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Modi'in

Modi'in, Israel's youngest city, is located in a geographically strategic intersection in the center of the country.

Intent on maintaining its rightfully designated place as a lively metropolis, it serves, as it did historically, as the center for the towns, villages and cities in the region.

Modi'in reflects a new era in city-building: a planned city whose high goals were clear from the start. Considerable attention was given to the quality of life of the residents, including environmental considerations in construction and planning, together with the welfare of the inhabitants.

Modi'in, a longtime symbol of Jewish heroism and independence, is the revival of the ancient village bearing this name, where a local Hasmonean family dared lead the revolt against Greek rule and Hellenism, in the Chanukah story.

Population

Young, academic and growing, the population of Modi'in is characterized by established families, with the heads of families aged between 24-44 years old.

Many of the residents arrived from Jerusalem or the Greater Tel Aviv area, as well as from other parts of the country.

The city is also actively involved in absorbing a lively stream of new and veteran immigrants, including many English speakers. Approximately 60,000 residents currently call Modi'in home, but this is constantly changing.

4,000 housing units are being built yearly with 2,000 of them sold and populated immediately upon completion. There are still extensive areas in the planning stages, which will accommodate the many more expected residents. The aim is to reach the quarter of a million mark, enabling Modi'in to realize another of its dreams - to become Israel's fourth largest city.

Education

In an incredible growth rate for a young city, it went from five hundred pupils in 1996 when it was first established, to over 17,000 students today. Considering itself the city of the future, Modi'in invests in its future daily. All educational institutions are being outfitted with computer networks and internet access, facilitating advanced active study and incorporating information technologies in the classroom. The goal of quality of education is also reflected in the

many programs being operated and initiated in the system. The city also has one of the highest matriculation results in the country.

The Modi'in Interdisciplinary Center operates an adult college, offering a variety of study subjects. Courses include language studies, personal enrichment, university-certified diploma studies, as well as lectures and classes on a variety of subjects.

Employment

In addition to its prime strategic location, making employment options a possibility in two major cities Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Modi'in is creating its own more local opportunities in extensive business, commercial and industrial districts. Light industry and services, employment zoning, including large shopping centers, garages, offices, nurseries and warehouses, are planned in an area covering 700 dunam in the southwest part of the city.

Meanwhile accessibility to five roads and highways link Modi'in to the major traffic routes while work on a railway, promises to make the ride even shorter and more comfortable, in the near future. Today the young city's inhabitants are typically employed in education, engineering, technical jobs, medicine, hi-tech industry, economy and senior military jobs both within Modi'in, as well as in the general area.

Culture and Sports

Modi'in provides year-round culture, sport and leisure activities. Special events such as the Purim Parade, the annual Chanukah Festival, Independence Day celebrations, Book Fair, and artists' exhibition, to name a few, compete with the extensive year-round activities.

The sports centers and country club offer swimming, gymnasiums and athletic fields.

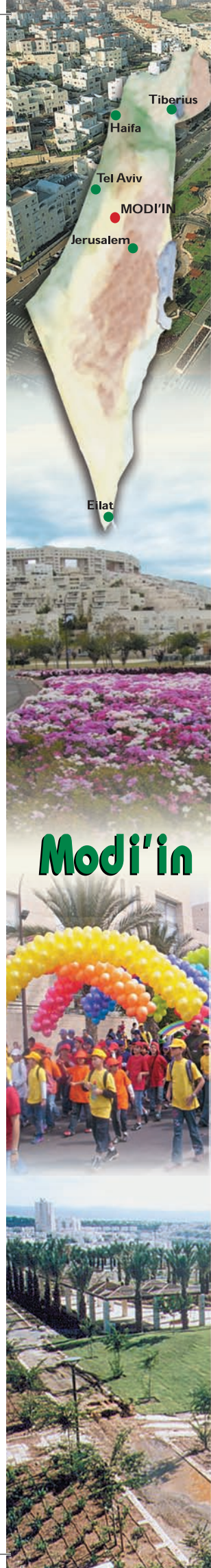
As the city grows, so do the services.

Residents enjoy a municipal library, while six cultural halls and additional sports arenas, are under construction.

Services and Development

Although Modi'in is intent on providing all the services of a city, it at the same time works to create an atmosphere of beauty, tranquility and nature.

With a keen environmental approach, the city was erected with underground infrastructure, recycling awareness and is



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in the process of constructing water conservation systems. The main streets are open boulevards with abundant parks and play areas. Industrial and commercial districts are separated from residential areas. There are also emergency services, health clinics and banking services as well as commercial centers,

Religious Services

The diverse population of Modi'in enjoys religious services and activities related to the holidays, tradition and Judaism in general. The Modi'in rabbinate provides the community with synagogues, Mikva'ot, Torah classes, women's activities and more.

Absorption Assistance for Participants in the Communal Aliyah and Absorption Project

The city of Modi'in is part of the new Communal Aliyah and Absorption Project, known as *-Better Together- Aliyah V'Klita Kehilatit*. This program is designed to provide the new immigrant with a supportive framework, professional guidance and financial assistance, in all aspects of immigration and absorption. Benefits provided by the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, in conjunction with the Jewish Agency and the Modi'in municipality offer project participants the following (please note, these benefits are in addition to the usual benefits provided to new olim):

- ◆ A professional project coordinator who will accompany project participants in all aspects of their pre-aliyah and absorption during the first year.
- ◆ Additional Rental assistance is offered for a six-month period.
- ◆ An additional 200 Ulpan hours will be offered to program participants, in addition to the regular 500 Ulpan hours.
- ◆ Employment Assistance Services.
- ◆ Assistance in finding suitable housing.
- ◆ Special assistance for professional re-training for a period of up to 2 years.
- ◆ Entrepreneurship -subsidy for private business initiatives.
- ◆ Additional assistance for Olim children within the school framework.
- ◆ Social and cultural activities, which include lectures, trips, educational seminars and programs.
- ◆ The Modi'in Absorption Department will provide English-speaking host families to assist in the absorption process
- ◆ The Modi'in Municipality will heavily subsidize the Arnona Municipal Tax for the first year.

Eligibility

- ◆ Families: Heads of the family, up to 55 years of age
- ◆ Singles between 25-55 years of age
- ◆ The program has the implicit right to accept or reject participants.

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