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Regavim: On duty, year round, year after year for the past 18 years.

Dear Friends and Partners,

Every year, we send out a summary of our activities on Tu B'Shvat, as the fiscal year draws to a close - but this year is not like other years.

We began 2023 with tremendous momentum, with the swearing-in of a rightwing government committed to promoting many of the issues we have been championing for years: development and implementation of forward-thinking policy initiatives for the Negev, the battle for the open spaces of Judea and Samaria, governance and the revitalization of Zionist public policy.

As the weeks passed, the government's proposed judicial reforms and the protests that soon erupted engaged the attention and energies of Israeli society as a whole and the Regavim Movement in particular, as we attempted to explain the importance of restoring the balance between the legislative, executive and judiciary branches of government in a manner that would be acceptable to the vast majority of the nation.

We had big plans for "after the Holidays" - and then everything was turned upside down. With the outbreak of the Swords of Iron War, all of the men on Regavim's staff were called to duty – some in Gaza, others on the northern border, in the Arava or in Judea and Samaria. In those challenging months, the women of Regavim served on two fronts – as professionals who maintained Regavim's intensive activism, and at home, where they singlehandedly held down the fort. They stepped up activity on the public diplomacy front, both internationally and locally, and produced in-depth investigative reports that had a significant impact on national discourse and the Knesset's agenda.

Although the war continues, and aside from our ongoing efforts to update and inform our friends and partners of our ongoing activities - we will soon begin to assemble our 2024 Annual Report!- we didn't want to miss the opportunity to sum up our work and achievements in 2023. Additionally, we wanted to take this opportunity to share our prayers for the protection and success of our soldiers, and to add our voice to the national prayer for the safe return of our brothers, sisters, children and parents who are still in the clutches of Hamas in Gaza.

Looking back on 2023 also enables us to focus our sights on the future, and to take the first steps toward rehabilitating what has been ravaged by war, rebuilding and improving as we work together to turn crisis into reawakening.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Achievements

"Focal Points" Program: Visionary policy for the Negev

After years of investigation and analysis of the unique challenges of the Negev, after publishing reports, participating in Knesset debates and hosting MKs on fact-finding field tours, we have finally begun to reap the fruits of our labor: The Focal Points Plan for Regulation of Bedouin Settlement in the Negev was launched under the stewardship of Minister Amichai Chikli. This historic, strategic government initiative will restore governance and personal security to residents of the Negev and to the State of Israel as a whole.

The "Line in the Sand" Program: Reimagining Judea and Samaria

In the lead-up to national elections and in the days that followed, we crafted detailed strategic guidelines for protection of state land in the Negev, the Galilee and Judea and Samaria. The "Line in the Sand" Program, focusing on Judea and Samaria, was presented to a number of relevant government ministries, particularly the Ministry of Defense. We are proud and pleased that the core principles of this policy initiative were included in the ministries' operational plans.

The Regavim Prize for Protection of Israel's National Assets

At our 2023 Jerusalem Day Conference, we presented special Regavim Awards for Protection of National Land Assets to four champions of Zionist activism, each in a unique field of endeavor. Ministers, MKs and Regavim's Director General, Meir Deutsch, addressed the awardees and described their unique, trailblazing and inspirational Zionism:

- > The Regavim Award for Jurisprudence was awarded to Professor Talia Einhorn
- > The Regavim Award for Agriculture was awarded to Mr. Yehuda Marmour
- > The Regavim Award for Media was awarded to Mr. Yair Krauss
- The Regavim Award for Lifetime Zionist Achievement was awarded to Mrs. Daniella Weiss



Justice in the Negev

A decade of legal battles came to an end when the Beer Sheva Magistrates Court handed down a sharply-worded decision ordering the government to issue demolition orders to Bedouin squatters who had commandeered privatelyowned Jewish property in the Negev: "The state is not at liberty to waive the proprietary rights of private citizens."

Justice in Judea and Samaria

Regavim's battle against the Palestinian Authority's systematic landarab through the use of weaponized schools - the "Resistance Schools Network" - has begun to make headway: We petitioned against an illegal PA school built in the Herodion Nature Reserve, an important archaeological and environmental site, and the court gave Israel's enforcement authorities two months to demolish it. The enforcement action at this and other "schools" built by the PA in the same mold are one more important step toward restoring law and order - but will most certainly not be our final word on the matter.





Blazing a Trail to Jerusalem

Years of traffic jams that threatened safety and security have finally come to an end: Our legal and lobbying work against the illegal shops clogging the Hizme Junction at the entrance to Jerusalem resulted in demolitions, clearing the way for expansion and

improvement of this major traffic artery

Justice in the Central Region



In a hearing on Regavim's petition against the largest illegal commercial center in Israel, located in Kfar Qasem, the judge ordered Netivei Israel, the National Transport and Infrastructure Company, to be included as a respondent due to the extreme danger to motorists on Route 5 posed by the illegal construction. In the course of the hearing, Netivei Israel promised to block off unauthorized access points connecting the illegal commercial center to the highway, and to create an access lane that meets safety standards. While we are pleased that we were able to make this small contribution to life-saving road safety improvements, we continue to work for more serious attention to the larger issues presented by this sprawling illegal complex.

New in 2023!

قسم البحث باللغة العربية

Arab World branch

Regavim launched a new Arab World branch of our Research Division: By monitoring Arabic social media and other sources of intelligence and information, we gain greater access and insight and expand our data sources, enabling us to address a broader range of issues and make relevant information and trends more accessible to decision-makers and the general public.



Exposing the PA Land Registry

Residents of Efrat reported that surveying teams were working in the valley adjacent to their community – and our Research Division confirmed: The Palestinian Authority is creating an official land registry. While Israel sits on its hands and pretends that the status quo prevails, the Palestinian Ministry of Justice and Land Authority are conducting land regulation throughout Area C, thanks to the generous support of foreign governments.

The "pay for slay" speech that took the internet by storm

We translated and publicized a speech given by Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh, in which he declared that the PA would continue to pay terrorists' salaries and stipends, in defiance of international law and Israeli demands that the PA stop funding the murder of Jews.

Exposing incitement by PA and Fatah officials

We collected, translated and exposed a series of hate - and

incitement-filled speeches by high-ranking Palestinian officials, including a speech by Ghassan Daghlas, a Palestinian Authority minister and vocal supporter of terrorism whom leftist Israeli groups laud as a "moderate voice and a partner for peace." With each new expose, the true nature of PA "terrorists in suits and ties" comes into clearer focus.

The Arafat Legacy, Revealed

While Israel's left-wing organizations continue their untiring efforts to whitewash Yasir Arafat and his disciples and to portray him as a partner for

peace, we exposed the Arafat legacy that is taught to every child, from preschool up, in every PA classroom – where the next generation of "martyrs" is being raised. Annual Sur

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LEGAL DIVISION



Khan al Ahmar and HCJ bias

Our sixth petition to the High Court of Justice in the ongoing battle against Khan al Ahmar, the flagship illegal outpost in the Palestinian Authority's annexation program, set a dismal new record for court-sponsored government footdragging. For the ninth time, the Israeli government asked for a postponement.



To dramatize and spotlight the issue, our "moving van" – adorned with "Let's Go, Bibi" posters, called on the government to "pack up" the idea of unilateral Palestinian statehood in the heart of Israel.

Ahead of the court hearing, the government announced that it does not intend to

enforce the longstanding demolition orders against Khan al Ahmar at this

time, claiming that "a broad range of considerations" impacts the case.

The High Court's judicial activism in overruling the state's position in comparable cases that involved Jewish outposts (such as Amona, Migron and Netiv HaAvot) was nowhere to be seen in the case of Khan al Ahmar. The High Court rejected our petition for enforcement and found "no grounds for judicial intervention" in the case of the illegal PA outpost.

Khan al Ahmar has long been a front-line case in the battle against PA's land-grab and the European support that makes it possible. By raising these issues to the forefront of Israeli public and political discourse, we have forced decisionmakers to address the challenge. In this sense, regardless of the disposition of this and other illegal PA outposts, **Regavim's efforts have been successful, and this setback will not deter us from pursuing enforcement**.

JERUSALEM POST

Khan al-Ahmar can be razed if Israeli government wants to do so - High Court

Regavim charged that the ruling "illustrates that in today's judicial system, some are more equal than others."

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Regavim takes on an illegal events complex

We petitioned for enforcement against an illegal

events complex built by Arabs in Gush Etzion. The sprawling compound, which hosts Arab weddings and other events every night of the week, was built on an archaeological site, only a few dozen meters away from the Jerusalem-Gush Etzion Tunnels Road. As a result of Regavim's petition, the court ordered the Civil Administration to demolish the compound with 120 days.



Beit Jalah first: Breaking the Jerusalem blockade

This past year we documented a surge of illegal construction in Area C's Jerusalem envelope. One of the more egregious projects that threatens the capital is near Beit Jalah, where ground-clearing work is underway only 80 meters away from the Tunnels Road. We petitioned for a workstop order to halt progress on this potentially catastrophic project.

New tools for the fight against BDS

We completed another session of "Law in Judea and Samaria," our annual Legal Grounds Project course for outstanding students of law and public sector jurists. The course focuses on international law, property law and more, providing invaluable resources and a solid foundation for jurists to engage in pro-Israel international public diplomacy, legal activism and the battle against the BDS movement at home and abroad. This session of the course was concluded with the presentation of papers to the Chairman of the Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, MK Simcha Rothman.

Turning mountains into... craters

This year we submitted our third petition against the illegal quarry at Beit Fajar – the largest quarrying site in Judea and Samaria, where dozens of excavators are in operation at any given moment. We exposed the Civil Administration's refusal to acknowledge the realsituation and its studied ignorance of the massive blow to the environment and the archaeological sites that continue unabated. The court instructed the Civil Administration to do its homework – and our battle continues.

New tools for the fight against BDS

Illegal quarry at Beit Fajar, Gush Etzion

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IDF training grounds or PA circus grounds?

We submitted a new petition on IDF Firing Zone 203, located in the very center of Israel, that has become a hotbed of illegal Arab

construction, smuggling operations and environmental abuse resulting in severe pollution – all due to Israel's neglect. We published situation reports on the firing zones south of Hebron and in Samaria, demanded that the IDF reestablish its presence and control of these strategic areas, and called upon the government to end the criminal neglect of the buffer zone along the "seamline" – formed, in part, by the firing zones.

A "Reasonableness Test" for the HCJ

In a previous High Court of Justice petition, we challenged an illegal Civil Administration procedural directive – and we won, putting an end to the wholesale suspension of enforcement procedures against illegal Arab structures. The next step: we demanded that a revamped directive mirror enforcement protocols in

force under Israeli law. The High Court deliberated for an unusually long time, and eventually issued a mild reprimand regarding the government's mutually contradictory arguments, but decided, nonetheless, that the government's behavior in this case was "within the range of reasonableness." Our petition was rejected, and the Court's biased standards of "reasonableness" live on.



RESEARCH AND POLICY DIVISION



Warning: The PA Conquest of the Seam Line

With the outbreak of the war and the implosion of the "fence deterrent" conception, we published a focused study of illegal construction in the seam-line buffer zone along the 'green line'. Our research revealed that within one kilometer (6/10ths of a mile) of the separation fence, in the zone set aside as a sterile band providing strategic depth to protect the cities and towns of central Israel in the event of incursion from PA-controlled areas in Judea and Samaria, no fewer than 18,899 illegal structures have been built in Area C, including in IDF firing zones and Israeli-controlled nature reserves.

Regavim and Direct Polls: The Israeli Public trusts the Knesset more than it trusts the HCJ

Regavim has accrued years of experience with the High Court of Justice, and we wanted to compare our first-hand experience of the Court's political and ideological biases to public opinion. Together with Direct Polls, we conducted a survey of Israelis' trust in key national institutions. The results indicated that Israelis place greater faith in their elected officials than in the judicial system, proving once again that the majority of Israelis support judicial reform.





Encuesta: israelíes confían más en la Knéset que en el Tribunal Supremo





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Recalibrating the Knesset's Zionist Compass

The Land of Israel Caucus, co-chaired by MKs Limor Son-Har Melekh, Yoel (Yuli) Edelstein and Simcha Rothman, counts among its members ministers, deputy ministers, mayors and governors alongside representatives of civil society organizations. The Caucus was established to serve as the 'national camp's watchdog for the Israeli government' and to ensure the implementation of all coalition agreements relevant to Jewish settlement throughout the Land of Israel. It is the largest Knesset caucus, proving that the Land of Israeli remains a unifying issue – even in times marked by divisiveness and crisis. Before October 7th, we hosted several fact-finding field tours for members of the Caucus, focusing on environmental protection, illegal construction and related challenges, and initiated Caucus hearings on a wide range of issues.

Dozens of key Knesset hearings

Lawlessness in the Negev: Seeking out-of-the-box solutions

In a joint hearing of the Constitution, Law and Justice and Internal Security Committees, Regavim demanded that the scourge of protection racketeering finally be treated as what it is: terrorism. We proposed emergency regulations to give the Israel National Police nonconventional tools to contend with nonconventional challenges.

Shattering Lies

Knesset hearings marking "Negev Day" in the Knesset were attended by Arab MKs, representatives of the Bedouin sector and members of the opposition parties – exclusively. Despite attempts to silence us, we made our voice heard - the only voice speaking for the Negev, offering facts and data to refute lies, well-researched studies to refute unfounded myths, aerial photographs and documentation to refute empty narratives.

Protecting farmers

In a hearing on security elements for isolated Jewish farms, we stood shoulder to shoulder with the courageous farmers in demanding that the government create appropriate frameworks to protect these vital pioneering enterprises.

Illegal construction hinders national infrastructure development

In a committee hearing dedicated to relieving bottlenecks in the development of green energy initiatives, we pointed out that renewable-energy delivery and distribution systems are stalled due to clusters of illegal construction in the north and south of Israel that are blocking the national infrastructure corridor.



What's that smell?!

In a hearing on environmental protection in Judea and Samaria convened by the Land of Israel Caucus in the Interior Affairs Committee, we presented Environment Minister Idit Silman with a scathing critique of the Civil Administration's failure to enforce the law that has resulted in mass-scale environmental abuse.

27 weeks of anarchy, 0 indictments

We initiated a crucial Knesset debate on the "containment" policy toward road blockages during protests. We demanded that the Israel Police and the State Prosecution explain enforcement priorities regarding protests that have long since crossed all red lines. As a result of the hearing, the Attorney General was asked to present data on enforcement against all illegal activities related to the protests against judicial reform; based on that data, we highlighted the shocking and unmistakable selectivity of enforcement.



The government talks sovereignty

We participated in a Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee hearing focusing on the Palestinian Authority's takeover of the open spaces of Judea and Samaria. We were happy to see that after years of fighting this battle alone, we have now been joined by a coalition of organizations and municipal leaders who have taken up our call to protect Israel's land resources.



esset hearing exposes shocking enforcement bias



Land of Israel Caucus inspects illegal dumping in Binyamin

Media

Exclusive new neighborhood - for terrorists only

We exposed the early stages of development and construction of an exclusive new neighborhood for Arab terrorists. Minimum requirement of the housing committee? At least five years in an Israeli prison for a terror-related offense.

The neighborhood is situated in "Area 8" – between the Jewish communities of Ofra and Shilo overlooking Wadi Haramiyeh – an area plagued by terrorism, including the shooting attack in which 7 IDF soldiers and 3 Israeli citizens were murdered 21 years ago. This is another PA project that glorifies terrorism – and it's high time we discard the delusion that strengthening the PA contributes to Israel's security.



Holding our ground – literally and figuratively

A Channel 12 news documentary focused on accusations by an Arab developer whose most recent project is located on a strategic spot in the Shiloh Bloc that Jewish residents of the area harass him regularly. Despite the documentary's biased representation of the case, we decided to engage, to present the big picture of the methodical, strategic, hostile Arab takeover of Judea and Samaria.

Haaretz and Regavim

In the past, when Haaretz published attacks against Regavim, we saw a sudden surge of public support for our activities and our agenda; the public understood that if Haaretz's feathers are ruffled, Regavim must

> be doing something right. This time, after Haaretz's reporter joined us for an indepth field tour, we were surprised by the results: a thoughtful and flattering article presenting Regavim's activities in the Negev, in Judea and Samaria, in the Knesset and the courts.

אחרי שנים שלי אחרי שנים שלי נותנת את הטון נותנת את הטון GO Has Been haping Israeli Policy for Years. Now, It's in Control

> After years of outside influence, Regavim is now in the halls of power. With Minister Smotrich as its leader, its supporters in the government are now setting de facto policy in the West Bank. But its ambitions don't stop there

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Hunting cannabis plantations in Bedouistan

We went out to the field with journalists from Kan 11 and N12, two major media outlets, for a first-hand look at the thriving drug trade in IDF firing zones in the Negev. We explained that while the organized drug syndicates rake in hundreds of millions of Shekels – and more – every year, simply uprooting the hothouses is not enough: for every hothouse that is demolished, three new ones pop up. The State of Israel must act against the syndicates themselves, to ensure that crime no longer pays.

Nachal Beer Sheva alive and blooming in the Nevatim base

> Nachal Beer Sheva polluted and disgusting in the Bedouin encampment Garage Or

Israel the beautiful?

The National Dumpster: Nahal Beer Sheva

We took Ynet's environmental affairs reporter out to see what the Negev could and should look like, illustrating the challenges and solutions

with a visit to Nahal Beer Sheva, a green oasis in the Negev: The section of the stream that runs through the IDF base at Nevatim is well-preserved, clean and lush, while the section that runs through the Al Zarnoug squatters' camp is polluted by effluents, residential and commercial waste and the staggering stench of rotting animal carcasses.

Structures in the complex, Ariel, Credit: Regavim Terror sympathizers disguised as service providers

Terrorist

Hideout

No surprise here: We discovered that the owner of a business at the illegal commercial compound in the Ariel Junction is an active promoter and supporter of terrorism. Why were we not surprised? In 2019, the terrorist who murdered IDF soldier Gal Keidan and Rabbi Achiad Ettinger took cover in the very same illegal shops.

It's just as true in Judea and Samaria as it is in the Negev and the Galilee: Enforcement vacuums are filled by crime, violence and terror.

An unpreserved preserve

We exposed the shocking case of the unique nature reserve in the heart of the Judean Desert that is being devoured by aggressive, large-scale Palestinian Arab development - and ignored by enforcement authorities. Only months ago, rare species of flora and fauna were still seen in the nature reserve; now, they have been plowed under by landscapers and tractors. We are happy to report that a coalition of organizations and municipalities has joined our fight to protect the nature reserve.

The Washington Times alerte

Israel losing land, sovereignty, identity to illegal Palestinian construction



Palestinian Authority agreement, by International consensus, as a "No Construc and that at one time was part of the Area C classification of property in Israel an controlled by the Jewish people, not Palestinians – stands a host of houses bot and unfinished; a newly paved set of roads and a freshly laid brick block rotary, is which run water lines; and signosts with telephone numbers to call for those int in building and locating to the area. What's happening here? The Judean Desert Nature Research JUDEA — In land supp meaning,
th finished

The Judean Desert Nature Reserve is becoming a go-to home — illegally, accord international law — for Palestinians.

The Palestinian Authority, fueled by money from the United Nations, the European Union and yes, even America, has taken on the task of expanding Arabs' footprint into israeli lands by building homes on property that is supposed to be left au naturel. It's a quiet way for Palestinians to stretch their presence into lisrael — to settle and setze Israel's lands — to ultimately squeeze Israel's sovereignty. And all without firing a shot.





FIELD DIVISION: THE NEGEV

Regavim's Knesset bombshell: Bedouin Authority closes only 3 resettlement agreements per month (!!)

In a hearing of the Special Committee to Strengthen the Negev and Galilee, Regavim exposed abysmal Bedouin Authority performance data: Over the past 15 years, only 486 households have been resettled in legal towns and villages - an average of less



than 3 per month. Billions of Shekels have been invested in development and preparation of residential and commercial lots for relocation, public information campaigns, incentives packages – and every attempt has failed; the sprawling illegal encampments, comprised of more than 70,000 illegal structures, continue to grow and spread.

An important step in the fight against polygamy

We've been working for years, and at last we've seen real progress in the fight against polygamy: The Ministerial Committee for Bedouin Settlement approved an important directive, putting a stop to the insane policy of granting free plots of land for every married woman married to an Israeli Bedouin – a longstanding policy that has, in effect, encouraged Bedouin polygamy and human trafficking.

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Losing the Negev: Where is the Bedouin Authority?

Groundbreaking report: The Myth of Historic

We published a new study that debunks the false narrative of "historic Bedouin villages," the basis for Bedouin demands for recognition and

legalization of thousands of illegal structures and encampments in the Negev.

The report, titled Virtual Reality, presents and analyzes aerial photographs of the Negev dating as far back as the 1940s, proving irrefutably that not only were there no villages in the Negev, no structures of any kind stood in the Negev - not before the establishment of the State of Israel, not in the 1950s or even the 1960s.

The report sparked intensive discussion among professionals involved in the Negev as well as decision makers at the national level.

Bringing the State Back to the Negev

A very significant enforcement sweep, focusing on the Al-Ghoul Bedouin tribe that had commandeered property adjacent to Ar'ara and stalled the town's development, was accompanied by a very important High Court decision that clears the way to resettlement of the Ras Jerba squatters camp that had overtaken land in Dimona and stymied expansion of the city. These two important developments prove that years of research, legal activism, Knesset advocacy, field tours, public diplomacy and pressure eventually pay off. Together, we are bringing the State, and the law, back to the Negev - and building a better future for southern Israel.

Bedouin Villages





FIELD DIVISION: JUDEA AND SAMARIA



The black cloud over Binyamin

The illegal garbage dump near Psagot: It's one of Israel's worst environmental disasters in recent years, and we've been fighting the ongoing abuse in court for years. We've brought MKs and journalists to see for themselves, and joined forces with the Binyamin Council - but nothing has changed.

In the heat of the Israeli summer, tens of thousands of tons of garbage burned for days on end, until the Ministry of Health ordered the evacuation of the entire area.

We will continue to demand that the site be properly cleared and rehabilitated – and the root causes of this environmental abuse addressed.

Land of illegal scrapyards

A team of investigative reporters from Kan 11 published a series of news documentaries on the auto theft industry, and exposed the shocking truth: The Israel Police and insurance company investigators don't cross the green line – but 90% of stolen cars in Israel do.

We took the journalists out to give them a closer look at the massive chop shops that are one more symptom of the vacuum of governance. We also initiated in-depth coverage of this phenomenon, in which we illustrated how the stolen cars make their way to Judea and Samaria – right under the noses of the Israeli authorities.



More holes than fence

The Ministry of Defense and the IDF poured hundreds of millions of Shekels into the construction of a "barrier" along the seamline that runs through the Judean Desert, to prevent free passage between the Hebron region and Arad. We warned that the "barrier" was more farce than fierce, more holes than fence. Not only does it deal a mortal blow to the environment, the massive cost has never been proven to have brought any benefit. To make matters worse - much worse, in fact - we discovered that the fence built by the IDF adjacent to the illegal PA outpost known as Dukeikeh in the south Hebron region is actually wide open.



Challenging the "settler violence" blood libel

Into the void left by the State of Israel's failure to uphold law and order in Judea and Samaria, a swarm of anti-Israel and anarchist groups have taken up residence and are using the millions of euros and dollars at their disposal to take control of

Area C and to support Palestinian narratives. Since the outbreak of the war, the malicious false narrative of violence perpetrated by Jews against Arabs has been propelled to the top of the news stream, and has impacted foreign policy in Israel and abroad. We hosted dozens of journalists from news outlets around the world and offered them a more balanced and factual approach, and reexamination of the sources of the narrative to expose its falsehood.

In addition, we conducted a seminar for spokespeople of the municipalities of Judea and Samaria and other Zionist organizations, to train and equip them to push back against hostile international media.



CONFERENCES



The Jerusalem Conference

"Every person sitting in this room is paying protection money."

We participated in a panel at the Jerusalem Conference focusing on protection rackets. The round table discussion was chaired by veteran journalist Almog Boker and Regavim's Meir Deutsch revealed how every Israeli citizen is paying protection money. He described a successful Israel Police operation

in which members of a crime network were apprehended, and laid out action points for winning the war on organized crime.

Normalization - for Israeli citizens in Judea and Samaria

We also participated in a panel titled "New government, new opportunities: Developing the Jewish Communities of Judea and Samaria under a Right-Wing Government," moderated by Asaf Mishnayot.

Negev 2050: Where is the Negev Headed? The Ben Gurion Conference

Regavim participated in Makor Rishon's Ben Gurion Conference, in a panel on demographic growth, settlement, education and employment. Avraham Binyamin, Director of Regavim's Policy Division: "What is needed is a decision, allocation of resources - and more than anything else, willingness to face reality and contend with it. We cannot accept a situation in which squatters' camps

sprawl across 600 square kilometers in a country whose scarcest and most precious resource is land."





Regavim around the world: The Hague Initiative

Regavim's Naomi Kahn, Director of our International Division, participated in a conference hosted by The Hague Initiative for International Cooperation, where international jurists, experts and thought leaders convened for a high level discussion of the legal and political challenges facing Israel and Zionism. The data and research presented by Regavim provided invaluable depth and background, and served as the bedrock for the discussion of legal rights.

Right-wing voters also deserve the benefits of democracy - Besheva's Jerusalem Conference

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



FIELD TOURS

Hosting MKs in the Field:

- > We hosted **Yitzchak Wasserlauf**, Minister for Negev, Galilee and National Resilience, on a tour by land and by air, to provide new perspective on the challenges of Bedouin resettlement, failed government attempts to resolve the issues, and the core recommendations of our "Sdeh Boker Initiative," in which we outline a national vision for the Negev in 2050.
- > The first field tour with the newly-installed Land of Israel Caucus, attended by 10 MKs, examined new and ongoing challenges in the Binyamin region.
- > MK Moshe Solomon joined us for a tour of the South Hebron Region and the Negev to learn about challenges to governance and security and the ongoing systemic failures in these areas.
- **> MK Tzvika Fogel**, Chairman of the Knesset National Security Committee, joined us, along with his staff, on a tour focusing on governance and security in the Negev.
- > Fighting the theft of our heritage: Ahead of the UNESCO declaration of the archaeological sites near Jericho as "Palestinian Heritage Sites" we co-hosted an emergency tour with the Knesset Land of Israel Caucus, the Binyamin Regional Council and Preserving the Eternal.
- > Protecting the nature reserve: In conjunction with MK Limor Son Har Melech, co-Chair of the Land of Israel Caucus, we hosted a joint tour with the Gush Etzion Land Department, focusing on unregulated sections of Gush Etzion and the Judean Desert Nature Reserve.
- > Discovering the Negev: MK Ariel Kalner, a member of the Caucus, joined us for a fact-finding trip through the Negev, focusing on the core issues: Bedouin ownership claims and Israel's attempts to resolve them.







networks and racketeering.

Field Tours with Media and Social Influencers

- > We hosted a **ZOA Leadership Mission** for an eye-opening tour of E1.
- > Dr. Gadi Taub and a group of top students from Hebrew University's Federman School of Public Policy and Government joined us for an in-depth field study of the Bedouin encampments, to better understand the challenges of governance and the efforts made by Israel over the years to contend with them.
- Dozens of field tours for foreign journalists in the Negev, Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the Jordan Valley: The Daily Wire, The Washington Times, The Guardian, Frankfurter Allgemeine, Deutsche Welle, Marianne, Agence France Presse, NZZ Sonntag (Switzerland), The Washington Times and many others
- Dozens of field tours for Israeli journalists: Haaretz, Calcalist, N12, Israel Hayom, Mishpacha, Galei Tzahal, Hamevasser, Makor Rishon, Channel 14, Walla, Maariv, Ynet, Kan 11

>Touring the Negev with the Knesset's southern region representative We took MK Almog Cohen on a tour of Laqiya, Hura and El-Sayyed, where we illustrated the government's various (failed) attempts to regulate Bedouin resettlement and the black

hole of governance in the Negev: polygamy, illegal gas stations, garbage dumps, drug







SWORDS OF IRON

Emergency duty: Fighting on the public diplomacy front

Following the murderous terror attack of October 7th, the resounding silence of the Palestinian Authority's leadership Arab MKs were a hint of what was to follow: The true face of the "Palestinian moderates" was soon revealed in countless video clips and statements on Arabic social media platforms, loudly and publicly expressing full support for Hamas's agenda and actions including actual participation and funding for the onslaught. Politicians and media outlets worldwide had longsince internalized the Hamas = ISIS equation, but they had a long way to go before abandoning the conception of the PA as a partner for peace. We launched a media blitz with the massage PA = Hamas, with dozens of viral video clips exposing the true face of the PA that sent shock waves through Israeli and international public opinion.

"Oh servant of Allah, there's a Jew behind me – come and kill him."

We intercepted and exposed an official PA document calling upon imams to use their Friday sermons to incite worshippers to murder Jews.



Our expose' received massive Israeli and international media attention.

"With Allah's help, the West Bank is next."

We documented dozens of instances in which senior PA officials publicly celebrated and lauded the October 7th massacre, among them interviews with Moayad Shaaban, Minister of the PA's "Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission," a leading figure in the hostile takeover of Area C.



The PA and Hamas: Is there really a difference? The post that took the internet by storm <<





UNRWA and The Palestinian Refugeeism Narrative

As events unfolded in Gaza, the involvement of UNRWA in terrorism was painfully and irrefutably exposed. We produced a series of articles, graphics and other materials that brought decades of bias, distortion and hypocrisy perpetrated by the UN's Palestinian Refugee agency to the center stage of public discourse.

Swords of Iron: Raising the Flag

We launched a flash campaign to raise national morale, distributing thousands of magnetic flags at dozens of points across Israel – all in a 24-hour span. The war caught us in the middle of a battle >>











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