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Partners' Update from Regavim

Dear Friends and Partners,

This past month began with our moving and inspiring Jerusalem Day Gala, where we recognized the outstanding contributions of four Zionist leaders - and from that high point, we kept right on going, onward and upward! We launched a new, comprehensive report examining the false narrative of historic Bedouin villages in the Negev, and we never took our foot off the proverbial gas pedal – full speed ahead out in the field, in the Knesset, in the courts and in the media.

Before recounting this past month's achievements, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to the families and communities of the victims of the recent murderous attack at Eli.

Again and again, we are forced to suffer these painful reminders that the weapons stolen in Act 1 will be used to murder innocent Israelis in Act 2. It is long past time to cut off the flow of arms that is enabling terrorists to exact this excruciating toll.

May the memory of the victims be blessed, and may those who mourn them be comforted by the rebuilding of the Jewish Homeland as an everlasting testimony to their sacrifice.

Wishing us all a healthy and productive summer,
Regavim

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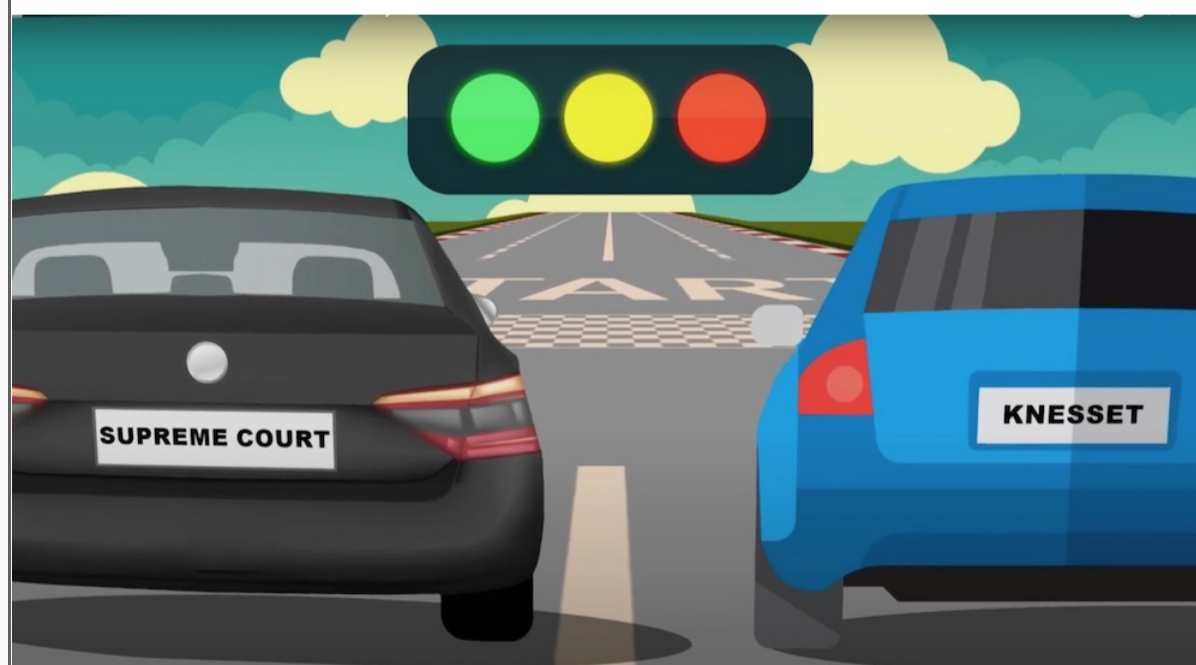


And the Regavim Award for Zionist Achievement goes to...

We kicked off this past month with a gala celebration of the reunification of Jerusalem. The festive event was attended by ministers, MKs and many partners and friends of Regavim. This year, we were honored to host four outstanding leaders, to whom we proudly presented the Regavim Award for Zionist Achievement in their respective fields.

The Regavim Award for Lifetime Zionist Achievement went to **Daniella Weiss**, and Professor **Talia Einhorn** received the Regavim Award for Zionist Achievement in the Judicial Field. **Yehuda Marmour** received the Regavim Award for Settlement and **Yair Krauss** was awarded the Regavim Award for Zionist Journalism.

We thank all those who attended and contributed to the wonderful atmosphere. For those who were unable to attend, here's a short [video recap of this special evening >>>](#)



Full speed ahead –judicial reform now!

Our public diplomacy campaign about correcting imbalances and anomalies in the judicial system continues, and we have focused on supporting the elected representatives of the Zionist camp: “The majority of Israel’s electorate gave you a mandate to restore governance, to shore up personal security, to protect Area C of Judea and Samaria and to prevent the rise of a Palestinian state in the heart of the Land of Israel. The key to achieving these core objectives is clear: JUDICIAL REFORM- NOW!”

Our latest video clip explains the need to re-adjust the system of checks and balances. [Watch it here >>>](#)



Right-wing voters deserve democracy, too

Meir Deutsch, Director General of Regavim, participated in a panel on judicial reform at the Annual Besheva Group Jerusalem Conference in New York.

Professor Alan Dershowitz, who also participated in the conference, spoke with clarity and conviction about the actions of the anti-reform protestors. [Watch >>>](#)

Regavim's battle against judicial bias have been a major factor in the movement for judicial reform. Read our **Index of Judicial Parity** report [here >>>](#) or learn more about the proposed reforms on our [Judicial Reform Resource Page >>>](#)



Virtual reality in the Negev – and on your bookshelf

This month, we launched the Hebrew language version of our most recent report, "Virtual Reality: The Myth of Historic Bedouin Villages of the Negev." The report examines the factuality – more precisely, reveals the 'fake' – behind the Bedouin narrative of historic villages of the Negev for which they demand the State of Israel's official recognition.

The report, based on analysis of aerial photographs of the Negev dating back to the 1940s, proves that in almost all of the locations currently claimed to be historic villages, not a single tent was erected before the establishment of the State of Israel; the locations were equally barren in the 1950s and 1960s. No tents, no houses – and certainly no villages.

The report has sent shockwaves through Israeli public discourse, and a barrage of attempts and rebuttal and denial from left-wing organizations. The full English-language version is scheduled for publication later this summer; meanwhile, access the full report in Hebrew [here](#), the [Executive Summary \(in English\) here>>>](#) or check out pre-publication press coverage [here >>>](#)



Non-conventional criminality requires a non-standard response

Regavim's Director of Policy Avraham Binyamin participated in a joint hearing of the Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice Committee and the Internal Affairs Committee – and demanded that the government “call a spade a spade”: Protection schemes and racketeering aren't simple criminal matters, they are terrorism - and it's time for the State to institute emergency measures that will give the Israel Police nonconventional tools to grapple with this nonconventional situation.

Does the government itself pay “protection money” to Bedouin criminals in the Negev? [Avraham Binyamin lays it all out in the Knesset \(Hebrew\)>>>](#) and Naomi Kahn discusses the fact that weapons and ammunition stolen from the IDF's bases in the Negev are the mainstay of the Bedouin crime syndicates. [Listen >>>](#)



No-man’s land in the Negev: A tour of illegal drug plantations

We set out with a news crew from Israel’s Channel 12 on a “hunting trip” in the IDF firing zones in the Negev. It took only seconds for us to locate 2 illegal cannabis plantations – only a small sample of the hundreds or even thousands of illegal hothouses dotting the landscape of the Negev, We explained – and not for the first time – how the ‘system’ operates and what must be done to put an end to the industry that is fueling the Bedouin crime syndicates. See footage from the field [here >>>](#)



Significant enforcement activity in Bedouin squatters’ camp

This past month saw the conclusion of an extensive enforcement sweep by the Yoav Unit of the Israel Police. Some 50 illegal structures – all belonging to the Al Ghoul Tribe - were demolished in the squatters’ camp that has strangled development of the legal Bedouin town of Ar'ara. This is a welcome and long-overdue step in the right direction that must be followed by uncompromising and consistent law enforcement – and a clear, forward-thinking vision for the future of the Negev!



Nature reserve no more...

We exposed the brutal abuse of a unique and delicate ecosystem - in a Judean Desert nature reserve: The Palestinian Authority is building a city - paving roads, building and aggressively marketing new neighborhoods, laying electric lines and decimating the rare desert flora and fauna. Although the media coverage is in Hebrew, the accompanying [pictures are worth a thousand words >>>](#)

אז מה הסיפור עם E1?



What's happening in E1 – and what isn't?

An important hearing of objections raised by leftist organizations against construction projects in the E1 (Adumim) Region was scheduled for earlier this month. The hearing would have given opponents of Israeli development on the outskirts of Jerusalem an opportunity to block the construction of thousands of housing units – a plan created nearly 40 years ago by the Rabin government (!) that has been frozen and unfrozen countless times. The hearing of objections is a necessary stage toward final approval – and when the hearing was called off, Regavim sent an urgent letter to the Prime Minister and members of the Knesset Land of Israel Caucus, demanding an end to the foot-dragging and capitulation to external pressure. The E1 region is a crucial strategic asset – and the fact that it has been languishing and left at the mercy of the Palestinian Authority's incessant annexation efforts is an outrage. The government must choose between thousands of young Israeli families – or dozens of Khan al Ahmar-style PA outposts. [Read more >>>](#)



At last - we've figured out how to get immediate law enforcement action...

Nearly 20 years ago, Regavim submitted a High Court of Justice petition to compel the authorities to enforce the law and demolish an illegal structure built by Arabs near the Jewish community of Haresha in the Binyamin Region. The petition was rejected when the government explained that this structure wasn't at the top of the Civil Administration's list of enforcement priorities and wasn't worth wasting scarce national resources to demolish. This month, lo and behold - the Civil Administration rolled in and knocked it down - but only after the Arabs abandoned it and the structure was being used by Israel hikers and local Jewish teens. Apparently, justice is blind - but only in one eye... [Read more >>>](#)

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«ريغافيم» وجرائم «خط المحراث» في محافظة سلفيت

جرائم «خط المحراث» في محافظة سلفيت

إن محافظة سلفيت ضحية لـ «خط المحراث» ونشاطات «ريغافيم» المتصاعدة في كافة البلدات والقرى والتي تمثلت خلال الثلث الأول لعام 2023، بـ 70 إختاراً ما بين إخلاء ووقف بناء، إضافة إلى 8 عمليات تجريف لأراض زراعية بمساحة 1560 دونماً، ومصادرة 90 دونماً من خلال عمليتي مصادرة، و8 عمليات تخريب وتقطيع أشجار نتج عنها تدمير 515 شجرة زيتون، ومصادرة 14 ألبه ما خلاصة وسيارة نقل نفايات، وتنفيذ 5 عمليات هدم

«أقساماً أرضية» من خلال المجالس الإقليمية للمستوطنات تقوم بعمليات المراقبة والإبلاغ عن بناء ونشاطات فلسطينية. استطاعت «ريغافيم» الحصول على تمويل في فترة الحكومة خصصت لهم نحو 20 مليون شيقل مؤخراً، نشرت ما أنها ستخصص 40 مليون

أود أن أوجه ر في محافظة الفلسطينية «خط المحراث» ونشاطات «ريغافيم» المتصاعدة في كافة البلدات والقرى والتي تمثلت خلال الثلث الأول لعام 2023، بـ 70 إختاراً ما بين إخلاء ووقف بناء، إضافة إلى 8 عمليات تجريف لأراض زراعية بمساحة 1560 دونماً، ومصادرة 90 دونماً من خلال عمليتي مصادرة، و8 عمليات تخريب وتقطيع أشجار نتج عنها تدمير 515 شجرة زيتون، ومصادرة 14 ألبه ما خلاصة وسيارة نقل نفايات، وتنفيذ 5 عمليات هدم



عبدالله كميل ملووه בשוטרי הרש"פ
על רקע טור הדעה שפרסם

لاستصلاح الأراضي الفلسطينية في سلفيت، بينما يتمتع المستوطنون بحق التملك والبناء في الأراضي الفلسطينية. تعمل «ريغافيم» على تنفيذ هذه المتابعات من خلال شراء صور جوية بين حين وآخر إضافة إلى تجنيد متطوعين ونزويدهم بسيارات رباعية الدفع وتنفيذ زيارات ميدانية في معظم المناطق، والمناطق التي يصعب الوصول لها تستخدم «ريغافيم» حوامات خاصة لتصويرها بشكل دوري، واستطاعت «ريغافيم» أن تشغل

When a top PA official ‘accuses’ Regavim – we know we’re on the right track...

Abdallah Kamil, Head of the Palestinian Authority’s Salfit Governate and a senior member of the PA, published an op-ed on “Regavim’s crimes” and tremendous influence on the government, in which he claimed, among other things, that “Regavim has taken the throne.” Kamil’s article discussed Regavim’s “Line in the Sand” Program in depth, citing our program for restoring governance and protecting the open spaces of Judea and Samaria – and analyzed the “threat this program poses to Palestinian nationalism.” We couldn’t have said it better ourselves. Read press coverage of this extremely backhanded compliment (Hebrew) [here >>>](#)



Regavim - in the field with MKs and Ministers

One thing that didn't change this past month is the intensity of our fieldwork. While our field coordinators scanned the length and breadth of the Land of Israel, documenting use and abuse of our national resources, we hosted decision-makers, journalists and Zionist activists on fact-finding tours to share our insights and spur them to action: Ten MKs, members of the Knesset Land of Israel Caucus, joined us in the Binyamin Region. MK Moshe Solomon came out to the South Hebron area, and a Leadership Mission of the ZOA, the largest and most senior Zionist organization in North America, came out to E1.



Regavim - in YOUR community

The Ramat Beit Shemesh English-speaking community hosted Regavim's Naomi Kahn for a public lecture titled "The State of the State (of Palestine): Who's Building a Terrorist State in Israel's Heartland?" This coming month, lectures about Regavim's activities throughout Israel will be presented in New York and Philadelphia. Interested in attending, or scheduling a lecture in your community? [Click here to contact us directly](#), help us spread the word about the entire range of Regavim's activity, and **learn more about our upcoming monthly webinar series, "Behind the Headlines with Regavim" - a chance to better understand the news.**



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