

#### From Light to Darkness

Dear Partners and Friends,

As the lights of Hanukah faded, we mourned the passing of Rabbi Haim Druckman, the preeminent leader of the Religious Zionist community. From the day Regavim was founded, Rav Druckman served as our mentor and as an inspirational example of dedication to the People, the Land and the spiritual birthright of the Jewish People. May his memory be immortalized by the revitalization of his vision for our national destiny.

#### From Darkness to Light

For over 16 years, Regavim has been leading a multi-front battle in the public, legal, parliamentary and media arenas to promote Zionist land-use policy. Now, at last, we are gratified to see the new government's platform, which for the first time includes many initiatives designed to bring Zionism back to its rightful place in Israel's public policy: Prevention of the Palestinian Authority's takeover of Area C, strengthening Jewish settlement in the Negev and the Galilee, restoration of governance throughout the country and crucial judicial reform. While the new government will be tested by deeds and not by words, the inclusion of these goals in the government's policy guidelines is very significant progress in and of itself, and is a testament to the untiring work of Regavim and our many partners. There is still much to accomplish, and as the new government takes the reins we will continue to monitor, empower and encourage - and, when necessary, push and criticize - to insure the committment this government has made to Zionist public policy is actually implemented.

To our friends at home and abroad, the Regavim Family wishes you a healthy and productive winter, continued light, continued determination and continued faith in our goals and our ability to achieve them!

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#### The European Union - Caught Red-Handed

Regavim issued an urgent call to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee to hold an emergency session following Channel 13 News' expose' of a classified EU document detailing support for the Palestinian Authority's takeover of Judea and Samaria. Our call was joined by dozens of MKs, some of whom issued a very sharply-worded letter to top EU officials. In response to our appeal, Minister of Defense Yoav Galant will be convening an urgent committee hearing to discuss this brazen violation of Israeli sovereignty and international law.

Sample the extensive coverage here, here, and here, or listen to Naomi Kahn of our International Division, interviewed on Israel's Kan Kol Yisrael English News.



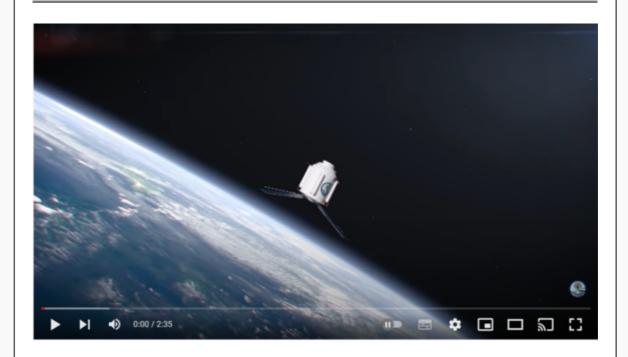




**Exposed: Secret Ministry of Defense Plan** 

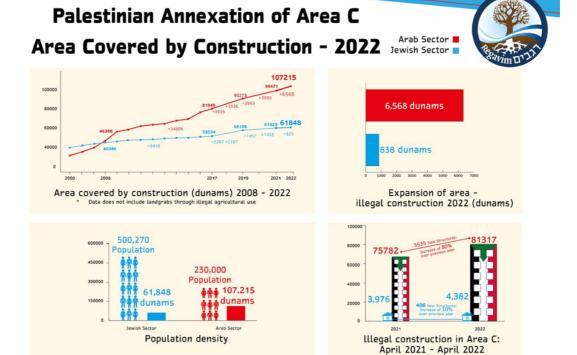
We uncovered a secret Ministry of Defense plan to relocate Khan Al Ahmar, the illegal Palestinian Authority outpost in the Adumim (E1) Region, to a spot only 300 meters away from its current location. This would create a very dangerous precedent - and Regavim will continue the fight against the flagship outpost of the Fayyad Plan. Learn more about Khan al Ahmar here >>

### Watch our latest explanatory video >>>



#### **Connecting the Dots**

We published the results of our 2022 Mapping Project, documenting the Palestinian takeover of the open areas in Judea and Samaria. Our findings are, quite literally, earth-shattering - and were one of the main catalysts behind the inclusion of "the battle for Area C" in the new government's policy platform.



#### **New Petition: Gush Etzion**

# While the Civil Administration issues empty slogans about enforcement priorities - we're being robbed

This month we filed a petition against a massive illegal event hall in eastern Gush Etzion. After months of incessant correspondence, official complaints, and inquiries to the Civil Administration, we took our objections up a notch to the courthouse.

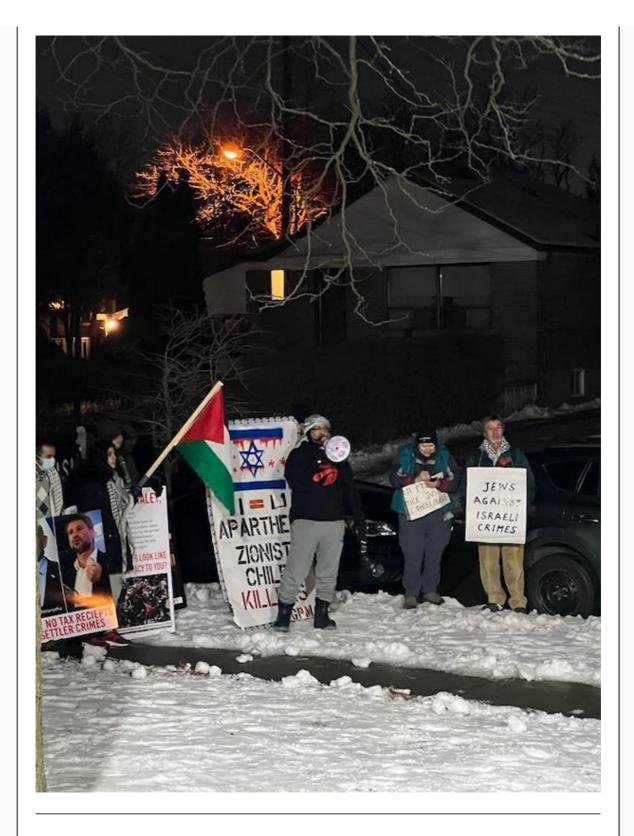


As always, the Civil Administration tried to explain its inaction by citing "enforcement priorities" - so we added an appendix to our lawsuit containing no fewer than 17 cases in which the courts have refused Regavim petitions based on the Civil Administration's claim that it would act "in accordance with established enforcement priorities" - but each time, years pass, and every one of the illegal structures remains standing. Our petition leaves no room for doubt: Under the cover of "enforcement priorities" the Civil Administration is enabling the Palestinian Authority to annex more and more Israeli state land with each passing day.

#### BDS Organizations Won't Shut Us Down!

Naomi Kahn, Director of Regavim's International Division, recently travelled to Toronto at the invitation of a coalition of Canadian and international Zionist organizations, to introduce Regavim's activities to the Canadian Jewish community. Local BDS organizations didn't like the Zionist buzz that the series of events generated, and called to "de-platform" and boycott the events even before they began. Despite the disturbances and harassment, the events were extremely successful.

Read more here >>>



#### A Fire Burning in the Desert

Arabs have been incinerating tires and electronic waste in the Wye Accordsdesignated Nature Reserve, creating unspeakable toxic fumes that are polluting the air for miles around the Herodion, one of the most important archaeological sites in the Land of Israel. The burning has been going on for months, creating a thick black cloud that is causing irreparable damage to a very delicate and unique ecosystem.

Together with field workers and residents of the Jewish communities in the area, Regavim appealed repeatedly to the Israel Police, the Fire Department, the IDF, the National Parks and Nature Authority - and each of them passed

the buck, because the area is under Palestinian Authority jurisdiction, and - get ready for the big surprise! - the Palestinian Authority takes absolutely no responsibility or interest in the environment.



Israeli media outlets are following the case closely, and we won't give up the fight. See some of the coverage (in Hebrew) <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

#### The Sde Boker Initiative: Negev 2050

To mark the 49th anniversary of the passing of David Ben-Gurion, we launched our "Sde Boker Initiative." This comprehensive roadmap for the future of the Negev is the result of 16 years of fieldwork, analysis, legal research and activism that have enabled us to formulate a vision for the future, looking ahead to 2050 through the prisms of national planning and development imperatives, improved governance and resolution of land ownership claims.

Over the past year, we presented the Sde Boker intitiative to each of the Zionist parties, and immediately after the establishment of the new government, we have begun to present it to the general public. Many members of the new government view the plan favorably, and we will continue to push for implementation of its core recommendations.

To view a summary presentation of the Sde Boker Inititiative, click here >>>



#### A Victory for Regavim: Court Requires the Civil Administration to Hand Over the Goods

For the past year and a half, we have been demanding that the Civil Administration provide us with data regarding enforcement activity in 2020-2021. After endless requests and correspondence, we had no choice but to go to court - and in a hearing last week, the judge agreed: The Civil Administration has been trying to pull the wool over our eyes, but won't be allowed to get away with it for much longer: They must present complete data within 60 days. The countdown has begun; stayed tuned for updates ... or check out the Hebrew-language media coverage of this legal battle here and here.

# "Jerusalem, hills encircle it" - and so does the stranglehold of illegal construction

We released a groundbreaking analysis of the impossible reality of Jerusalem, surrounded on almost every side by a stranglehold of illegal Arab construction. The data was released in an Israeli media expose', and is expected to take center stage with forthcoming English-language coverage: 8,526 illegal structures, many of them located quite literally on the fences of Jewish neighborhoods, are blocking the growth and development of our capital.



#### Calling on the New Government: Judicial Reform - As Promised!

In response to the delegitimization crusade by left-wing organizations against reforms to the judicial system, Regavim joined forces with a consortium of Zionist groups to issue an unequivocal call to our newly-elected government: The People have spoken, loudly and clearly. The time for decisive Zionist policy and legislation has come - and the first step is judicial reform. Without it, the government will not be able to implement its stated policy goals on a host of issues: the Regulation Law, the Nation-State Law, critical reforms to governance in the Negev and Galilee, Jordanian Law 40 Prohibiting Sale of Property to Jews in Judea and Samaria, the Battle for Area C and much, much more.





### What Do the Negev's Protection Rackets Look Like? Not What You 'd Expect...

Protection schemes have become a national scourge - and every Israeli taxpayer is paying the price, whether they know it or not. This criminal epidemic doesn't look the way you might imagine it - no masked, gun-toting thugs to be seen. What does it actually look like? And what can be done to stop it? Who is - and who isn't - to blame? Meir Deutsch gives all the answers in an in-depth interview with Yoni Kempinski of Arutz 7 at the Real Estate City conference in Eilat. Watch (in Hebrew) or read (in English). To learn more, listen to this "Israel on the Inside" podcast with Naomi Kahn, for an in-depth look at Bedouistan.





Reading, Writing - and Robbery: A new, illegal Palestinian Authority "Resistance" school in the south Hebron region

On a regular field survey, our Field Coordinator discovered a brand new school, built virtually overnight in the heart of a closed military zone (IDF Firing Zone 917), flying the "State of Palestine" flag - one more weaponized school to advance the Palestinian annexation of Area C.

Read about the Palestinian Authority's "resistance schools" and encroachment on IDF Firing Zones.



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