

Dolev

Strengthening Teens Through Music

On August 23, 2019, a Jewish family made their way to a natural spring near the community of Dolev for a leisurely day of swimming and hiking. But the beautiful day and their lives were shattered forever when vicious terrorists detonated a roadside bomb killing 17-year-old Rina Schnerb instantly and injuring her father and brother. The entire country mourned the loss of such a beautiful, loving, innocent girl.

Although the people of Dolev did not know Rina, they were stunned by the harrowing tragedy that had occurred just outside their community. The youth, especially devastated by the tragedy, felt the need to memorialize Rina. Shortly after her death, they turned a weed-covered hilltop, just outside Dolev, into a small oasis. With tools in hand, they built a picnic area and a lookout structure that surveys the stunning views of the Benjamin Hills. They named the spot Rina's Lookout and invited the Schnerb family to visit their daughter's memorial.

Rina's Lookout is just one example of the volunteerism and giving spirit displayed by the teenagers of Dolev. Every year, they plan and organize two major retreats for severely handicapped children and also host them in their homes. Year-round they tirelessly plan these special events that grant unique social opportunities for the campers and give their parents a well-deserved break. The youth have also been active in helping families during the current COVID19 crisis by delivering food parcels and helping take care of small children. This has been a god-send for those in isolation or battling illness.

Music is the balm that eases their souls, binds them to one another, and enables them to create harmony out of the chaos. Dolev's teenagers have formed several musical ensembles and regularly participate in musical competitions. Currently, their practice sessions take place in an old, decrepit shack. They harmonize among several strategically placed buckets that catch raindrops from the leaky roof. Yet, despite the shoddy conditions, the teens faithfully return to play and make music there—even winning several awards. But they deserve better.

Dolev wants to thank and commend the teens for their untiring selflessness by building them a new music center. Initially, the plan called for renovating the existing shack. However, the existing structure has since fallen into complete disrepair, necessitating the current shack's demolition. They want to build a new facility equipped with acoustic walls and ceilings and purchase new furniture.

Despite their devastating brush with tragedy, music has given Dolev's youth the strength to endure and joyfully embrace the Scripture "love thy neighbor as thyself" (Leviticus 19:18). Your gift towards a new music center for the teens of Dolev will truly make them feel cherished and stoke their passion for a life of giving. You can participate in raising the next generation of inspiring pioneers in the biblical Heartland through the enduring gift of music.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1983
- ☆ **Location:** Benjamin region, Samaria, overlooking both Greater Tel-Aviv on the one hand and the Jerusalem mountains on the other
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** named for the nearby Dolev Valley and the *dolev* (Old World Sycamore) tree
- ☆ **Population:** 300 families, including 100 teenagers



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The dilapidated room where the Dolev teens meet to play and create music

DOLEV MUSIC CENTER

PROJECT BUDGET

Demolish and rebuild structure	\$49,770
Plumbing and Electric.....	11,230
Acoustic ceiling and walls	300
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$61,300

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