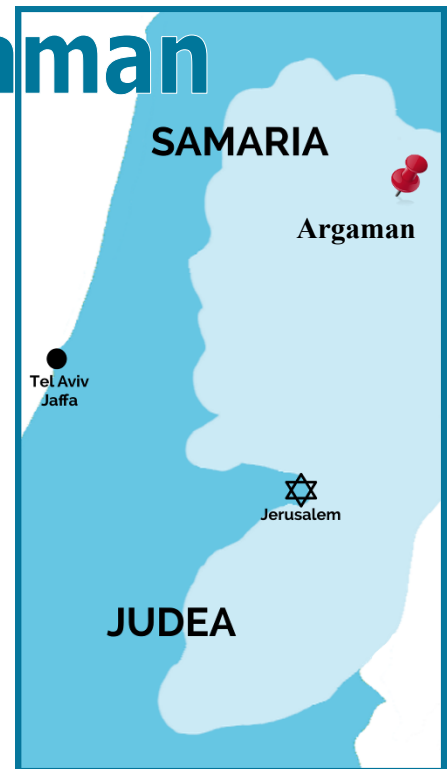


Keeping Safe in Argaman

Argaman, the Hebrew word for purple, is a moshav (agricultural cooperative) located in the Jordan Valley. The residents named their community after the reference in Song of Songs 3:10, *“He made its pillars of silver, its back of gold, its seat of purple, the midst of it being inlaid lovingly by the daughters of Jerusalem.”* Founded in 1970 by a group of pioneering individuals, Argaman is also an acronym for the names of two Israeli Defense Force commanders, **Arik Regev** and **Gad Mandel** who fell in pursuit of Arab terrorists, shortly after the Six Day War.

Since ancient times, the Jordan Valley has offered a fertile alternative to those who used the fresh waters of the Jordan River and the underground springs. When Israel returned to this area in 1967, it was sparsely populated and a virtual desert. Since then, the farming communities of the Jordan Valley have succeeded in turning the area into an agricultural paradise. The neatly ordered vineyards and date orchards, and the crops of flowers dotting the area bear evidence to Argaman’s fertility.



The Jordan Valley is vital to the security of the State of Israel. Given the often threatening Palestinian presence in the hills of Samaria, just overlooking the Jordan Valley, the presence of Jewish communities along Israel’s narrow and long eastern border along the Jordan River is essential to Israel’s security. Life in the Jordan Valley has not always been easy. There have been numerous terrorist attacks on roads just outside the community. Residents are cautious about venturing out on the roads, and at times have felt very isolated. This is why they have put a lot of effort into developing the community and creating a comfortable life style within the confines of the community.

Today Argaman is home to almost 50 families, including 32 children and youth. Residents have worked hard to achieve what they have, but there are always pressing needs. There is a social center, library, synagogue, clinic and swimming pool in the community. Children travel to the nearby regional elementary school for their education. The community is trying to expand, and the people of Argaman are thrilled as they begin to see the younger generation return and settle there.

Emergency and safety concerns are an undeniable reality of living in the Jordan Valley. While Argaman generally has good relations with its neighboring Arab communities, there are many Arab individuals who take advantage of their proximity to Argaman to attempt attacks on the vulnerable community. A rapid response team was formed in Argaman to enable immediate and effective action in the event of a terrorist attack, but vital equipment is still needed to properly protect the community.

In the past, you and other wonderful CFOIC Heartland donors generously helped Argaman by renovating their youth center and beautifying the entrance to their community. Now, they are turning to you again, and their requests are critical to their safety. The people of Argaman are asking you for help so they can buy protective helmets, a surveillance drone, bright lights for their patrol vehicle, and uniform shirts so that the members of the rapid response team will be able to easily identify each other. All of these items are absolutely crucial to the protection of Argaman. The surveillance drone will give the rapid response team early warning if there is an attack; the protective helmets and the uniform shirts will both protect and help to identify members of the team; and the lights for the security vehicle will illuminate the surrounding area and improve visibility should a situation arise at night.

Knowing that the rapid response team is on constant alert and prepared for any eventuality is what enables the people of Argaman to feel protected and safe. The residents of Argaman have sacrificed so much and they are true pioneers. By helping them, you are sharing in their dream to build up Biblical Israel!

☆ Argaman, like many of the Jordan Valley communities, is vital in securing Israel's eastern border. While dire, the security issues haven't prevented the second generation of Argaman from settling in the moshav, increasing the numbers of the younger population.



☆ Emergency and safety concerns are an undeniable reality of living in the Jordan Valley. The residents of Argaman are not frightened by this reality, but they dare not ignore it.

The people of Argaman have poured so much of themselves into their community, turning it into a beautiful paradise founded on their ancestral, Biblical land. Now they are turning to you for help. Please join us in providing vital security equipment for Argaman's rapid response team, so we can help the families of this wonderful community thrive in safety.

Project Budget

Surveillance drone.....	\$2,425
Protective helmets	2,080
Roof-mounted floodlights for security van	350
12 uniform shirts for rapid response team (@ \$26.25 each).....	315
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....	\$5,170

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