Agriculture in the shadow of terror

Israel's farmers stand at the forefront of our country's security. Some of the farmlands that safeguard Israel's border lie in the Gaza periphery area and western Negev. Consequently, the farmers there are suffering the most as a result of the current Israeli reality. The Palestinians from Gaza are committing grievous acts of terrorism in this area, causing the farmers to find themselves in an intolerable security situation as incendiary balloons burn their fields and trees.

Now, against the backdrop of the upcoming Shemitta year, something can be done. Symbolic partnering in the land together with the farmers will provide them with an island of security and stability in the face of a harsh reality, strengthening them as those who stand guard over our land. The project, run in partnership with Shemitta On The Front Lines, will also enable us to establish a special fund to support the farmers safeguarding Israel's borders.

Partners in the Land

In order to support the tremendous agricultural endeavor in the Gaza periphery and western Negev, we offer you a one-year partnership agreement in the Land.

From $180 to $18,000 you can support the project and halachically purchase a stake in the land, from one square amah (half a square meter) to 16 square amot, as well as purchasing mobile extinguishing units, mobile protective gear for farmers in the field, securing an entire field and adopting a farmer.

Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael and Torat Yisrael

The Shemitta year provides an opportunity to reinforce our G-d given right to the Land and perform important acts of strengthening our core values of Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael and Torat Yisrael.

Am Yisrael | This initiative is a great act of Jewish solidarity of כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲרֵבִים זֶה בָּזֶה, all Jews being responsible one for the other, in strengthening the common fate and destiny with our brothers and sisters on the front line of ongoing challenges on the Gaza border – the constant threat of terror for them and their families, the incendiary balloons and the burning fields.

Eretz Yisrael | Supporting these communities and farmers is a great way to strengthen our connection to the Land and State of Israel. Supporting this critical frontier in the ongoing fight for our spiritual, historical and moral right to be in the Land as well as securing and supporting this agricultural endeavor connects us deeply to Eretz Yisrael.

Torat Yisrael | This particular year affords each one of us the opportunity, wherever we are in the world, to be a partner fulfilling the mizvah of Shemitta and affirming our acknowledgment that is a Divine right to the Land. It allows us also to partner in fulfilling the great mizvah of Yishuv Eretz Yisrael, settling and strengthening our presence in the Land.
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**with Rabbi Yosef Zvi Rimon**

*Sunday, September 5, 2021*

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**Partnership opportunities**

**Supporter:**

$180 | Be a supporter of this enterprise

**Partner in the Land:**

$360 | 1 square *amah*

$1,800 | 4 amot x 4 amot (16 square amot) dedicating 16 plots of 1 square *amah* each, in the name of family members, each receiving a special certificate

**Partnership and Protection:**

$5,000 | In addition to 4 amot x 4 amot: fire extinguishing equipment and extinguishing gel

$7,500 | In addition to 4 amot x 4 amot: Kevlar (bullet-proof) vest, helmet and protective blanket for farmers in the field

**Adopt a Farmer:**

$10,000 | Adopt an individual farmer; donor’s plaque at entrance to greenhouse or field; a personal thank you video/letter will be sent by the farmer with an invitation to visit

$18,000 | Rehabilitation of a burned field; donor’s plaque at entrance to the restored area

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**by Rabbi Binyamin Zimmerman**

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