



Karnei Shomron

PROTECTING THE PEOPLE OF SAMARIA

When Menachem Begin became prime minister of Israel in 1977, he openly and unapologetically championed the Jewish People's right to settle their divinely promised homeland. When Karnei Shomron was founded in 1977, it was the first community established in Samaria, with the Begin government's support. Today, the Karnei Shomron municipality, with a population of 11,000, is spread across five hills, including 3 large established neighborhoods, 3 pioneering outpost neighborhoods, and a new addition—the neighboring community of Maale Shomron recently joined the municipality.

Karnei Shomron is closely surrounded by several Palestinian villages and two large Palestinian cities, Kalkilya and Nablus (Biblical Shechem), which are notorious hotbeds of terrorism in Samaria. It is located right off of Highway 55, a main artery in Western Samaria, where rock-throwing at cars and even shootings have occurred over the years. In 2002, a Palestinian suicide bomber infiltrated Karnei Shomron, tragically murdering 3 teenagers and wounding 30 people at the local shopping mall. The entire community was devastated by the tragedy, and acutely aware of their vulnerability, they stepped up security, installing a motion-sensor fence along the entire perimeter, as well as surveillance cameras, increasing community patrol and regular intensive training for its first responders.

Currently, Karnei Shomron has five first-response teams, comprised of 65 volunteers who serve the community. They also play a critical role in emergencies in most of Western Samaria, where 30,000 residents commute along Route 55, the second-largest highway in Samaria. Thank God, and thanks to sophisticated security installations and frequent patrols, the number of terrorist attacks and attempted attacks have significantly decreased inside the fenced area. Still, there is an ongoing need to improve security and emergency capabilities, especially as the population grows. First responders need tactical flashlights for increased visibility during night patrols; two outpost neighborhoods need storage sheds to shelter emergency equipment. In addition, two neighborhoods need firefighting equipment—a firefighting trailer and a water-tank trailer.

Karnei Shomron must have the emergency equipment it needs to protect its growing population. The dedicated emergency staff and volunteers protect their local community 24/7. They are critical to the entire region's safety, saving and defending the men, women, and children of the area. They need your help to purchase vital equipment to do their jobs well. Your support will literally save lives in Karnei Shomron and throughout Samaria.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1977
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** In English, "Horns of Samaria" referring to the two hills that rise above the community
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** The town borders the Kana River valley, the Biblical border between the territories of Efraim and Menashe
- ☆ **Population:** 11,000



Karnei Shomron needs additional emergency equipment to protect its growing population.



Fire engines in the center of the community cannot adequately protect Karnei Shomron's remote neighborhoods; they need firefighting trailers to reduce response time.

KARNEI SHOMRON EMERGENCY PROJECT BUDGET

Firefighting Water Trailer	\$16,600
Firefighting Trailer	12,900
Tactical Flashlights	3,750
Emergency Sheds.....	3,600
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$36,850

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