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HAR HALUTZ COMMUNITY VILLAGE

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Har Halutz (Pioneer Mountain), a community village of the movement for progressive Judaism, is now three years old. Situated in the central Galilee between Karmiel and Ma'alot, eleven miles from the Lebanese border. Har Halutz sits on a beautiful, bedrock mountain terrain, overlooking Haifa bay and the Mediterranean coastline to the west, lower Galilee to the south and the sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights to the east.

The Garin (settlement nucleus) of Har Halutz was formed in the United States in September 1983. The first nine families moved to the site in September 1985. Planned for 180 families, the community is comprised of families who share the ideals of religious pluralism, friendly interaction with all the neighboring villages of the region and strengthening of the links between the diaspora and the state of Israel. Har Halutz is a unique new model of a community, where members have established an interdependent, cooperative framework in their social, cultural, religious and governmental life, while leaving responsibility for earning a livelihood to the individual family.

Today there are 20 families with 25 children living at Har Halutz. Our growth has been slow but steady. We have no age limit - the spirit is our only limit! Almost two thirds of Har Halutz members are new immigrants, mainly from the U.S., but including members from England, Canada, South Africa, Holland, Argentina, Peru and Chile.