



## **2025-6 Be'eri Forest Plantings**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

#### **Planting Site**

##### **Where is the planting site located?**

The planting site is in Be'eri Forest, near Re'im.

##### **What is the official land use designation for the site?**

The area is designated as a man-planted forest.

#### **Nursery & Seedlings**

##### **Where do the seedlings come from?**

KKL-JNF operates three nurseries across Israel, supplying seedlings for forest restoration. The Gilat Nursery provides seedlings for Be'eri Forest.

##### **Were the seedlings sourced from KKL-JNF nurseries or external suppliers?**

The Forestry Division's Seed Section collects the seeds, and germination and cultivation take place at the Gilat Nursery.

##### **More information:**

[KKL-JNF Nurseries](#)

#### **Tree Species & Selection Criteria**

##### **How were the tree species selected?**

The selection follows the Be'eri Forest master plan, with a combination of scattered planting (wide spacing between trees) and denser clusters.

##### **Which tree species will be planted?**

Species include Tamarisks, Acacias, Jujube trees, Sycamores, and Eucalyptus.

These species were chosen for their resilience and suitability to the terrain and climate of the western Negev.

##### **Is there documentation or research on planting in this region?**

Yes, see the following resources:

קרן קימת לישראל  
Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund  
Resource Development and External Affairs Division  
Marketing Department



[Survey of Be'eri Forest](#)

[Research on Be'eri Forest Restoration](#)

## **Planting Operations & Maintenance**

### **What type of soil preparation is required?**

The area is prepared using mechanical tools (tracked tractors, graders, backhoes, mini-baggers) under the Southern Region's Soil Conservation Department.

### **Who carries out the planting?**

Planting is led by KKL-JNF employees with public participation (e.g., individual planting ceremonies).

### **Is irrigation necessary?**

Yes, for the first four years. Each seedling is watered individually using a water tank with rubber hoses.

### **What is the water source for irrigation?**

Only in selected areas is a drip irrigation system used. The water is of drinking quality.

## **Government Forest Regulations**

### **Which government agency regulates and issues planting permits?**

The KKL-JNF Forestry Division operates under the Ministry of Agriculture, enforcing regulations through regional forestry officials.

### **Does the Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA) regulate forest planting?**

No, INPA focuses on nature conservation. The Director of the Forestry Division, authorized by the Minister of Agriculture, serves as Israel's national forestry official.

### **Further reading:**

[National Chief Forester](#)

[KKL-JNF Forestry & Ecology](#)