

The Israeli government initiated the “Five Finger Plan” which placed Jewish settlements among Arab settlements, creating a Jewish contingency. In 1977 the number of Arabs in the Gush Katif area was estimated at 600,000.

Settlements



On February 10, 1977 (the 22nd of Shvat 5753) Netzer Hazani, the first community, was founded in Gush Katif. **Twenty one thriving communities** followed.

Gush Katif was an area of sand dunes, a place that drew settlers eager for an agricultural and communal challenge. They felt that this was where they could practice their Zionism, by settling the land of Israel.

