



Kiryat Arba

LIFTING UP SENIOR PIONEERS

We are a link in a chain—an unbroken line starting with our Biblical forefathers, through us to future generations, perpetuating our sacred Biblical values. Kiryat Arba, a biblical synonym for Hebron, is adjacent to the ancient city of Hebron and the Cave of the Patriarchs. It is an anchor in time and space, representing a deep and ancient connection to the past. But the strength of the chain rests on unbreakable continuity. To truly perpetuate our Biblical values, we cannot forget those who came immediately before us—our seniors.

Ideally, after laboring for decades, seniors and retirees should spend their ample leisure time engaged in enjoyable pursuits with friends and family. But aging can often be very lonely. As spouses and friends pass on, many seniors struggle to fill the hours of each day with meaningful, structured activities. This past year has been especially difficult for most seniors, isolated and separated from their families. Kiryat Arba has a growing senior population, many of whom are Holocaust survivors. These original Kiryat Arba and Hebron pioneers have contributed significantly to the development of the Hebron area and Israel as a whole. But unfortunately, the community does not yet have a seniors' center or structured programming for seniors. Last year's experiences have underscored, more than ever before, how desperately these seniors need attention and outreach.

In Kiryat Arba, the Land of Judah Museum educates children and adults about the Biblical history and archaeology of Judea. They saw the need for Senior programs and stepped up, reaching out to this mostly overlooked demographic. Last year, the Museum began offering lectures and workshops exclusively for seniors and retirees in a social setting. The seniors were thoroughly delighted, eagerly anticipating each weekly event, participating in stimulating cultural events, exploring their hometown's Biblical and historical background, and interacting with their peers. This year, the Museum plans to expand its programming, adding a series on Biblical Sites in Judea, including tours designed especially for seniors. But to continue this vital program, the Museum needs to cover the costs of educational materials, refreshments, operations, and salaries for lecturers and tour guides.

The Land of Judah Museum, in Kiryat Arba—Hebron, needs your help to provide quality programming for senior citizens. The Museum bridged a terrible gap, reaching out to Kiryat Arba seniors who were feeling so alone. Your support will serve as testimony to the unbroken chain of Jewish heritage in the city of our forefathers while providing these senior pioneers with vital programs and a deeper connection to their Biblical roots.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

☆ **Biblical Significance:** adjacent to the ancient city of Hebron, home of the Tomb of the Matriarchs and Patriarchs (Cave of Machpelah). In Genesis 23, Abraham purchases the Cave of Machpelah to bury his beloved wife Sarah. Afterwards, Abraham is also buried there, along with Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah.

☆ **Population:** 1,700 families



Quality programming is critical for seniors in Kiryat Arba - Hebron



Seniors eagerly await weekly events at the Land of Judah Museum, exploring Biblical archaeology in Judea

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PROJECT BUDGET

Museum lecturers & tour guides salaries	\$5,200
Refreshments, maintenance, and equipment.....	5,200
Funds already raised by CFOIC	-2,000
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$8,400

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