

400 units - a delay that has continued for six(!) year.

However, I am happy to share with you the progress that has been made as we stand on the threshold of a new year.

Infrastructure and Construction

Education

- This year, we established a new kindergarten for children with language needs, as part of the overall Special Education program in the community, allowing a significant monetary saving for parents of special needs children who no longer have to travel for these types of services.
- A new playground was built in the young-couples neighborhood due to the rise in the number of children joining from Maaz Ido.
- A new day care center was erected in the southern part of Kedumim (replacing the old, run-down structure), with the financial assistance of the Welfare Ministry.
- A new bus stop was placed adjacent to the school.
- We expanded the teachers' room and landscaped a new garden at the upper entrance.



Kindergarten kids enjoying the pergola in the Rock Park

Security

The establishment of the new Security/Community Center in the center of the community that will operate as a branch of the Local Council during times of emergency

- The new center has modern, state-of-the-art security and communications equipment that is of the highest professional standard, in order to give the proper response to any and all requests for our residents
- The project includes: a parking area for emergency vehicles (ambulances, fire engines, etc).
- The project is funded mainly by the Ministry of Defense and the Interior Ministry, but we are still lacking money to complete this important project.
- Purchase of new security cameras - with the help of the Defense Ministry
- Paving a security road around the new, young neighborhoods in light of attempted infiltrations



Visit of the Central Command with top officers in Kedumim

Environmental Awareness

- We are in the process of upgrading our street lights to LED bulbs that are ecologically superior, as well as thrifter. The project will be undertaken in stages according to budgetary allocations from the Interior Ministry along with additional funds
- We have begun the "greening" of parks with the addition of new shaded area in playgrounds throughout the community.

Community

- Matnas - Center for Culture, Youth, and Sport
- This community-wide organization is an umbrella group that includes our Music School and Library, extracurricular activities, sports activities, play areas, young adult activities, and activities for seniors. Throughout the year, the Matnas holds seasonal cultural events for all age groups and segments of the community.
- Event Hall - "Shirat Miriam" - renovation and expansion of this hall in the young -couples neighborhood
- Young Adults Social club - renovation and upgrade of the old building
- Rock park - upgrade of this popular attraction to include a PumpTrack - an off-road terrain for cycle sports

Dear Friends,

Now that you have read details of the projects in which we have invested this past year to improve the quality of life and safety for Kedumim's residents, it is important to note these projects are possible only because of your unstinting help and support, and for that we are eternally grateful. As we do every year, we turn to you once again in the hope that you will be able to continue your vital and indispensable support of Kedumim. Every donation - large and small - is helpful and your thoughtful and generous contributions make our projects possible. In the name of all of Kedumim's residents I will take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy New Year.


Hananel Dorani, Mayor

"In the book of life, blessing, peace and prosperity,
may we be remembered and inscribed before You
- along with all the Jewish people..."

"בספר חיים ברכה ושלום ופרנסה טובה ... נזכר ונכתב
לקנר אנחנו וכל עמך ישראל לחיים טובים ולשלום"



15th of Shvat - Students at Bnei Chayil Yeshiva give out flowers to seniors



The Kedumim Local Council supporting peers from Beit Et opposite the Prime Minister's office



Fifty-year commemoration in the Knesset of the liberation of our homeland



Head of the local councils in Judea and Samaria with Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz



Former minister Gidon Sar'ar visiting and supporting Kedumim



Inauguration of playground in honor of Ahuvia Tebenkin, donated by his wife and children



Mayor Hananel Dorani with Helen Friedman Maafsi and friends



Minister for Equal Rights, Gila Gamliel, approving a social project in Kedumim

Dear Friends, as in years past we are turning to you with a request to assist and support the Kedumim community. Every contribution is appreciated; every donation strengthens us.

All contribution made payable to American Friends of Kedumim are tax-deductible under US law.

Please send your contributions in the US to:
American Friends of Kedumim, P.O. Box 55, Union, NJ, 07083-0055
Dedication requests can be accommodated

We would like to expand the circle of Friends of Kedumim. We will appreciate if you can connect Raphaella to your Synagogue or friends you know for her coming trips. Please send an e-mail to Raphaella@kedumim.org.il

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1. Project to upgrade and improve roads and sidewalks near the elementary school
2. Blooms
3. Final stage of new Xtreme park in North Kedumim
4. Soccer tournament
5. Jerusalem Day
6. Principal of boys' elementary school at the start of the school year
7. Girls' performance at the end of the school year
8. Event at "Dorot" kindergarten
9. Distribution of soccer medals
10. Jerusalem Day in the kindergartens
11. Girls performing at Independence Day ceremony
12. Children distributing gifts to volunteers from Orlando at the Rock Park



13. Young neighborhood - Mezz Ido
14. Independence Day services at Kedumim's main synagogue
15. Enjoying the Rock Park
16. Festive meal on Independence Day Eve
17. Yeminite synagogue in North Kedumim
18. Blowing the horn at the start of the festive Independence Day meal
19. Children gather for Jerusalem Day celebration
20. Planting on the 15th of Shvat
22. Kedumim-wide "iriatblon" - bike contest for toddlers
23. Lupine field in bloom



KEDUMIM

The Vanguard of Jewish Resettlement in Samaria

Erev Rosh Hashana 5778

ערב ראש השנה תשע"ח



Dear Friends,

I will open with thanks - to you, our devoted friends, for your help and support of Kedumim over the years. For all your kindness and favors, may you be blessed in kind.

Hanneel Doron

This year, we commemorate 50 years since the most miraculous and heroic of events - the Six Day War: The war that shook the entire world; that completely changed the topography of the State of Israel. It was the war in which vital parts of our homeland were liberated, after which the Jewish people were able to return Home.

More than 40 years ago we were privileged to be able to break new ground in the renewal of Jewish settlement, and to establish the first Jewish town in Samaria, which forged the way to dozens of similar communities.

And yet... We are still battling obstacles - placed in our path by internal and external opposition, which hampers the development of existing settlements and the establishment of new ones. The familiar ominous cloud continues to hover over us with renewed talk of "peace agreements," although it is clear to all that there is no one to sit with and no partner for peace.

For centuries upon centuries, the Jewish People continued to dream of returning to their homeland - to the Land of Israel, which G-d promised to Abraham. With help from the Almighty, the State of Israel was established and we are determined to hold on to what is rightfully ours and never to capitulate to pressures from both without and within. We recall the words of Simeon the Hasmonean to Antiochus VII who came to him with territorial demands more than 2,000 years ago: "No foreign country did we take, nor foreign assets. Rather the land of our forefathers, conquered unjustly. And when the opportunity arose, we took back what was rightfully ours."

It is our obligation to remain strong in our faith and true to our task to protect the land of Israel for the Jewish People wherever they may be and for generations to come.

Kedumim - Annual Summary (5777)

During this past year we increased the effort to develop the community and, with G-ds help, Kedumim has indeed grown and expanded. Neighborhoods were built and populated with young couples who joined the settlement with the goal of making Kedumim their home. Unfortunately, we are still unable to develop and expand as we would want - and such is the case throughout Judea and Samaria. The extensive building in Kedumim, which indeed allowed the absorption of young couples, was enabled by approvals granted more than seven years ago!

One example of building delays in Kedumim is the "Nachalat Esther" neighborhood. Although all stages of the pre-building process have been completed, we have not yet received authorization for