

Renewal of Biblical Law in Ofra



standards in law and enforcement, as well as principles of arbitration, mediation, punishment, compensation, contracts and restitution – all in the spirit of the Scriptures. The rabbis and students are laying the groundwork for a return of the authority of the Biblical judges, and a society based on God’s law in the Land of Israel.

As part of their training, students are expected to author original and innovative studies on various aspects of Biblical law. Two volumes, each a 500-page compendium of these works, and others by leading experts in Biblical law, politics and religion, have already been published. The goal is to publish an additional volume each year, thereby contributing a great deal to the study of Biblical law in many avenues of higher education and academia.

Despite the difficulties imposed by today’s violent reality, this unique institute has flourished. The annual budget covers research, publicity, office staff salaries and student scholarship stipends. There are currently 11 full-time students, committed to the Institute’s vision and uniquely qualified to pursue its course of study. Each student receives \$725 a month, \$210 of which is subsidized by the Ministry of Religion. The Institute absorbs a portion of the costs and seeks further assistance from other supporters and other government sources. CFOIC Heartland has been asked to help raise \$13,750 of the remaining funds. You can sponsor these scholars, enabling them to dedicate their efforts to full-time study and the dream of returning the rule of God and the Judges to the Land.

By supporting these rabbinic scholars, you will be helping the Jewish people fulfill the prophecy *“From Zion shall go forth the Law. And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem”* (Isaiah, 2, 3)

There is an old house located on an isolated hilltop in the heart of the Benjamin hills, adjacent to the thriving community of Ofra, the first community established in the Benjamin region. Ofra, initially a public works project where all residents worked in the army camps nearby, grew and prospered, and now includes many new neighborhoods. A few years ago, the Benjamin Regional Council purchased the house from its Arab owners, establishing a Jewish presence there. Considering its strategically vital location, overlooking the main road, near the spot where a brave young couple was brutally murdered as they drove past, this house represents the never-ending commitment to preserving a Jewish presence in the Land, despite the difficulties and danger.

Activity in the house today centers around the Institute for Bible & Law, a unique educational institution for older students dedicated to advanced studies in the intricacies of Biblical law. The institute trains students in the tools needed to adopt the principles of Biblical law into the modern legal arena. The students and faculty, ordained rabbis and legal scholars, are committed to improving society in modern Israel by adopting the spirit, principles and divine beauty of the Biblical justice system into the modern legal system, as foretold by the prophets: *“...I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning; After that you will be called the city of righteousness, A faithful city.”* (Isaiah 1, 26)

This vision involves developing and integrating new

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