



# Eshkolot

## FACING THE UNKNOWN

When I lived in Mercer Island, Washington, a small island community located just outside of Seattle, safety and security were a non-issue. A friend who lived in the city described our small town as utopian. There were zero homicides, while assault and property crimes were infrequent—we hardly ever locked the door. I will admit, we were a bit foolish in taking our safety for granted, but odds were in our favor, and we could ignore the unknown dangers. But living in the Biblical Heartland, we do not have that luxury. We must face danger — day after day, night after night — head-on.

Eshkolot is a community surrounded by enemies. Located in the southern tip of the Hebron Hills, they face daily hostile infiltrations by Arab residents from nearby villages. Lives are in constant danger in Eshkolot, where a locked door is not enough to keep the threats at bay. The people of Eshkolot are fortunate to have a heavy electronic gate securing its main entrance and a security team that protects the residents daily. Last year, generous CFOIC Heartland donors like you helped purchase surveillance cameras for their perimeter fence.

However, the reality of living under constant threat requires round-the-clock vigilance and frequent assessments of their security measures. Unfortunately, Eshkolot's main gate, a crucial barrier for securing the community's boundaries, has fallen into disrepair. Nearly every month, the automatic gate routinely malfunctions or stops working entirely, necessitating frequent and costly repairs. After twenty years in use, the current security gate is dilapidated, outdated, and a considerable liability, compromising security and squeezing the small community's already tight budget.

Walking around the neighborhood, pushing your child on a swing, or stopping to pick up groceries at the local shop should not be activities with inherent risks of mortal danger. But in Eshkolot, these everyday activities could be dangerous without proper protection. To protect the men, women, and children of Eshkolot from the threat of terrorist attacks, they must have a strong and reliable entrance gate. Eshkolot desperately needs to purchase and install a new up-to-date security gate system, including an electronic portal, motor, and supporting structure.

**Eshkolot desperately needs your help to purchase a new security gate system to protect its residents from evil infiltrators and terrorists. Lives are at risk, and security is paramount. Their current gate is unreliable and expensive to repair. A new security gate system will give the residents of Eshkolot the means to ensure their safety, so they can continue to live, settle and thrive in this remote corner of the Biblical Heartland.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ✧ **Founded:** 1981
- ✧ **Location:** Hebron Hills, Judea
- ✧ **Geographical Significance:**  
located over five kilometers from the nearest Jewish community
- ✧ **Origin of Name:** in English, "clusters," referring to clusters of grapes grown in the many nearby vineyards, from Biblical times to the present day
- ✧ **Population:** 140 families



*The security team in Eshkolot needs a reliable security gate system to protect their families from terrorists*



*You can help protect the children and families of Eshkolot from hostile Arab neighbors with your donation today*

## ESHKOLOT SECURITY GATE

### PROJECT BUDGET

Security gate .....	\$9,950
Supporting structure .....	6,000
Motor .....	3,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$18,950</b>

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