

Educational Outreach Program at the Land of Judah Museum in Kiryat Arba-Hebron



The Land of Judah Museum was established in 2002. The museum's mission is to educate Israel's citizens about Judea's rich Biblical and archeological history. The museum currently has on display hundreds of archeological artifacts - testimony to the Jewish people's heritage in the Land of Judah and the city of the forefathers.

The museum runs programs to create a living connection between the youth of Israel and its ancient heritage. This involves exciting, lively multimedia attractions for schoolchildren in the area and from all over Israel. The fascinating audio-visual and live presentation is suitable for all age groups, and helps bring the Bible to the children of Israel and speak the message of Abraham.

In addition, the museum has created an adult education program which includes lectures on topics related to Jewish Heritage in the Land of the Bible together with trips to historical Biblical sites in the land.

CFOIC Heartland has been asked to assist the museum in subsidizing this innovative program, so that more children and adults can experience the joy of learning about their heritage. Each person is charged a token fee for participating, so as not to burden the parents of large families with heavy costs. A good part of the maintenance costs and ongoing expenses are covered by revenue from the modest fees paid by visiting groups and by municipality participation. But there are the additional costs of trained guides and quality supplies for the workshops.

Your support for this project will help bring the message of Kiryat Arba-Hebron - the message of Abraham - to all the children of Israel and, at the same time, will help strengthen the brave community of ancient Hebron.

For anyone versed in the Bible, Hebron needs no introduction. Abraham spent many years living in Hebron and later buried his wife there. Caleb received Hebron as a special inheritance from Joshua, in fulfillment of Moses' promise, and King David established his first capital in Hebron. Significantly, it is one of the few places in Israel that the Bible tells us was purchased by Jews - the Machpela cave, purchased by Abraham to bury Sarah. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah are all buried here.

Jewish presence in Hebron, however, extends well beyond the Biblical period. There were Jewish communities in Hebron for centuries. From the 16th century until 1929, when the Arabs massacred 70 Hebron Jews and drove the survivors from the city, there has been an uninterrupted, flourishing Jewish community in Hebron.

There are close to 8,000 Jews living in Kiryat Arba-Hebron today. Despite the fact that most of ancient Hebron itself has been relinquished to the Palestinian Authority, with only the small areas of Jewish settlement still in Israeli hands, Jewish life there is flourishing. The brave pioneers who returned to the ancient city of Kiryat Arba-Hebron have extraordinary faith in God and trust that theirs is truly a sacred mission - to create a permanent, strong, vibrant community in the city of the Patriarchs.

TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:\$40,135

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