

VA'ADAT SARIM (MINISTER'S COMMITTEE) APPROVAL

Every planned settlement in Israel should be approved by the "Minister's Settlement Committee." This committee is comprised of two Minister's and two Jewish Agency Executive members; Yuval Ne'eman, Minister of Energy and Science - Chairman, David Levy - Minister of Housing, Ra'anana Weitz and Matti Drobliss, the two heads of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department. Decisions are made unanimously.

A week before the Mishiachot arrived to Israel, our Har Chalutz settlement, plus three other Mitzpim, were on the agenda of this committee to be approved. In that meeting, David Levy vetoed the approval of the Mitzpim for the purpose of diverting all budget monies to the West Bank.

The Mishiachot was very concerned about Har Chalutz not being approved and the issue was raised in our various meetings with the Settlement Department officials. Before we left, Yehudah Dekel told us it has been already resolved with David Levy and that Har Chalutz will be approved at the next committee session.

Finally, it was approved. This is the nature of the following clipping and Telex.

The Jerusalem Post, Tuesday November 15, 1983

Five settlements approved

The joint government-World Zionist Organization settlement committee, headed by Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman, yesterday approved the conversion of two Nahal settlements to civilian status, Beit Ha'arav, near Nevo, and Nahal Zurim, in the Jordan Valley, the cabinet secretary announced.

The committee also approved the establishment of the following settlements: Tel Hayim, south of Eilon Moreh; Ofarim B, in the Binyamin district; and Har Hehalutz, in Galilee, for immigrants from the U.S.

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