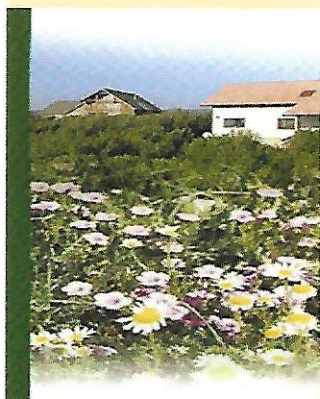




# Har Halutz Community Village

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Har Halutz is a community village situated in the rocky terrain of the Western Galilee, one hour north east of Haifa. The first nine families moved to the site in September 1985. Since then, the population of the settlement has grown to 85 families with over 150 children. Har Halutz is a community village designed for "free enterprise" living.

The master plan for Har Halutz calls for 330 single family detached homes located in six neighborhoods. These neighborhoods surround a core service center that currently includes a day care facility, kindergarten, two office buildings, a youth clubhouse and a synagogue / community center.

Har Halutz was originally settled by a gar'in (dedicated group) that was established in the U.S. during the early 80's under the auspices of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (Reform Movement). The original families that moved up to the Har in 1985 consisted of a mix of English speaking immigrants and native Israelis. Throughout the years we have continued to attract an interesting mix of families from around the world, although the majority of our new members are young Israeli families.



Aerial View – Har Halutz, 2005

The community life is based around the holiday celebrations and Jewish life cycle events. These occasions serve as an important bridge of Jewish observance for secular families. The pluralistic nature of Har Halutz enables people to see Judaism in a creative and modern context. Missions and temple congregational tours from North America visit Har Halutz to see how the Reform Movement exists in an Israeli context. Har Halutz is an active participant in the Jewish Agency Partnership 2000 project.

Throughout the year, the Har Halutz youth participate in the Noar Telem Reform youth movement. During the summer, they attend the Noar Telem sleep-away camp in Israel. Har Halutz has also hosted many NFTY summer groups.



Har Halutz Pre-School

*Life at Har Halutz - a slice of heaven*