



Kfar Aza

A Peace-Loving Community

Pre 7/10/2023

- **Regional Council:** Sha'ar HaNegev
- **Population (Pre 7/10/2023):** 765
- **Distance From the Gaza Border:** 2.2 km (1.4 miles)
- **Economy:** Agriculture; plastics manufacturing; automated irrigation systems

"We saw our little piece of paradise, our little piece of heaven, was totally burnt – burnt and with blood everywhere." Avidor Schwartzman

KKL-JNF and Kfar Aza

Over the years KKL-JNF has cared for the safety and quality of life for the residents of Kibbutz Kfar Aza by:

- Developing the main entrance and green landscaping
- Building a water reservoir
- Planting lifesaving trees around the community to protect the residents from rocket and gun fire coming from Gaza

The Events of October 7, 2023

- Around 70 Hamas terrorists launched a brutal assault on the Kibbutz
- Were barricaded for 21 hours
- Murdered: 62 residents, including 40 children and the head of the Sha'ar Hanegev RC, Ofir Lipstein
- Hostages: 17 abducted

The Project in Kibbutz Ruhama

- Current population of Kibbutz Ruhama: **500**
- Kfar Aza population to be absorbed: **600 (188 households)**
- The earthworks include moving about **300,000** cubic meters of dirt
- KKL-JNF is working almost **24/7** in order to finish the project ASAP
- The new neighborhood will include **64** apartments and a connecting road

