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תרומה לרגבים-שותפות בשמירה על ארץ  
ישראל

## Our Main Agenda Items This Month:



**Dear friends and partners,**

These are days of remembrance, renewal and national rebirth. As Yom HaZikaron segues into Yom HaAtzmaut, we salute those whose sacrifice sanctifies us a nation as it sanctifies the Land itself, and we celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the wonder that is the State of Israel.

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## Israel Floats Plan to Relocate West Bank Bedouin Communities to Nearby Site

According to newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, Civil Administration authorities showed some community members a map of the new village plans for the Khan al-Ahmar community

**Kahn al Ahmar - The Never-Ending Story?:** In a Yediot Aharonot exclusive which was widely covered by other media outlets, Regavim revealed the Civil Administration's offer to relocate the squatters of Khan al Ahmar to a new, officially recognized location only 200 meters away from their present site. We called upon Prime Minister Netanyahu to block this under-the-table deal, which would set a dangerous precedent and give the Palestinian Authority a permanent foothold in this strategic area. Khan al Ahmar is the flagship outpost in the PA's systematic program of de facto annexation of Judea and Samaria, and this offer would be a major victory for the PA's takeover of Area C. **[See coverage of the story here >>>](#)**

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**Government provides Protective shield - for law-breakers:** The Israeli government announced, once again, that it would consider recognizing an illegal squatters' camp near Maaleh Adumim, despite the fact that it sits on land slated for a new road, and despite the fact that the squatters violated their commitment to desist from any further construction at the site. Rather than enforcing the law, the Israeli government prefers to reward Palestinian lawbreakers. For more about our petition against **“Khan al Ahmar 2”>>>**

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**The church's secret tunnel:** After Regavim exposed the Jerusalem Municipality's cover-up of the existence of an underground tunnel dug by the Church of the Dormition on Mount Zion -- in the Jerusalem Ramparts – City of David National Park (“Sovev Homot”), a designated national heritage preservation site, and after two years of incessant but unsuccessful attempts to force the Jerusalem Municipality to release documentation of the tunnel and to enforce the law, we petitioned the courts. The case has been covered in French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Polish, and other international media outlets. **See our video or click here for media coverage>>>**

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**Protecting the Carmel Nature Reserve:** We exposed the grassroots initiative by residents of the Israeli Druze town Daliat al Carmel to pave a new illegal road that cuts through the Carmel Nature Reserve, using donated machinery, asphalt and labor. Parallel with our exposure of the initiative in the media, we joined forces with Israel's Society for Nature Protection and issued an urgent letter to the relevant authorities demanding that they stop the project in its tracks. Our quick and decisive action successfully halted the project, which would have caused massive environmental damage. [Click for media coverage \(Hebrew\)>>>](#)

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**Negev residents' cry: Enough is enough!:** In the shadow of a surging crime wave in the Negev, we joined forces with residents of the area and initiated a major investigative report by YNet, a leading Israeli news site, that brought the dystopian reality of life in the area to the attention of the Israeli public at large. [For more on the "wild south">>>](#)

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## Palestinian barbecue at 'Joshua's altar' in West Bank angers right-wing group

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A video aired by Channel 12 shows Palestinians having a barbecue at an archeological site in the West Bank that many believe to contain the biblical Joshua's altar.

**Historic Barbeque?:** A recent educational field tour for Regavim's staff took us to Joshua's Altar on Mount Ebal, where we witnessed first-hand the dismal state of archaeological and historical sites in Judea and Samaria. We found a group of young Arab men barbequing – right on the ancient altar. Our explanations of the site's historic, scientific and religious importance, the group carried on desecrating the site – until we began filming them in the act. The video was aired on [Channel 12 News \(Hebrew\)](#) and covered in the [English-language media here>>>](#)

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**The environment – up in smoke:** As the summer approaches, we have stepped up our efforts to combat the rampant pollution of Judea and Samaria. We recently discovered another illegal highly-polluting waste sorting operation, this time just outside Ariel, on state land commandeered by a group of criminals. We are also continuing to pursue justice – and environmental restoration – in the case of the massive illegal dump created by the Ramallah Municipality near Psagot. [Read more here>>>](#)



**Priority #1: Formation of a nationalist coalition:** In recent months, in preparation for the formation of a new government, we have devoted countless hours to the formulation of policy papers and legislative bills on the land-use issues that are the heart of Regavim's agenda. In light of the decisive right-wing majority in the Knesset, we joined forces with other Zionist organizations to conduct focused discussions with all of the nationalist parties and demand that they set aside their differences and join a nationalist government coalition to contend with the most pressing national challenges, such as the PA's efforts to establish a de facto Palestinian state in Area C, the erosion of governance in the Negev, and more.

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