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Tour of KKL-JNF Projects in Israel



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Map of Sites along the Tour Route



On behalf of the KKL-JNF Board of Directors, Efi Stenzler, World Chairman and Eli Aflalo, World Co-Chairman, we extend a hearty welcome to the JNF Canada Professional Team!

Enjoy your tour!

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The Tour Program below is a comprehensive survey of sites and projects that reflect KKL-JNF's involvement in the sustainable development of Israel for the benefit of all its inhabitants. During your visit you will become acquainted with the unique projects that KKL-JNF has established with the help of its friends in Canada and the world over, which ensure quality of life for this and future generations.

A look into the future: Some of the projects you will be visiting are still available and await donations.

More detailed information on each project can be found on the KKL-JNF Partnership website:

<http://www.ticketbox.co.il/hanof/hanof/>

If you wish to promote any projects, please check with the Projects Department to verify availability.

We wish you an enjoyable and
fruitful week in KKL-JNF's Israel!!

The Projects and Marketing Department Team

Sderot

Sderot is a development town in the Western Negev founded in 1951 by new immigrants from Iran, Kurdistan and North Africa. The city faces many economic and social challenges which have been exacerbated by severe security problems, particularly the launching of countless rocket attacks on the city from the nearby Gaza Strip. KKL-JNF attaches the utmost importance to promoting the wellbeing of this brave, isolated community.



KKL-JNF Projects in Sderot:

- **Shielded Playground**, sponsored by the **USA**
- **Southern Entrance Park**, sponsored by the **UK**
- **Playground**, sponsored by **Italy**
- **Open Classrooms**, sponsored by **Chile**
- **Gan HaHamisha**, sponsored by **Mexico**
- **Sapir College – Amphitheater**, offered to **Germany**
- **Sderot Recycled Water Reservoir**, sponsored by **Canada** and the **USA**
- **Hosting Children from the South at KKL-JNF FFECs**, sponsored by **Australia, Germany and Singapore**

Azrieli Park

KKL-JNF developed the Azrieli Park in Sderot along the course of the dry river bed that cuts through the city. The Azrieli Park forms part of a larger development to establish an urban park. In a city that faces social problems and has been subjected to hundreds of rocket attacks in recent years, the Azrieli Park creates a peaceful green area for relaxation and leisure and serves as a much-needed focus for local pride. The linear park includes longitudinal paths along the dry river bed as well as latitudinal paths connecting the park to the surrounding residential, public, and commercial areas, picnic tables, play structures, gardening and landscaping.

The Azrieli Park was sponsored by **Canada**.

The Halutsit Communities – Naveh, Bene Netsarim



Situated approximately half a kilometer apart, Bene Netsarim (Halutsit 1) and Naveh (Halutsit 4) are two new communities being built in the Halutsa Sands in the Western Negev, close to the Egyptian border. The communities are intended for the former residents of Gush Katif, evacuated from their homes under the Disengagement Plan. KKL-JNF was responsible for both agricultural and housing infrastructure. The land developed by KKL-JNF over the past few years is already cultivated and blooming.

Close to ten years have passed since the disengagement and KKL-JNF remains steadfast in its support of the former Gush Katif communities through its work in landscaping and developing infrastructure in Halutsit communities.



KKL-JNF Projects in Halutsit Communities:

- **Bene Netsarim Peripheral Security Road, 4 km**, sponsored by the **UK**
- **Temporary Housing**, sponsored by the **UK and Italy**
- **Bene Netsarim – Land Reclamation for Agriculture**, sponsored by the **UK, Argentina and Italy**
- **Bene Netsarim – Infrastructure for Housing**, sponsored by **Italy and the UK**
- **Naveh – Infrastructure for Housing**, sponsored by the **UK, Italy and the USA**
- **Naveh – Entrance Development**, sponsored by **Canada**
- **Naveh – Open Green Spaces**, sponsored by the **USA and Canada**
- **Naveh – Day Care Center – Landscaping**, sponsored by **Canada**
- **Naveh – Kindergarten Complex – Landscaping**, sponsored by **Canada**
- **Naveh – Agricultural Security Road**, sponsored by **Mexico**
- **Naveh – Land Reclamation for Agriculture**, sponsored by the **UK, Italy and Argentina**
- **Bene Netsarim Internal Loop Road**, sponsored by **Italy**



*The following projects are available for donation
(and are awaiting final approval)*

- Naveh – Open Green Spaces (#11951)
- Naveh – Orchard (#9057)
- Naveh – Grove (#8929)
- Naveh – Yeshiva High School – Landscaping (#8948)
- Naveh – Ulpena Girl’s School – Landscaping (#8945)
- Bene Netsarim – Grove (#8993)
- Bene Netsarim – Kindergarten and Child Care Complex – Landscaping (#8947)
- Bene Netsarim – School – Landscaping (#8946)
- Naveh – Synagogue – Landscaping (#8941)
- Naveh – Religious Boy’s School – Landscaping (#8951)

Jerusalem

Teddy Park



Teddy Park was developed in Mitchell Park, outside the Old City's walls by the Jerusalem Foundation and named for Jerusalem's mythological mayor who served from 1965 to 1993. Teddy Kollek created parks, gardens, promenades, outdoor amphitheaters and shared urban spaces for all residents and visitors to Jerusalem. The city flourished and blossomed under his care. Teddy Park is a most fitting tribute to Teddy Kollek's vision of a thriving city with open spaces. It is located adjacent to the walls of the Old City at the crossroads of the city center, inviting all residents of Jerusalem to enjoy the park, which offers community and cultural events.

JNF Canada sponsored a number of projects in the park, including the restoration of a historic building and a gate at the park's entrance, as a sign of its desire to support Jerusalem's economic and cultural sustainability.

"Restorers of Jerusalem" Park



The **"Restorers of Jerusalem" Park** is located at the foot of the Old City's walls, south of Jaffa Gate. The aim of this project, sponsored by JNF Canada, is to restore and renew the existing park and develop it as an archaeological garden as well. Development elements include renewing the promenade, improving access roads, uncovering and restoring antiquities, seating corners and interactive interpretive stations.

Sponsored by **Canada**.

Projects in Jerusalem and its Environs

KKL-JNF has developed tens of vital, recreation and leisure projects in neighbourhoods throughout Jerusalem. These include parks, community forests, and the landscaping of institutions in Gilo, Ir Ganim, Ramot, Pisgat Ze'ev, Neve Ya'akov, Givat HaMatos, the Jerusalem and Aminadav Forests, Yad Kennedy, and Sataf. KKL-JNF developed the Hebrew University's Botanical Gardens and supports the research under its direction; archaeological digs; and the recent Metropolitan Park surrounding Jerusalem, including leisure and tourist sites, with bicycle trails encircling the park and passing through the parks of Arazim, Emek Refa'im and Emek Motsa.

KKL-JNF Projects in the Jerusalem area:

- **Jerusalem Park – Arazim Valley Eastern Bicycle Trail (#11945)**
- **Jerusalem – Preschool Development Center – Yard Development (#10778), sponsored by Canada.**



The Central Arava Regional Council



The Central Arava Valley is Located in southern Israel, halfway between Be'er Sheva and Eilat. The Central Arava Regional Council extends over 1500 square kilometers, 6% of Israel's land, just west of the border with Jordan. It comprises seven communities: Idan, Hatseva, En Yahav, Sapir, Tsofar, Tsukim and Paran. A total of 3300 people (800 families) inhabit this challenging region, an impressive wilderness, some of which has been developed for agriculture. The region prides itself in its modern, environmentally friendly agriculture, which provides a major proportion of Israel's vegetables and fruit for export. KKL-JNF has been involved with the Arava from its earliest stages, helping with land preparation for agriculture and infrastructure, including tourism, playgrounds, landscaping and water reservoirs.



The Peace Route

The 24-km Peace Route runs along the border between Israel and Jordan, and serves both as an agricultural road and a tourist route. The road passes along a number of archaeological sites and impressive landscapes and is divided into three sections: from Idan to Hatseva, from Hatseva to En Yahav and from there south to Tsofar. The route begins at Moshav Idan in the northern Arava and runs along the foot of the Arava Cliffs, across from the Edom Mountains, surrounded by agricultural fields and sandy expanses. The last section, between Moshav En Yahav and Moshav Tsofar is now being planned with the support of JNF Canada.

KKL-JNF Projects along the Peace Route:

- **Peace Route –Idan-Hatseva Section**, sponsored by the **USA**
- **Peace Route – Hatseva-En Yahav Section**, sponsored by **France**
- **Peace Route – En Yahav-Tsofar Section**, sponsored by **Canada**

Hatseva Floodwater Reservoir

The **Hatseva Floodwater Reservoir** has a total capacity of 1.5 million cubic meters and harvests floodwaters from winter flash floods in the Arava Valley. A draining facility in the dam selectively pumps out the upper water layers, where there is little silt, to the pipe system linking the reservoir to the fields of the farming communities of Idan and Hatseva. This project will save millions of cubic meters of precious desert water that would otherwise flow unused.

The reservoir was sponsored by KKL-JNF friends worldwide, including Canada.

Hatseva – Central and Northern Arava R&D Station

KKL-JNF is a partner in regional Research and Development (R&D) stations in agricultural regions throughout Israel. These stations aim to develop new crops and improve farming techniques for existing ones. This helps farmers in peripheral parts of the country compete successfully in the global produce market. These stations exploit the natural potential of peripheral regions: climate, soil, varieties of water sources and manpower quality and employ field advisors and noted researchers who work in cooperation with national academic institutes.

The Central and Northern Arava R&D Station operates the Yair Experimental Station at Hatseva in the central Arava, which forms part of the network of agricultural R&D stations, developed and supported by KKL-JNF throughout the country. The **Central Arava R&D Station** focuses on a variety of subjects aimed at increasing agricultural produce, varying and renewing it, the efficient use of water and coping with desert conditions.

KKL-JNF with the help of its Canadian friends converted one of the hothouses at the station into an agricultural tourism center for visitors traveling the Arava highway. The hothouse served as a visitor center until 2013, when a new modern visitor center was inaugurated. The new center includes an auditorium, meeting space, displays of agricultural products



from the region and explanations about the R&D work. There is also a special section devoted to KKL-JNF agricultural R&D activity in general, and at the Yair Station in particular.



KKL-JNF Projects at the Central and Northern Arava R&D Station:

- **Yair Station Visitors' Center**, sponsored by **Canada and Australia**
- **New Laboratory Equipment**, sponsored by **Canada**
- **Intensive Cultivation Systems for Greenhouses**, sponsored by **Canada**
- **Research – Testing Growth Substrates and Adapting Nutrients in Organic Bell Pepper Farming**, sponsored by **Canada**

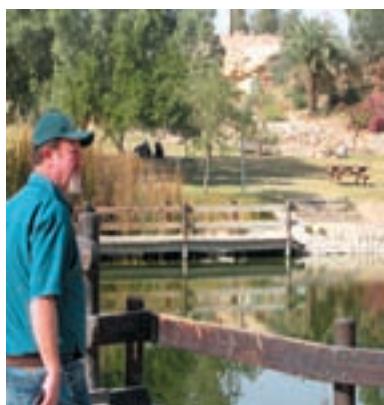
Central Arava – Music Center

The Sapir Regional Center is upgrading and refurbishing the existing Music Center, to ensure that musical education is available to the area's children, allowing them to nurture their skills, curiosity and creativity. Development includes improving accessibility (elevators, etc.), shading the patio, a library, a choir room and piano, a central lobby and classrooms.

Sponsored by Canada.

Sapir Park

Sapir Park is located in the central Arava, near the Sapir Regional Center, midway between Be'er Sheva and Eilat. KKL-JNF planted the Dikliya, 200 mature date palms, colourful bougainvilleas and annual flowers close to Sapir Park, as an integral part of the park. Picnic tables, trash cans and a drinking fountain were installed in the grove and a playground was developed. The Dikliya serves as an events venue for regional residents as well as a wayside refreshment stop for transit motorists and is part of the Sapir Park, with its pond and "Desert Life" sculpture garden. KKL-JNF fenced the entire complex: the pond, lawns, the "Desert Life" project and the date palm grove, in order to prevent vandalism and to enhance security.



Sapir Park lies on the historic Spice Route where camel caravans carried precious spices from Asia to Petra, capital city of the ancient Nabateans in latter day Jordan. In modern times, the Israeli army camped here on its strategic overland drive to capture Eilat in the War of Independence in 1948. A Nahal military-farming outpost was established here in the 1950s that, in time, became the nucleus of present-day Moshav En Yahav and a centre for advanced Israeli agricultural export products.

The park was sponsored by KKL-JNF friends in Holland, Australia and the USA.

The following projects are available for donation

- **The following projects in the Arava are available for donation**
- **En Yahav – Land Reclamation (#12289)**
- **Hatseva – Land Reclamation (#12291)**
- **Tsofar – Land Reclamation (#12288)**
- **Idan – Land Reclamation (#12285)**
- **Central and Northern Arava R&D Station – Research (#5365)**

Eilat



Eilat, Israel's southernmost city is a tourist resort and port located at the southern edge of the Arava Valley, on the Gulf of Eilat/Aqaba, on the northern tip of the Red Sea. Eilat has close to 50,000 inhabitants, most of whom are employed in the tourist industry, the city's economic mainstay. The city's beaches, nightlife and desert landscapes make it a popular destination for domestic and international tourism. Nature lovers can enjoy a beautiful coral reef and some of the best birdwatching in the world. KKL-JNF is involved in Eilat in many ways, including infrastructure for housing for the many *olim* who came to the city in the 1990s and in green landscaping around the city, such as "**Canada Gardens**", **sponsored by JNF Canada**. In addition to the projects below, KKL-JNF is now planning a municipal park in Eilat.

KKL-JNF Boulevard – Entrance to Eilat

KKL-JNF, in cooperation with the Eilat Municipality and Eilot Regional Council, is planning to expand and develop the city's neglected entrance, from the police station square to the checkpoint recently built north of Eilat. The project includes developing some 6.5 km of the road's western side, improving the appearance of the entrance and adding elements for the well-being of the city's residents and its many tourists. The project is divided into two stages: Stage I: Development of the section from the police station square until Toronto Square (some 1.5–2.0 km). Stage II: Development of an inter-city section, from Toronto Square to the checkpoint outside the city's northern border, some 5 km. Upgrading the entrance includes a bicycle and walking path, landscaping, trees for the boulevard, access points, shaded areas, scenic outlooks, seating and lighting fixtures.



Offered to **Canada**

KKL-JNF Projects in and around Eilat:

- **Eilat – Bicycle Trail around the City**, sponsored by **Holland**
- **IDF Navy Base**, sponsored by the **USA**
- **Eilat Police Station– Green Landscaping**, sponsored by the **UK**
- **Birdwatching Park**, sponsored by **Switzerland**
- **Holland Desert Park**, sponsored by **Holland**
- **Land of the Harduns**, sponsored by **Holland**
- **Canada Gardens**, sponsored by **Canada**

The following projects are available for donation

- **Eilat Municipal Park (#9169)**
- **Eilot Region – Research Centre for Renewable Energy – Research Laboratories Building (#12074)**

The Southern Arava

The Southern Arava R&D Station operates in Israel's most arid area, the result of a combination of low rainfall and the constraint of using only brackish water from local bores for irrigation. The station, located near Kibbutz Yotvata, focuses on developing suitable technology for sustainable farming in these unique conditions. Agriculture is a major element in the economy of the Eilot Regional Council, with whom the station works, comprising close to 40% of the regional economy. Close to 4500 acres (140,000 hectares) of the region are farmed. Research focuses primarily on topics related to date cultivation, the major crop, but also on vegetables, flowers and livestock. Studies cover varied technological topics, mainly related to storage and packaging, and many concentrate on the use of brackish water for irrigation. KKL-JNF funds most of the station's activity and research.

The following project was sponsored by JNF Canada and is available for additional donation:

- **Research on Water and the Environment (#8844)**

Timna Park

The Timna Valley is located in the southwestern Arava, some 30 km north of the Gulf of Eilat. It is a semi-circular, erosional formation opening in the east towards the Arava and surrounded by yellow sandstone cliffs on the north, west and south, with red volcanic Mt. Timna in the center. In the lower parts of these cliffs and on the slopes in front of them, copper-rich nodules were mined in ancient times.

The Timna Mining Park is a unique combination of an open-air museum, real archaeological sites, environmental values, educational multimedia and research-oriented exhibitions. KKL-JNF developed the park, one of the most popular in Israel, and participates in its management. KKL-JNF has developed a number of other projects focusing on the park and its surroundings: development around Timna Lake (promenade, playground,



landscaping), bicycle and walking trails, artistic signage, bicycles for rent and entrance landscaping.

KKL-JNF is upgrading the entrance to the park and the visitors' center with the help of JNF USA. Development includes parking, accessibility, information, audiovisual aids and interpretation. A new promotional film has been completed.



KKL-JNF Projects in Timna Park:

- **Park Lake**, sponsored by the **USA**
- **Recreation Area**, sponsored by the **USA**
- **Park Development**, sponsored by the **USA**
- **Bicycle Trails**, sponsored by **Germany**
- **Bicycle Purchase**, sponsored by **Germany**
- **Park Entranceway**, sponsored by the **USA**
- **Visitors Centre and Film**, sponsored by the **USA**

The following project is available for donation:

- **Research on Water and the Environment (#8844)**

Ne'ot Smadar

Kibbutz Ne'ot Smadar is located in the southern Arava, about 60 kilometers northwest of Eilat. Established in 1989, it is not a typical, modern Israeli kibbutz, but more like a throwback to earlier, simpler, more idealistic days. The real pioneering element of Ne'ot Smadar is in its social and spiritual endeavors, akin to the original vision of Zionism.

The kibbutz has many unique projects that are the true expression of the aims and principles of this community. Its major source of income is bio-organic agriculture. Crops include: vegetables, flowers, melons, vineyards, olive and citrus groves, dates and orchards. A goat farm supplies dairy needs and an agricultural produce center is under construction. It will

house an olive-press and winery, and dairy products, honey, fruit juice and jam will be produced there. The kibbutz uses constructed wetlands for water purification. This state-of-the-art environmental method for treating effluents is the ideal solution for the kibbutz, whose residents are aware and protective of their unique, desert habitat. KKL-JNF has played a major role in land reclamation and infrastructure development at Ne'ot Semadar and continues to be involved in future development plans.

KKL-JNF is supporting the Ne'ot Smadar Learning Center, now being developed, which focuses on environmental education and holds unique ecological seminars on topics such as organic farming, sustainability, desert construction, quality of life and more. The seminars are intended for a wide range of individuals and groups, including students, soldiers, young people and educators. Participants in the center's programs implement what they learn through building, farming and other hands-on activities.

KKL-JNF Projects in Ne'ot Smadar:

- **Land Reclamation**, sponsored by **Canada**
- **Constructed Wetlands**, sponsored by **Canada**
- **Ne'ot Smadar Learning Center**, sponsored by **Germany**
- **Seminar Center – Landscaping**, sponsored by **Germany**



Mitspe Ramon



Mitspe Ramon was founded in 1951 and settled with new olim from North Africa and Romania, who worked on the road to Eilat and surrounding quarries. Over the years many new immigrants moved to the area, and today Mitspe Ramon is a thriving community, 32 kilometers southeast of Be'er Sheva, with a population of 5500. The town is built on the edge of the Ramon makhtesh (a crater-like formation) that attracts many visitors to its fantastic landscapes.

KKL-JNF has supported development in Mitspe Ramon since its establishment and is involved in infrastructure development, green landscaping, building a reservoir, educational programs and tourism projects.

The Ramon Air Force Base also enjoys a number of projects developed by KKL-JNF: a park, amphitheater and seating areas for soldiers at the base.

KKL-JNF Projects in Mitspe Ramon:

- **Playground**, sponsored by **Canada**
- **Promenade and Scenic Lookouts**, sponsored by **Switzerland**
- **The Sounds Promenade**, sponsored by the **USA**
- **KKL-JNF Grove Picnic Area**, sponsored by **Australia**
- **Reservoir**, sponsored by **Holland**
- **Events Center**, sponsored by **Australia**
- **Edge of the Crater Agro-tourism Project**, sponsored by **Holland**

The following project in Mitspe Ramon is available for donation:

- **Mitspe Ramon – Sapir Neighborhood – Sports Field (#11930)**



Nitsana



The Nitsana Educational Youth Village and communal settlement was founded by the late Aryeh (Loba) Eliav, former Knesset member and Israel Prize laureate, in the southwestern Negev on the Israeli-Egyptian border. The educational programs at Nitsana include an absorption center and ulpan for young new immigrants (mainly from the FSU and Ethiopia), a variety of short-term programs for Jewish young people from around the world, and environmental seminars, just to mention a few.

KKL-JNF has been involved with Nitsana since its very beginning, when it conducted research on using brackish water for irrigation. Since then, KKL-JNF has supported various projects at the educational centre, many of which JNF Canada sponsors. These include the restoration of an ancient farmstead at Nitsana, furnishing a number of apartments (7) at the Nitsana Youth Village to host visiting KKL-JNF guests and an extremely successful Zionist-Ecological Seminar.

As its name indicates, this seminar explores the issues of how nature and human beings influence each other in the Negev. The seminar is designed around two main issues relating to nature and human beings in the Negev: land use and water use. It covers a number of important topics, including sustainable development, desertification, savannization, water resources, community development and heritage.

Development at Nitsana was supported by **Canada, Australia, the UK, France and Brazil**

The following projects in the vicinity of Nitsana are available for donation :

- **Be'er Milka – Land Reclamation (#12328)**
- **Kmehin – Land Reclamation (#12329)**
- **Kadesh Barnea – Perimeter Road (#8686)**

Gilat – KKL-JNF Plant Nursery

KKL-JNF's plant nursery at Gilat is one of the largest in Israel, and the core of KKL-JNF's forestry work in the Negev. Every year 600,000 saplings are grown in the nursery and then transplanted to sites in the Negev. KKL-JNF's Gilat Plant Nursery specializes in growing water-saving plant species adapted to harsh desert conditions. The forest trees and ornamentals are planted in forests and parks for agroforestry, bee forage, roadside beautification and for landscaping in communities and army bases. The plant nursery at Gilat extends over 50 acres (20 hectares), with some 10 acres (4 hectares) of parent-stock and acclimation plots, where over 1000 plant species, some new to the area and even to Israel, grow. Another 12.5 acres (5 hectares) are devoted to growing olive trees and date palms that will be transplanted after a few years for special projects.



The following projects in Gilat and its surroundings are available for donation :

- **Gilat – KKL-JNF Centre – Landscaping (#7771)**
- **A rapid evaluation system of forest trees' drought resistance (#11969)**
- **Yatir Forest LTER (#10122)**



Tel Aviv and Holon

Tel Aviv University – Natural History Collections



The National Collections of Natural History at Tel Aviv University comprise the Tel Aviv University Zoological Museum (TAUZM), the National Algae, Fungi and Lichens Collections, and the National Biological Anthropology collections. These collections provide an active, continuously updated and comprehensive record of the biodiversity of Israel and its neighbouring regions. The collections comprise millions of specimens that record the terrestrial, aquatic, and marine life of our region in the past century, as well as the evolution and history of humankind. As such, they constitute a significant research infrastructure for scientists worldwide, and are available to the public through Nature Campus activities.

The collections are managed by a professional staff of about 70 scientists and are the basis for research conducted by over 400 scientists annually. The collections are used for instructing university students and are open to the public at large via the Nature Campus program (10,000 visitors annually). The increased interest in nature among scientists, decision makers and the public at large has led to a government decision to establish a National Natural History Collection. KKL-JNF is helping Tel Aviv University, home of the national collections, to develop a suitable building to house the collections, their associated scientific activity and to open the collections to the public at large. Together with the adjacent Tel Aviv University Botanical Gardens, they will have the most comprehensive collection of plant and animal life in Israel.

The following projects are available for donation :

- **Tel Aviv – National Natural History Collections – Stage 1 (#11000)**, sponsored by **Canada** and partially donated

Holon – Wolfson Medical Center Therapeutic Garden at the International Pediatric Cardiac Center & Children's Hospital



Children from all over the world in need of heart surgery are own to the Wolfson Medical Center's International Pediatric Cardiac Center by the international, Israeli-based "Save A Child's Heart" amutah, where the postoperative children (accompanied by a parent/guardian) are cared for in the hospital until recovery. "Save A Child's Heart" is building a new children's wing at the Wolfson Medical Center, including the creation of a special therapeutic garden in the heart of the wing. The 85 sq. metre (915 sq. ft.) patio and garden terrace will serve as a tranquil centerpiece for the International Pediatric Cardiac Center & Children's Hospital. The garden, in the court of the building, will provide a protective, outdoor environment for recuperating children.

This is the second project at the Wolfson Medical Center available for donation.

The following projects are available for donation :

- **Wolfson International Pediatric Cardiac Center & Children's Hospital – Diagnostic Genetic Laboratory (#12142) – awaiting approval and offered to France**

Projects in Tel Aviv-Yafo donated by Friends of KKL-JNF throughout the world:

- **Yafo – Shared Values Park – Upgrading (#9808), sponsored by Canada**
- **Tel Aviv, Yitzhak Rabin Center – The Triguboff Gardens, sponsored by Australia**
- **Tel Aviv, Dana-Dwek Children's Hospital – Dana Garden (#11145), sponsored by Australia**

KKL-JNF for IDF: Tel-Nof Air Force Base

KKL-JNF has a unique relationship with the Israeli Army and develops many projects for the benefit of the soldiers serving our country, such as pleasant, green meeting places created inside army bases, providing a relaxing environment for soldiers serving in the armed forces. In Israel, every boy and girl, upon reaching the age of eighteen, is drafted into the army for a two or three year period of compulsory military service (sometimes longer, Air Force pilots, for example, serve 9 years). In many cases, they serve far from home, working very hard under stressful conditions.



Tel-Nof Air Force Base – Support Unit Relaxation Area

The Tel Nof Israeli Air Force Base, in central Israel, is one of the Israeli Air Force's three principal airbases. It was founded in 1939 during the British Mandate as RAF Aqir and served as the main Royal Air Force station in Palestine. Today, Tel Nof houses several fighter and helicopter squadrons as well as several special units of the Israel Defense Forces, including Unit 669 (airborne combat search and rescue) and the paratroopers training center. KKL-JNF, as part of its work for the benefit of IDF soldiers, developed two leisure areas at the base to allow the base staff to enjoy some quality outdoor time.

Sponsored by **Canada**



KKL-JNF Projects at the Tel Nof AFB:

- **Tel Nof Air Base – Flight Squadron 210 – Landscape Development,**
sponsored by **Canada**
- **Tel Nof Air Base – Flight Squadron 133 – Landscape Development,**
sponsored by **Canada**

The following projects are available for donation :

- **Tel Nof Air Base – Leisure Area for a Flight Squadron (#12366) –**
awaiting approval



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