



Talmon

A PLACE TO CONNECT

Biblical wisdom teaches that the best path to instill values and behavior in children is by example. Talmon is a tight-knit community where residents exemplify kindness and mutual responsibility, which is a testament to such wisdom. It is no exaggeration to say the teens of Talmon are perpetually occupied with volunteering projects and spreading their infectious joy. They have been known to start a flash-mob just to spread joy and raise morale wherever they go.

There are many benefits to raising children in the warm community of Talmon, but there are disadvantages, as well. The community still lacks community meeting facilities and recreation opportunities. Besides, it is more than an hour's drive from the nearest city, Jerusalem, mostly on a winding two-lane road. Talmon wants to offer resources that meet the needs of all age-groups. This year, they would like to convert an existing structure into an indoor activity center for children, with a seating area for parents to socialize and for the community to hold different workshops. They also plan to create a dedicated venue for young adults who have moved back home during the pandemic and attend university remotely. The student hub will provide free WiFi and quiet study areas and serve as a venue for social gatherings.

Every summer vacation, the youth group in Talmon selects a community improvement project and spends many hours each day, throughout the summer, working on it. One summer, it was a local neglected natural spring—the teens cleaned and renovated the site, including landscaping, building benches, picnic tables, and a pergola. Another summer, it was a 36 km bike path around the community. Talmon's teens regularly participate in community projects and organize social events and retreats for special-needs, new immigrant, or underprivileged teens and children from around the country. With help from the community, they developed a rustic youth center where visiting youth groups enjoy an inspiring Sabbath retreat. They built a yurt, a communal camping hut, a deck, and swings and took care of the landscaping. But they need your help to finish the project. This summer, they want to build and stock a kitchen, repair the roof and renovate the bathrooms.

Talmon is eager to provide its young residents with the facilities they need most - an indoor activity center for children and their parents, a Student Hub for young adults, and a teen-run campsite that promotes Biblical values and Jewish solidarity. Your support will help Talmon build vital resources for their most valuable residents, children, teens, and college students. Today, your donation will support these inspiring pioneers as they settle and raise the next generation in Biblical Israel.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1989
- ☆ **Name Origin:** Named for the family of gatekeepers in the Temple in Jerusalem, who later returned to rebuild Jerusalem with Nehemiah. (Nehemiah 11:19)
- ☆ **Location:** Benjamin Region, Samaria
- ☆ **Historical Significance:** Archeological findings point to a Jewish community as the earliest ancient settlement in the area, when the 12 tribes entered the land
- ☆ **Population:** 500 families



Talmon's teens are perpetually engaged in and initiate community volunteerism and spread joy wherever they go



The children of Talmon need an indoor place to house activities and a play center

TALMON CHILDREN, TEEN, & STUDENT CENTERS

PROJECT BUDGET

Children's Indoor Activity Center	\$33,850
Student Hub.....	23,900
Teen-Run Rustic Youth Center.....	18,400
Funds Already Raised by CFOIC	-9,200
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$66,950

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