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### A little history

**Beit Dagan** It is the ancient **house of Djan**, in the territory of the tribe of **Judah** and its name is decreed from the name of the Philistine God. **Dagon** Which was to the grain and the grain. An important and central city in ancient times between Jaffa and Ramla. For the first time, the city was mentioned in the writings of the ancient Egyptians about 3000 years ago. **Beit Dagan** was always a place to settle on the important road from the Mediterranean (Jaffa) to Jerusalem and the eastern side of the Jordan River. Even Sennacherib the ruler of Assyria, who conquered Israel, mentions in his Scriptures that he passed through Beit Dagan **"And during the journeys of my trouble I have cut down and ruled ..."out the house of Dagan and Jaffa**

**Beit Dagan is mentioned once in the Bible, in the description of the land of the tribe of Judah, in the book of Joshua, the verse of the m.A.: "And the fences of the house of Dagon ".and Naama and Makad are sixteen cities and their courtyards**

The important Midaba map from the sixth century A.D. **Beit Dagan** In Greek **As a Dagana House**. An Arab geographer from the 10th century A.D. calls it **Da'jun House** And it tells of a mosque built in it and that it is inhabited by Samaritans. During the Crusades and the Crusaders Wars in the Muslim Arabs, Beit Dagan is remembered by the French **Castle-Mone** Which means **"intermediate village"**, because its location is between Jaffa and Ramla. During this period, Dagan was in the headlines because of the Muslim and Crusader wars in the region.

Most of the land in the area **Beit Dagan** They were held by wealthy Arabs from Jaffa because they were fertile lands. **The geographical location of Beit Dagan on an important crossroads led the British to understand that a large police building should be erected in the place and it is still there**

During the Land Redemption period in the Land of Israel, the Jewish National Fund acquired **Beit Dagan** Large land areas in order to establish a Hebrew point here in order to establish a Jewish settlement.

With the outbreak of the 1948 War of Independence, the Arabs who lived in Beit Dagan village tried to shut down Jewish transportation in the areas between Tel Aviv in the neighboring neighboring, Jerusalem and the Hebrew colonies in the south.

**The Jewish National Fund House was the most important base of the army. Standing with the heroic proponents of the JNF fighters made a decisive contribution to the success of the battles and the territorial spectrum of the future country between the Mediterranean and Jerusalem**

## The War of Liberation - The Battle for Beit Dagan

**From warriors the Book of Deeds One Battalion:** "The Jewish National Fund's house we had a sand upon which the first was forged by the Brigade "Givati". The Jewish National Fund House (Hakk House) was an important Israeli stronghold in the War of Liberation and stood as a fortress on the Arab transportation route from Jaffa to Ramla. We ruled the place has

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caused many troubles for Arabic, so they have concentrated a tremendous effort to conquer .the place  
 Hassan Salama is the famous name in this case. With all his might, he tried to blow up the place and finally succeeded by a car bomb. He didn't know our fighters found a brilliant .solution and stayed in the castle

With the occupation of Yazor (region) on 30.5.48 and the seizure of the Beit Dagan police and its occupation on 14.5.48 by the Kiryati forces, the Jewish-Arab struggle in the section between Zur and Beit Dagan, in which the main artery of transportation to Jerusalem and .the south, was effectively over



The Vision of Beit Dagan - a healthy community

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## ...Archaeology in Beit Dagan

Recently, an ancient winepress was found from 1500 years ago in the Mackam where work began to establish a high-tech center in the community. This is the largest and most glorious winepress ever discovered in Israel. The winepress was probably central to the residents of the area, in the heart of a fertile agricultural area on the main road from the coastal area to Jerusalem. The special in the winepress of Beit Dagan says the .archaeologist of the Israel Antiquities Authority is its size, Farah and its destruction  
 The winepress was probably active for 300-400 years. The site was also found to be used for wine making devices that indicate that they were used to give up pottery for the storage .of wine