



Shani Livnah

LIVING ON THE EDGE

I remember the first time I visited Shani Livnah. Located at the southwestern edge of Judea, it was probably the most remote spot in Judea and Samaria that I had ever visited at the time and remains a distant point ever since. Upon arrival at the community, though, I was greeted with the warmth and lovely smile of Etti, a resident of Shani Livnah since the beginning and its most passionate advocate. Etti could not believe that anyone outside of Israel, and particularly non-Jews, would be interested in her tiny community.

Some time after that, we were able to present Etti with a donation to refurbish and upgrade the local library. The library had been essentially a large closet with a few books; but as a result of that first donation, it became a place that was warm and welcoming for children and adults alike. Today, twenty years later, Etti continues to remind me of the thrill of that first project — the thrill that comes from knowing that there are wonderful people out there, all over the world, that really and truly care for Etti and the other residents of Shani Livnah. The thrill that comes from knowing that despite your isolation, you are not alone.

Shani Livnah has grown since then and has more to offer its residents. But their isolation has not changed. Indeed, some of the most extreme Palestinian Arab terrorists reside in the Hebron Hills region and Shani Livnah is an easy target. Residents volunteer their time on weekends to do guard duty and man the lookout for terrorists; families are assessed extra taxes to fund guards during the week while residents are at work. But a guard can only watch one direction at a time — and that is not enough. There is a desperate need for a comprehensive camera system to cover the perimeter as well as more central locations.

Shani Livnah would like to install HD surveillance cameras in nine separate locations in and around the community. The system will include communications technology to enable vital alerts to reach personnel instantly as well as DVR equipment to record the images for forensic and prevention purposes. The community plans to implement this in three stages, based on available funds, ensuring the most vulnerable sites are covered first.

Isolated and vulnerable, Shani Livnah is located at the edge of Judea. Surveillance equipment is essential to ensure that terrorists will not infiltrate the community undetected. The people who live in Shani Livnah live ordinary lives in extraordinary circumstances, and they do the best they can with their limited resources. Your donation for surveillance cameras in Shani Livnah can mean the difference between life and death!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1982
- ☆ **Location:** Hebron Hills region, Judea
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** adjacent to the Biblical city of Anim in the territory of Judah (Joshua 15:50)
- ☆ **Geographical Significance:** situated inside Israel's largest man-made forest, the Yatir Forest
- ☆ **Population:** 150 families



Shani Livnah residents are terribly vulnerable to attack from hostile Arab neighbors in the surrounding area



Updated security cameras are essential to keeping the community of Shani Livnah safe

SHANI LIVNAH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

PROJECT BUDGET

Stage 1	\$15,575
Stage 2	8,650
Stage 3	15,575
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$39,800

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