



Kedumim

EDUCATING FOR SUCCESS

It was a cold and rainy day in December 1975. There were only a handful of communities in Judea and the Jordan Valley at the time, but a small group of visionary pioneers decided to change that. They put out the word, and thousands converged upon an abandoned railway station near Sebastia, the Roman name given to the Biblical city of Samaria. The Government of Israel opposed this pioneering initiative, but when confronted with the masses who clamored for settlement in Samaria, they acquiesced. Thirty families were permitted to settle in a nearby army base, and the community of Kedumim was born.

I was in Jerusalem at the time, and when I heard about this brave new venture, I hitched a ride to that army base. I personally witnessed the commitment and spirit of innovation that the pioneers shared. They were creative and determined to reach their goal — to settle Judea and Samaria.

Today, Kedumim is an established town, but it remains true to its original spirit. Today, that spirit is apparent in Lehava High School for Girls. For years, this school was at the forefront of Ethiopian immigrant absorption in Israel. Today, the needs are different. Too many youngsters lack the motivation to study, missing the relevance of their school work.

Lehava has recently launched a center for initiative and leadership as an optional program for middle school students. Students are encouraged to look at their own reality and identify problems or needs that require solutions, whether it be a humanitarian need, a technological failing, or anything else. They are taught to organize their research and thinking, explore new and unknown territory, work in teams, and present their findings. Even though this program is in its experimental stages, it has already attracted the attention of schools across the country. The students in the program are reading and studying, highly motivated to solve problems. Some of these students have ADD; others have never been motivated to study before. But today, they are studying because it is their project, their own idea.

The young teenager girls studying in Kedumim are being given an opportunity to become leaders of tomorrow. But without software and laptop computers, the unique program for initiative and leadership will not succeed. Thanks to this program, high-school girls will be able to create, innovate, and study. Your donation today for computers for Lehava High School students will help equip them for a successful future.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1976
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** located just west of Shechem and the Biblical mountains of Gerizim and Ebal
- ☆ **Historical Significance:** first Jewish community established in Samaria in modern times
- ☆ **Population:** 5,000



With your help, students at the Lehava High School for girls will have the laptop computers they need to succeed



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KEDUMIM INITIATIVE & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

PROJECT BUDGET

36 Laptop Computers and 2 Computer Towers	\$33,120
Charging Stations and Software	3,680
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$36,800

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