

The Playground of Mitzpe Ilan

About The Community

Mitzpe Ilan is a religious Zionist community in the region of Menashe located near Wadi Era. The town was named after the late Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon because of his values, foresight and pioneering spirit. The community was established in 2005 by a handful of OR Movement "Pioneers" and has grown to 820 residents including over 550 children.

We envision this growing, developing community as one that fulfills the Zionist vision in the Galilee and embodies the pioneering spirit of Israel and the OR Movement.

Our Mission

OR Movement is dedicated to building the future of Israel by creating new centers in the Negev and Galilee. As we work towards Israel becoming the best country in the world to live in- united, stable, thriving in a variety of fields, in all parts of the country, and for all citizens, we recognize the importance of community and mental health.

The Better Life Index ranks community, quality of relationships, access to the outdoors and health, as key contributors to overall life satisfaction and well-being. As part of our Urban Development and Communihood actions we build a central meeting place that offers outdoor play, facilitates gatherings, and fosters connections and deepens relationships.

Our Playground

Community is a central focus for OR Movement and an integral part of our vision in establishing united and thriving city centers in the Negev and Galilee. In our new towns, the playground is often the first recreational site to be built and serves as the main community-hub. This playground will provide the opportunity for free unstructured outdoor play for children of all ages and function as a site for community activities and events.

Research has shown that outdoor and unstructured play is beneficial for children beyond the physical activity it provides. It helps children develop social emotional learning skills, form friendships, understand their bodies, and improves overall mental health.

Mitzpe Ilan is a new and growing development town with currently no permanent structures. The playground will be the first permanent structure in the middle of the town, accessible by all and act as the seed for future capital projects.



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1 A playground that builds connection with the environment and embodies the spirit of the community

2 A daily reminder of the importance of physical activity and being outdoors



3 A place for children to run, play, explore, and develop healthy soft skills

4 A central meeting place that facilitates town gatherings and strengthens and cultivates connections within the community

Mitzpe Ilan Playground Budget for 2,600 sq feet of Joy

Site Preparation for Construction	\$65,000
Landscaping & Outdoor Furniture	\$50,000
Playground Equipment	\$150,000
Total Project Cost	\$265,000
-\$85,000 of Financial Support from the Ministry of Agriculture	
=\$180,000 Requested Gift (Includes naming)	

