), includes combination and challenging cycling trails. (No.13755)*

Subject: Community
Status: In Progress

Sderot – Ezra Le’Marpeh – Medical & Rehabilitation Center

JNF USA, in cooperation with the Ezra Le’Marpeh Organization, is developing a medical and rehabilitation center in the southern periphery city of Sderot for the benefit of its residents and those of the western Negev. The facility will provide the best rehabilitation services for people suffering physical injury and emotional trauma as a result of Kassam rocket attacks. (No.13794)*
Subject: Education Status: In Progress
Arava – AIES – Environmental Studies for Coexistence
JNF Australia is supporting the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES), the premier environmental education and trans-boundary research program in the Middle East. Since 1996, the Arava Institute has brought together nearly 800 Palestinian, Jordanian, Israeli and other students from around the world, providing them with the technical literacy and practical skills to create a better world by promoting cultural dialogue, social justice and environmental sustainability. (No.13798)

Subject: Tourism Status: Preliminary Planning
Mitspe Ramon – Birdwatching Lookout
The cantilevered balcony at the Mitspe Ramon Scenic Lookout is one of the most important free of charge tourist attractions in the region. Since the overhanging balcony's construction some 20 years ago, it has not received treatment and its condition has significantly deteriorated. KKL-JNF and KKL Switzerland are supporting the required renovation, which includes reinforcing the structure, replacing its roofing and painting the balcony. Upgrading also includes replacing the ground floor with a transparent floor and adding a stone railing. (No.13911)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Naveh (Halutsit 4) – Moadon
More than a decade ago, following the evacuation of Gush Katif, a small group of twenty families from Atsmona decided to continue the dream of settling the Land of Israel in the western Negev Halutsa region. Today, the community includes more than one hundred families with hundreds of teenagers. Living in an area rife with security challenges adds to the importance of providing these youth with a secure and pleasant moadon they can call their own. KKL-JNF and JNF USA have built a 600 square meter moadon for their benefit (No.13535)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Ofakim – Children’s Edible Garden
Community garden projects have become increasingly popular in Israel over the past few years, and have proven to have a positive influence at both the individual and communal level. JNF UK and KKL-JNF have recently assisted in the development of a new model community garden targeting the issue of health. The activities in these gardens have two goals – building participants’ connection with the earth and encouraging healthier eating habits. (No.12751)

Subject: Community Status: In Progress
Be’er Sheva – Beit HaOleh – Tutoring for New Olim
Beit HaOleh was established in 1991 to provide struggling immigrants with education, social support and financial aid. The target population are single-parent families, elderly, handicapped, chronically ill, and survivors of the Holocaust and the Chernobyl disaster. JNF UK and KKL-JNF have assisted Beit HaOleh by equipping the organisation’s headquarters with a missile shelter and providing running costs and the money to purchase educational resources. (No.13558)

Subject: Community Status: Completed
Hosting Children from the South in the Line of Fire
KKL-JNF and UK Scotland extended their moral support to populations in the periphery in need of reinforcement and respite during Operation Protective Edge and made possible activities provided by the KKL-JNF Nes Harim Field and Forest Education Center in the Jerusalem Hills, where groups of children from the south were hosted in a serene environment and engaged in quality activities under the direction of KKL-JNF’s Youth and Education Division staff. (No.10060)
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Subject: Education Status: Ongoing
Green Horizon – KKL-JNF Scouts Groups
JNF USA is supporting KKL-JNF Scouts Groups, a national project in which some 2500 youngsters take part in ongoing activities. The program, which was first introduced in the 1970s, develops young people’s life and leadership skills and instills a love of the land of Israel through activities in nature. (No.7297)

Subject: Education Status: Detailed Planning
KKL-JNF Tours for Children with Special Needs
KKL-JNF attaches great importance to ensuring that its forests and open sites are accessible to as wide a range of Israelis as possible. As part of this goal, KKL-JNF and JNF Canada are supporting outreach programs, developed for diverse special needs populations, including students from special education frameworks, children affected by terror attacks, children with cancer and other groups. For each group, a tailor-made program is developed to meet their needs and capabilities. Forests offer ample opportunity to use all the senses to experience and learn about the environment. Tree-planting programs are a particularly popular component of these activities and tours.

Whenever possible, visiting groups of special needs youngsters are integrated with other groups, helping to break down stereotypes and integrate those with different needs in the community at large. (No.7400)

Subject: Education Status: Completed
Ecological Tours for Holocaust Survivors and Senior Citizens
KKL-JNF and JNF Australia supported the development and implementation of a special program specifically for Israel’s Holocaust survivors and other senior citizens, involving day trips with focus on KKL-JNF environmental projects, according to the KKL-JNF colors, blue, green and brown. A typical outing begins with a visit to a KKL-JNF water treatment facility (blue) and a ride along one of our scenic routes (brown). After lunch the participants visit a KKL-JNF forestry site (green). The day concludes with a social gathering and sing-along at a KKL-JNF site. The goal of the project is to enable survivors and the elderly the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant, quality experience in nature. (No.8802)

Subject: Education Status: In Progress
KKL-JNF Scouts Groups – Water Collection System
Participants in the Green Horizons Young Leadership Group, supported by JNF USA, learn about Israel’s history, geography, and culture through activities led by professional guides. The program emphasizes the importance of social participation, tolerance, and personal responsibility. As part of their environmental activities the groups are working on a project to educate the public on the importance of saving water in urban neighborhoods. Urban runoff is collected and reused for irrigating gardens. Green Horizon Rainwater Harvesting is now implemented in over 20 schools. The program serves two purposes: it directly collects, conserves, and
Projects Countrywide Israel

Projects

Fire Trucks
Through Israel’s Interior Ministry, JNF USA help purchase fire trucks for the country’s Fire and Rescue Authority. Friends of Israel Firefighters, JNF donors, dedicated six new fire trucks and equipment to Israel’s firefighters, sponsored 400 fire scouts, who will be active throughout the year, and made possible the construction of a new fire station in Mitspe Ramon. (No.13465)

JNFuture – Young Leadership Project
JNFuture Israel, supported by JNF USA, is the gateway for the next generation of active Jewish leadership in the Jewish National Fund (JNF). JNFuture Israel engages, energizes, and empowers young pioneer leaders living in Israel who are committed to Zionism, environmentalism, volunteerism, and community development for the Land of Israel. The goal of JNFuture Israel is to establish a society of proven, high impact, young Jewish leaders who are willing to commit their time, leadership, talent, and resources to strengthen the JNF and Israel, by substantively connecting to Eretz Yisrael. (No.13764)

"Maslul" Program for Russian and Ukranian Olim
With the support of JNF Australia and Harry Triguboff, "Maslul" provides preparatory conversion classes and courses for Russian and Ukrainian aliyah candidates who are identified as requiring a Jewish status resolution process (that is, the Jewish law does not recognize them as Jews). The study program is offered at local activity centers to prepare candidates for the conversion process that they will undergo through the Rabbinical Court in Israel upon making aliyah. (No.13932)

Day Outings for Holocaust Survivors
In collaboration with the Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel, KKL-JNF and KKL France provided six days of quality outings in northern and southern Israel for over 1,800 Holocaust survivors and other senior citizens. The project involved day trips tailored to the needs of the elderly, with focus on KKL-JNF environmental projects, according to KKL-JNF's colors: blue, green and brown. A typical day trip begins with a visit to a KKL-JNF water treatment facility (blue) and a ride along one of our scenic routes (brown). After lunch the participants visit a KKL-JNF forestry site (green). The day concludes with a social gathering and sing-along at a KKL-JNF site. The goal of the project is to bring survivors and the elderly out into nature and experience it first hand. (No.13633)

OR Movement – General
JNF USA, KKL Switzerland, KKL Brazil and KKL Israel partner with the OR Movement in implementing projects for the benefit of Israel’s periphery. These include establishing new communities in the Negev and the Galilee, attracting young families to make their homes there, helping to create a vibrant and sustainable future for Israel. (No.11342)
"And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as forbidden; three years shall it be as forbidden unto you; it shall not be eaten. But in the fifth year may ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you more richly the increase thereof . . ."

Leviticus 20:23, 25

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New/Refurbished Major Donor Recognition Sites

Northern Region
- Akko
- Ofer Forest

Central Region
- American Independence Park 2011-2013
- American Independence Park – The Promised Land
- Hadassah WZOA
- American Independence Park
- Hafetz Haim Center

Southern Region
- Halutsit - Canada
- Halutsit - Italy
- Naveh – Pre-Army Preparatory Program - Australia
- Ne'ot Smadar - Canada
- Nir Am - Australia
- Shahariya – US general
- Mobile Bomb Shelters

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The Fruits of Our Partnership
Partnership 2015
Did you know that...

with the generous support of friends from Israel and around the world KKL-JNF

- Manages and maintains 40,000 hectares (100,000 acres) of natural woodland
- Contributes to Israel’s water economy, having built 230 reservoirs and dams to impound runoff, floodwaters and recycled water, providing two thirds of the water used for agriculture
- Rehabilitates and restores riverbanks
- Built 1,000 recreation areas throughout the country, including leisure areas and regional parks that host tens of thousands of visitors
- Develops thousands of kilometers of cycling trails, crisscrossing the length and breadth of the country through forests and open areas, for the public and for free
- Supports community forests
- Creates a bond between people and forests by organizing recreational and cultural activities in nature for all
- Contributes to a better environmental quality, rolls back the desert and creates shady green sites at army bases and southern communities
- Carries out cutting-edge research whose findings are applied to water conservation, sustainable forestry, the prevention of soil erosion, and modern agriculture
- Partners with international organizations, sharing knowledge and implementing projects in cooperation with countries around the world to help find solutions to environmental challenges
- Prepared land (infrastructure) for about 1,000 communities
- Cultivated some 100,000 hectares (250,000 acres) of land for farming
- Constructed some 8,000 km of roads and forest routes
- Educates hundreds of thousands of young people in Israel and abroad, strengthening their bond with Israel and helping the social integration of new olim into Israeli society

And our vision for the next decade continues...