

Sadna: A Very Special School in Gevaot

It's a magical place! The kind of place where you walk around with a smile on your face and a lightness in your heart because you can see goodness in this world.

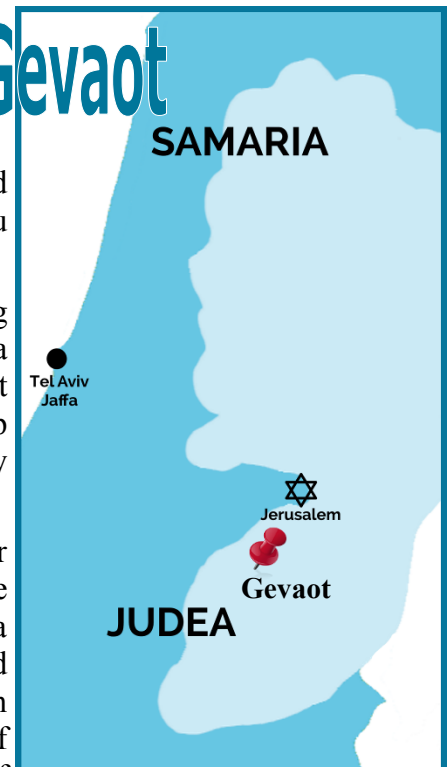
Sadna began as a concept — to provide a loving and caring educational environment for handicapped children. It grew into a school, and an adult special needs program. But it is also the heart of Gevaot, an amazing community in Judea that has grown up around Sadna, where the special-needs child and adult is not only welcome in the community but takes center stage!

In Gevaot there are the school buildings, group homes for students, staff families' homes, and other "regular" families who are enamored by the place. They all live side by side and have become a community — a very special community based on mutual love and tolerance. These children no longer have to feel part of an institution. These special people no longer have to suffer looks of distaste from unenlightened people. The "regular" families of Gevaot will have an opportunity to teach their children loving-kindness and compassion by just walking out their front door and greeting their neighbors. This is a true neighborhood, built on the foundation of love and acceptance.

The most worrisome part of caring for special needs children is that they will always need care. Whether they suffer from Down syndrome, autism or cerebral palsy, at Sadna, each child has his own program designed to help him realize his full potential. The school has proven to be one of the greatest successes in Israeli special-needs education. The word Sadna literally means 'workshop' and that is the focus and the uniqueness of the school. Sadna has vocational and recreational workshops in weaving, ceramics, carpentry, recycling and photography. Sadna's Dairy Farm is a venue for "giving" as it teaches the children the value of hard work while providing them with the satisfaction of the fruits of their labor. The children care for the goats, milk them and make yogurt and cheese. Stables and corrals function as a therapeutic horseback riding program, where the children learn to be responsible for the full care of the horses and the stables. Some older children become riding coaches and the stables provide therapeutic riding lessons for others from the surrounding area.

In the past, CFOIC Heartland's generous donors have been there for Sadna providing exercise equipment, a horseback riding corral, supported living home for Sadna adults, even emergency equipment. This year Sadna is asking for your help renovating its very own community café. It all started three years ago with a 27 year-old girl named Bat-El who suffers from cognitive impairment and blindness. It was her dream to work in a café, and so Sadna opened a small community café just for her! What makes this café so special is that it employs the special needs young adults of Sadna and uses Sadna-made breads and cheeses — even the plates and bread baskets are made by the special needs young people of the community. The employees learn to prepare and serve food, clean tables, wash dishes and deal with money. The café is open to everyone and makes for a wonderful meeting place between this special needs population and the people of the region. The renovation will include installing a brand new kitchen to accommodate more special-needs workers and the addition of a covered balcony so that more visitors can come year-round.

Please consider helping Sadna with this wonderful initiative. Your assistance will be a blessing to special young adults like Bat-El who just want to live a productive, meaningful life!



☆ Living a productive life without disdainful looks from unenlightened people is a goal for the special-needs residents of Sadna.

☆ Having a place to be an integral part of the community, to be accepted and loved without judgment in a safe and secure environment is a reality at Sadna.

☆ Love, laughter, and learning are the qualities that make Sadna the special place it is today.



The special needs children of Sadna, are asking for the financial help they need to succeed and reach their full potential. Will you please consider being a vital part of making their dreams come true by donating to this wonderful employment project for Israel's special-needs young adults? Your giving is their blessing. Thank you so much.

Project Budget

Community café renovation	\$31,000
CFOIC Donations 2018	-10,400
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:	\$20,600

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