

The Four Questions (and Answers) About Our New Home

1. What is a *caravilla*?

A *caravilla* is the Hebrew term for a prefab concrete structure constructed by the Housing Ministry and it has special significance for us at Kehillat Sulam Ya'akov:

Concurrently with our struggle of many years to acquire a plot of land, in 2006 the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, together with its Center for Religious Pluralism, turned to the Israel Supreme Court with a charge that the Government's Ministry of Housing was building synagogues only for the Orthodox. As a result, there was landmark decision: a Ministry of Housing promise to supply four temporary *caravillas*, for the Movement's congregations – one for us.

2. What size is the structure and how will it look?

It is approximately 150 square meters (1500 square feet).

A similar *caravilla* recently installed in a northern Israel (photo at right).

Like this structure, our new home will also include pre-constructed sections for toilets and central open space which can be subdivided with interior walls, ie, for office space.



3. Where will Kehillat Sulam Ya'akov's new home be located?

In May 2007, the Town Council approved installation of our *caravilla* on land in the area of the Matnas Community Center. The land is located adjacent to the Center for Culture and Music (with ample parking) and near the Sportan sports complex, two elementary schools, and a young neighborhood recently built and another planned to be started in the near future. We consider this to be a suitable, central location.

4. When is moving day?

Hopefully soon! After a decade-long struggle, we are almost home. On August 19, 2008 the basic structure was delivered. Now KSY's members and friends must shoulder the financial responsibility for remaining infrastructure and equipment costs. An active fundraising campaign is now underway. If all goes smoothly, it will take approximately several more months to completion (water, electric infrastructures, etc) and we can receive our keys to move in.

We need your help! Please contact us at sulam@bezeqint.net or call +972-4-629-3113.

