

The SYNAGOGUE of SANSANA

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Sansana is a religious Zionist community located between the Northern Negev and Southern Hebron Hills. The town is named after a verse in the Song of Songs, "Amarti aalah batamar, achazah bisansana" meaning, "I will climb the palm tree and hold on to her branches." It is also the name of a local Biblical town from the tribe of Judah.

Sansana was established in 1999, following 15 years without any new developments in the Negev. On the Eve of Independence Day, the first group of Pioneers relocated from Tel Aviv to bring to life the vision of a blooming Negev, and this was the creation of OR Movement. Sansana has become the success story for modern-day Zionism and paved the way for future leaders seeking a better quality of life. Today, after 23 years of growth and development the town is home to 150 families that lead life in accordance with the Torah and are connected to principles of religious Zionism. Sansana is a growing community dedicated to Jewish continuity, education, and Torah study, is open and inclusive, often welcoming and hosting thousands of travelers per year, and offers many community services such as daycare, preschool, youth activities, a library, elementary school and temporary synagogue.

The community maintains a way of life that connects different and diverse populations in the area and feels like a warm and cohesive family.

OUR MISSION

OR Movement is dedicated to building the future of Israel by creating new centers in the Negev and Galilee offering a high quality of life. As we work towards establishing a united, stable, and safe Israel, thriving in a variety of fields, in all parts of the country, for all citizens, we recognize the importance of fostering community and Jewish continuity.

Sansana was the first OR Movement community and in the past 23 years has grown to 350 families while maintaining its strong Jewish values and Zionist character. A significant part of Sansana's vision is to establish a permanent synagogue.

OUR SYNAGOGUE



Connection and community are a central focus for OR Movement and an integral part of our vision in establishing united, stable, safe, and thriving city centers in the Negev and Galilee. Sansana currently has one temporary synagogue at the edge of town that serves as the heartbeat of the community, welcoming different Jewish traditions, piyyutim, songs from previous generations as well as new. It is the kind of davening that brings all people in the community together to daven as one being. However, the Synagogue can no longer fit all of its members and has had to reduce the quantity of Jewish educational programming and religious studies to accommodate the overflow of members.

Our goal is to build a new permanent synagogue in the center of town, accessible for all, where community members can find ways to elevate themselves and connect on a personal and communal level. The synagogue will connect, educate, and inspire the next generation to a colorful world of Jewish history, traditions and values, and offer a variety of youth and young adult programs, immersive learning experiences, and build a more vibrant and Jewish community in the surrounding region.



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OUR DREAM



- 1** A synagogue that is open and inclusive, welcomes all different traditions and fosters Jewish continuity and study.
- 2** A place rich in resources and programming that fosters deeper engagement with Jewish life and Torah study and connects children and families to a colorful world of Jewish history, tradition, and values.
- 3** A Synagogue that hosts diverse and inclusive social gatherings, community events, women's celebrations (New Moon), welcomes neighboring communities and builds a vibrant and connected Jewish community.

GIFT OPTIONS

Bimah Main Hall	\$34,285
Aron Kodesh Main Hall	\$85,714
Dedication of Beit Midrash	\$171,428
Levi'im Hand Washing Station	\$34,285
Synagogue Naming	\$857,142
Kitchenette	\$55,000
Women's Gallery	\$120,000
Furnishings	\$200,000
Library	Gift Received \$14,286
Bimah Beit Midrash	Gift Received \$21,428
Aron Kodesh Beit Midrash	Gift Received \$28,571
TOTAL COST TO COMPLETE PROJECT	\$1.6M



To close this commitment and break ground, we need to raise the remaining \$1.6M