

# The Children of Migdal Oz



Today, there are 400 residents in Migdal Oz, including hundreds of children. Migdal Oz is able, financially, to cover only the most basic upkeep of the community's educational institutions, like salaries, meals and ongoing maintenance. But the need for additional enrichment is vital. Studies show that informal education provides at least as much of what a child needs, as what is taught in the classroom setting.

Migdal Oz would like to start with their youngest children. Enrichment during those formative years is essential for proper development. The Kibbutz's Day Care Center needs a new yard for free play and activities. The programs for toddlers and pre-schoolers need equipment for their Music Room, new books, and an upgrading of their yards and play areas. Their playground can use new equipment and some landscaping.

Then, Migdal Oz would like to invest in their older children. The school serves a more challenging audience—one that needs to be provided with opportunities to learn and the correct equipment in order to do so. Migdal Oz would like to purchase a new supply of plastic chairs, video equipment and a T.V. cabinet, a computer, fans and heaters, kettles and gymnastics mats. School age children need to have their comforts met, interests whetted and skills challenged.

Your assistance in completing these projects in Migdal Oz will demonstrate your support and belief in the rights for the residents in Migdal Oz to lead normal, healthy lives as their families fulfill their dream of rebuilding the pioneering sites of pre-State Zionism and settling Biblical Judea.

Migdal Oz was founded in 1977 by members of the Religious Kibbutz Movement, as part of the revival of the Gush Etzion communities that fell in the War of Independence. Migdal Oz is located in the heart of Gush Etzion (Etzion bloc), which was originally settled by Jewish pioneers in the 1940s. The four settlements of Gush Etzion were destroyed by the Jordanian Army during Israel's War of Independence. Many of the area's residents were killed, and others were taken prisoner and later released after the signing of the Armistice Agreement in 1949. Since 1967, the entire Gush Etzion region has proven vital to the security of Israel, protecting the southern approaches to Jerusalem.

Since its founding, the kibbutz has grown into a vibrant agricultural and industrial community, housing massive turkey coops, one of the country's largest dairies, fruit orchards and olive groves. Migdal Oz represents a commitment to a solid Jewish future in Israel. Communal life is based on religious observance, Jewish culture and a dedication to the education of the kibbutz's children in the path of their heritage. The religious atmosphere of Migdal Oz is enhanced by a prestigious Bible College for women.

<b>Day care center yard</b> .....	<b>\$2,750</b>
<b>Toddler's equipment</b> .....	<b>2,615</b>
<b>Playground</b> .....	<b>9,625</b>
<b>School supplies and equipment</b> .....	<b>3,025</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:</b> .....	<b>\$18,015</b>

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