

## Raphaella Segal Assistant Mayor



**Raphaella Segal** (b. 1953), a founding member of Kedumim, is the Assistant Mayor of Kedumim. Raphaella was born in South Africa and came to Israel as a young child. Infused with the love of Israel and Zionism, she and her husband, Avi, joined the pioneers who established Kedumim on Chanukah, 1975, and moved into a 24-square meter mobile home with the first group of families settling on the barren hilltop of Kedumim (literally, "ancient times").

The physical challenges of those early years were varied - electricity, water and heat could not be taken for granted. School and education were given priority but supplies were virtually non-existent. Over the years, the families moved from the tiny mobile homes to small pre-fab housing and finally to private homes purchased by each family. Raphaella continued to serve the community in many different capacities, and shared the excitement and satisfaction of seeing the group grow over the years into a dynamic community. "I have seen how each of us contributed to changing the map of Israel and Jewish history; however, the fight is not over and there is still much to do", says Raphaella.



**Daniella Weiss**, the former mayor of Kedumim, established the American Friends of Kedumim and asked Raphaella to meet the challenge of widening its grassroots support. In a well-developed presentation, Raphaella emphasizes the historic roots of Kedumim and its strategic importance to Israel's security. She further illustrates how crucial it is to strengthen the communities of Judea, Samaria and Gaza as the pioneers try to outpace the rapid, often illegal building by the Palestinian Arabs. Ancient and modern converge as Raphaella demonstrates history



in the making and how "facts on the ground" can determine the future of the Jewish State.

**Raphaella** and her husband are the parents of nine children (seven of whom are married) and are blessed with grandchildren. Three of their married children live in Kedumim with other young families, many of whom are second generation residents of Kedumim.

Raphaella is an optometrist and vision specialist at the Schneider Hospital in Petach Tikva, and runs a private eye clinic in Tel Aviv.



## Municipality of Kedumim

The First Jewish Settlement in Samaria

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### *Kedumim at a Glance*

**Established:** Hanukah 1975

**Population:** 5,000

**Distance from Jerusalem:** 60 minutes

**Distance from Tel-Aviv:** 40 minutes

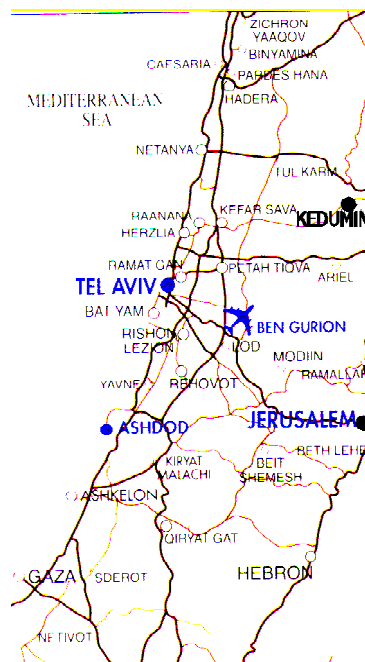
**Housing:** 12 neighborhoods with both rental and purchase options

**Educational Institutions:** 7 kindergartens, and 3 day-care centers, two elementary schools, yeshiva high school for boys, Bnei Chayil (yeshiva high school for boys with ADHD) high school for girls (1000 girls), Yeshiva Gedola, "Yad LeZehava" Institute for Holocaust Studies, Noga Torah Seminary.

**Tourism:** museum and seminars,

**Employment:** Bar-On Industrial Park (1200 dunam of high tech industry), factories, green-houses, poultry and agriculture.

**Community Services:** swimming pool, health club, music school, library serving 1200 readers, senior citizen center, community center, health clinics.



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