Gaza Envelope Evacuees in their Own Words, at Lavi FFC

[Video: Respite at the KKL-JNF Lavi Field & Forest Center](https://youtu.be/XXEoRdR63uE?feature=shared)

**Shani Lebse, Sderot:** "We've been living in this situation for many years, but this time the reality was even more distressing. The terrorists came in and killed people. Now that we're here in the north, we feel safer and more at ease. I would like to thank KKL-JNF, who helped and supported us, it's not something to take for granted. May we return, remain united, and win this war.

**Meytar Simkovich, Moshav Tkuma:** "We're here to put aside recent events insofar as possible, to spend a moment here with the kids in peace and quiet; children are running around, playing, and simply enjoying being kids."

**Digi Levanon, Bnei Netzarim**: "We decided to take the community out to a brief respite. We have mothers whose husbands have been drafted, and they don't have saferooms".

**Porat Ben Zvi, Bnei Netzarim:** "Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to be here."

**Simcha Gruper, KKL-JNF Director of the Lavi FFC:** "Everybody mobilized, including us at KKL-JNF's Lavi Educational Field Center, where we are currently hosting families from the Gaza border area. In this serene, green, pastoral setting they are relaxing and also enjoying our educational activities."

**Haim Katz, KKL-JNF Educational Guide:** "KKL-JNF, like all the people of Israel, rallied to assist the communities from the south, in their difficult hour. We, the KKL-JNF instructors, engage the children in activities and content pertaining to the land of Israel and instilling love for the country."

**Matanya Levinger, KKL-JNF Educational Guide:** "We come here to support the residents, to engage the children in activities and to cheer them up."

**Snir Aharoni, Sderot:** "We came here to rest a little, to have some quiet for the kids and also for ourselves."

**Ziv Kalfa, Sderot:** "A KKL-JNF team came, they did a lot of activities, and it was really fun."