



## NEGEV FUNDING COALITION SNAPSHOT #2,



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Welcome again to the Negev Funding Coalition Snapshot!

Since the first edition of the Snapshot, there's already been a whole lot happening that needs reporting about our two projects, the *Young Communities, Sustainable Future* and the *Eilat/Eilot Renewable Energy Initiative*. Here are some of the highlights:

### What's new?

- On June 24, a group of over 20 federation professionals and lay leaders travelled to Eilat and Beersheva to see the *Young Communities, Sustainable Future* and the *Eilat/Eilot Renewable Energy Initiative*. The trip was amazing (and baking hot, remind me to take sunglasses next time...). I felt a glow of pride at seeing the technological advances of Israel, moving towards a greener future and the members of the young communities were just so welcoming, sharing their children with us in team-building games.
- Comments overheard throughout the day included: "Hey, we could do with a solar-panel field like this powering our JCC"; "We need to encourage our niece to get out here. Professionally she'd really develop from exposure to the renewable energy experts here, plus it's an aspect of Israel that would really appeal to her!" and "These young communities seem to be carrying forward the future of Israel. I'm excited."
- Have a look at [some great photos](#) of the group in action (many more to come – there was so much to see!) and read the [JFNA Leadership Briefing](#) about the event. Personal highlights of the day for me were seeing how empty, untouched space in the arid desert of Eilat was being used for solar panels and later, hearing young Israelis, my age, speak of their pioneering goals in setting up communities.
- On June 27, JFNA Israel hosted the first in person meeting of partners involved in the second year of the Negev Funding Coalition. The meeting showed a real strength of commitment from those involved and excitement about the year ahead.
- And there's so much more – keep involved and I look forward to updating you again soon.

Visit [JFNA's Negev Hub](#) where there are links to the [Young Communities](#) and [Renewable Energy](#) pages.

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