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PREFACE

A vast pioneering project is being launched in the Gallilee, namely a network of 40 Mitzpim located on hilltops and slopes all around the Gallilee. Mitzpeh in Hebrew is a Lookout Post and is a Pre-Settlement in its nature. This project was launched in order to resettle the Gallilee and increase the sparse Jewish population in that part of the country, which back in our history flourished economically, intellectually and spiritually with successful farmers noted scholars and outstanding leaders.

Establishing and maintaining the Jewish presence in the Gallilee is the only way to insure that this important part of the country remain in Jewish hands and be available for future Jewish settlers.

DESCRIPTION

There are to be at least 25 families in each Mitzpeh. The Jewish Agency and the Israeli government are providing the Mitzpim with roads, water, electricity and educational facilities. Each family is allocated a prefab house to be either purchased by them in due course or to be returned after the family has built its own house on the site.

LIVELIHOOD

Livelihood is the choice and the responsibility of each family. There are only a few jobs on the Mitzpeh, such as a kindergarten teacher, a guard, a part-time nurse, etc. There is not enough suitable land or water resources for agriculture. Members of the Mitzpeh can find jobs in the nearby development towns, cities, moshavim or regional industrial centers. Families could start their own business or industrial enterprise on a small scale on the site or on a larger scale in the nearest industrial center.

CHALLENGE

The majority of the Mitzpim are being settled primarily by Israeli families. There are waiting lists of young Israeli families who are inspired by the challenge of pioneering in the natural environment of the Gallilee, which is considered the most beautiful part of the country.

I was approached by Professor Ra'anana Weitz, head of the "Within the Green Line" Settlement Department. Having been very much impressed by the wonderful Zionist record of your movement, namely - Kibbutz Yahel and the extensive preparations for Kibbutz Lotan, Ra'anana proposed to mobilize your resourceful movement to join forces in the Gallilee project. We envision a non-kibbutz Mitzpeh, a Moshav or a community of a more free enterprise-capitalist nature.

I urge ARZA to initiate and take under its auspices the creation and settlement of a Reform community in the Gallilee and to mount a campaign for recruiting at least 25 Families for this Mitzpeh project.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

The prospective Mitzpeh candidates should be married couples and families. It is imperative that all potential candidates should have had a program experience in Israel of at least six months to a year.

LOCATION

As part of my pre-shlichut activities I scouted the Gallilee looking for unoccupied locations for a Reform Mitzpeh. There are several. For example - Har-Chalutz site, which is planned for 50 families, is a magnificent hilltop situated in the center of the Gallilee opposite Carmiel, overlooking Bet-Hakerem Valley with a wonderful view of the whole Haifa Bay. Har Chalutz has easy access to Safed in the east and Nahariya, Acre and Haifa along the coast in the west. It is nearby to the planned Regional Industrial Park in Teffen and not very far from Ma'alot.

Since there are also some other prospects (and I'm quoting from the Settlement Department's May 17 telex) "The exact location, either on Har-Chalutz or any other site, will be jointly determined when the Garin having been organized, will send a survey delegation to Israel".

In the mean time Har-Chalutz is reserved for Aliyah people and your movement is the only one to have been approached.

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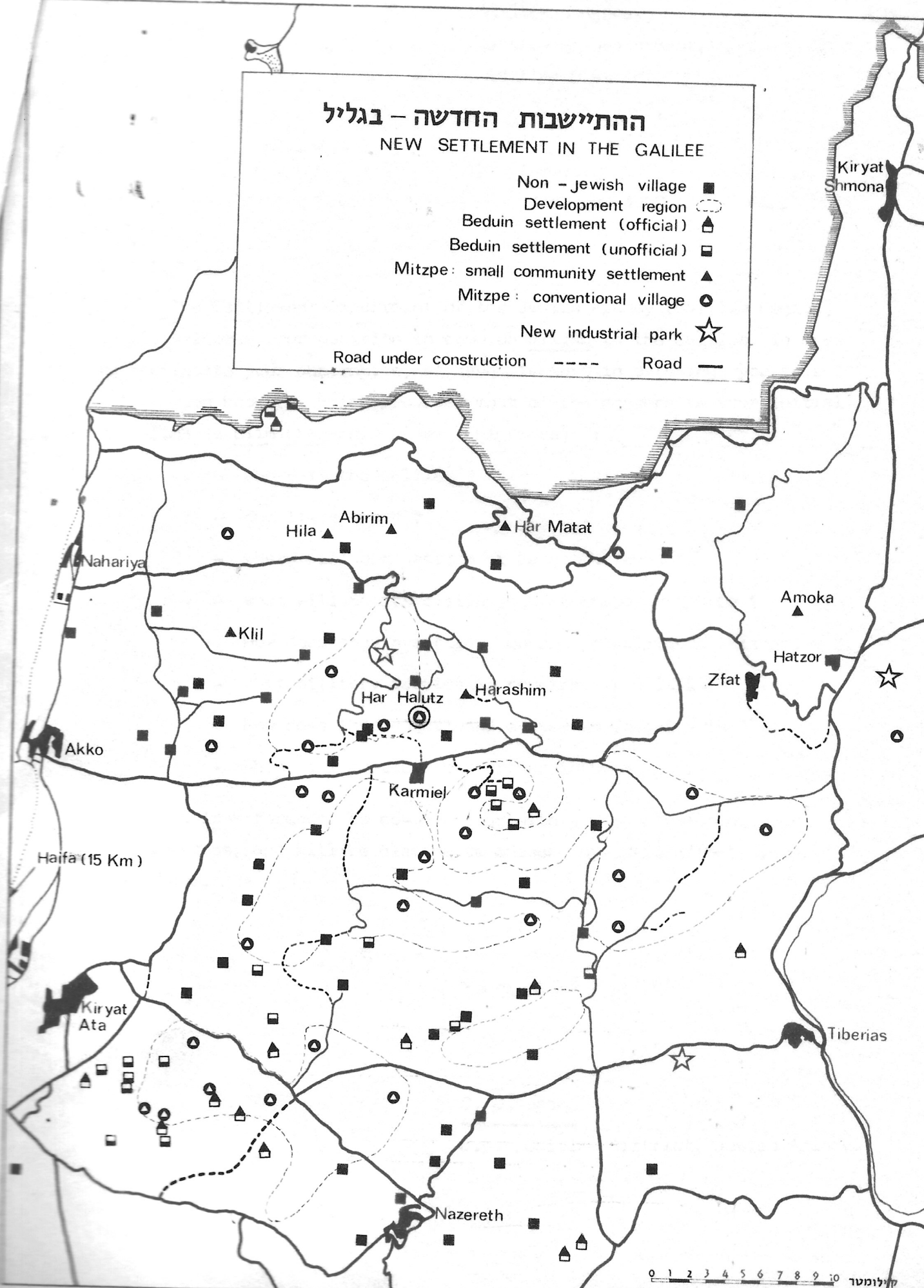
I, hereby suggest that ARZA Board investigate the establishment of a Reform Mitzpeh and if the findings are positive, to take the necessary action for implementation.

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ההתיישבות החדשה - בגליל

NEW SETTLEMENT IN THE GALILEE

Non - jewish village	■
Development region	○
Beduin settlement (official)	▲
Beduin settlement (unofficial)	◻
Mitzpe: small community settlement	▲
Mitzpe: conventional village	●
New industrial park	☆
Road under construction	----
Road	—



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Israel.
January, 1983.

Dear oleh,

The Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency (Galilee Region) warmly welcomes your decision to come on aliyah to the Galilee. In order to facilitate your absorption, we have pleasure in offering you this information booklet, which provides most of the answers to your initial questions as olim chadashim (new immigrants) :

- Where is the Galilee ?
- Who lives there ?
- Where will our settlement be established ?
- What will be its distinguishing characteristics ?
- How does one invest in a government-approved enterprise ?
- What military service is required of olim ?
- How does the educational system in Israel work ?
- Whom do I contact for further information ?

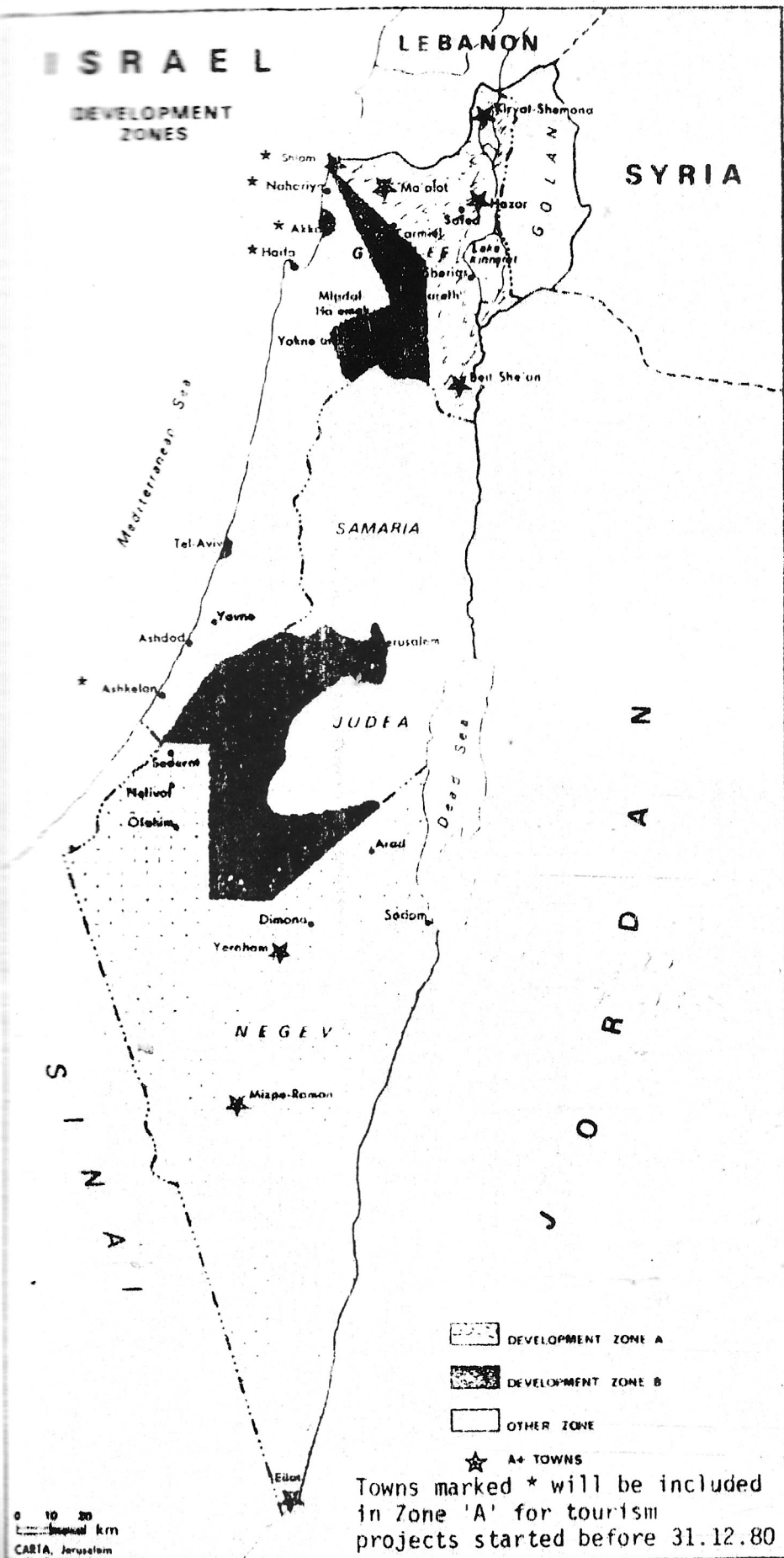
We look forward to co-operating with you in developing your village-to-be, and will be pleased to answer any queries that you might have.

Yours sincerely.

G. D. Sack.

p.p. Galilee District, Jewish Agency.

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הערות ותוספות

1. איזור סולם צור וגעתון - איזור פתוח א (עד 1980)

2. איזור זכרון יעקב - איזור פתוח ב (עד 1980)

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