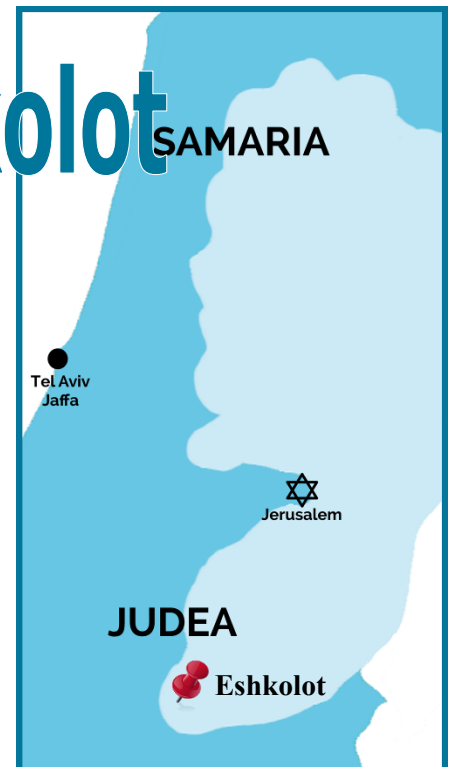


Children First in Eshkolot

Located in the southwestern tip of Judea, the community of Eshkolot (Hebrew for “clusters”) has grown from its 12-family founding in 1981 to over 140 families strong today. Like in most areas of Judea and Samaria, the Jewish communities of the southern Hebron Hills are relatively far from one another, with Arab villages dotting the landscapes in between. Eshkolot itself is surrounded by Arab villages, and is located five kilometers away from the closest Jewish community.

Isolation can cause issues within a community, especially for the age groups that feel the most restless and energetic — in Eshkolot, like in most communities, that group is the youth. There is a crucial need for the children and teenagers in Eshkolot to have a safe place to relax, socialize, and play games, and the adults and parents of the community are desperate to provide such a space for their children. Without a youth center, parents are fearful that their children will turn to bad behaviors such as vandalism, alcohol, and drugs.



The Eshkolot youth center will cater to all of the community’s youth, including the older teenagers until they draft into the Israel Defense Forces. The need to take care of older teenagers is just as critical as taking care of younger children, and with your help this center will be able to cater to all ages. The main function of the center will be to keep the children of the community off the streets and involved in more productive activities such as social gatherings, workshops, and volunteer initiatives. It will be a safe and open place where the youth of Eshkolot can learn, create meaningful friendships, socialize, and become more involved with the community.

A building has already been set aside for the youth center, but it needs a lot of work. The people of Eshkolot are turning to you for help in covering necessary renovation costs: insulating the building, putting down new flooring and installing doors and windows, putting in a kitchenette area with appliances and a restroom, painting, and erecting a large sun-shade outside the center so that the children can play outside as well. This youth center, and the people of Eshkolot, are counting on you!

With your generous donation, you can help the children and youth of Eshkolot play, learn, grow, and blossom as their parents help settle this beautiful piece of God’s land!



- ✧ Eshkolot was founded in 1981 and has grown from from its original 12 families to over 140 families today!
- ✧ As the community expands, Eshkolot wants to make sure they are taking special care of their youth and helping them grow into productive contributing adults who can carry on the development of Biblical Israel.

The people of Eshkolot have undertaken so much and are prepared to sacrifice in order to build a stronger Israel. But their children will ensure that their work will not have been in vain. Partner with the people of Eshkolot and provide their young people with educational and recreational programming so vital to healthy development.

Project Budget

Renovations	\$24,170
Kitchenette and restroom	2,250
Painting and outdoor shade	2,940
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....	\$29,360

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