



# Merhav-Am Synagogue

## Residential Community

**Established** – in 2001 by OR Movement

**Location** – Ramat HaNegev, 25 miles south-west of Beer Sheva

**Population** – 95 families, expansion planned for 350 more Families

## Our mission

We seek to create a warm, close community built upon the principles of Zionism and mutual respect based on G-d-fearing values. A community who bands together for national missions and sees itself as a partner in the building up of Am Yisrael in its land. It is important to us to develop social involvement and responsibility between ourselves and nearby communities. It is important to us to live based on an awareness of our environment and to integrate into it without causing harm.

## Our synagogue is

- A significant, central element in the construction of our growing community including people from the military, the police force, teachers, artists, students and olim.
- A place where the community gathers – children, women and men – during the important dates of the Jewish calendar and on regular days.
- A community learning space to hear lectures and learn in.





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## Our dream

**Dozens of families and hundreds of children** enjoy empowering, religious community life which allows them to grow in a value-based environment.

**The community members meet in a community center** which makes it possible to carry out volunteer work, committee membership, extra-curricular activities and classes.

**This structure is intended as an active**, significant Beit Midrash on the large yishuv, even once the permanent synagogue is completed.

## What we need

The existing synagogue was built many years ago and can no longer provide a solution for the number of residents.

The aim of the project is to renovate and expand the synagogue in a manner which will add dozens of additional seats, libraries and learning spaces.

We see and sense a significant need in the plans required, both for the purpose of positive, significant absorption and to build up healthy, growing community resilience in the long term.

## Size after renovation: 480 sq feet

## Costs

Libraries  
**\$10,000**

Benches for the yeshiva  
**\$250\*40 = \$10,000**

Book purchases  
**\$5,000**



Structure renovation/  
expansion of the  
synagogue and  
construction of the new  
wing  
**\$66,300**

