



# SHIMAH

## WHERE TEENS GATHER AND MAKE MUSIC

Teens need a safe place where they can figure out who they are and where they are going. Teens thrive when they have a protective environment that supports healthy relationships with peers and mentors. Shimah is a small, relatively isolated community in the Hebron Hills, where core values of “love thy neighbor” and commitment to reviving a Jewish presence in Biblical Israel run deep. They work hard to pass these values to the next generation.

Shimah’s teens show that good character traits can be learned. The youth are encouraged to contribute to the community with a positive attitude and no expectation of reward—a true reflection of the community’s core values. The teens regularly participate in community projects, including constructing public buildings, cultivating outdoor public spaces, feeding the needy, and mentoring young children.

But Shimah understands that teens have special needs of their own. The community has designated an existing building as a youth center. The youth center is where these selfless teenagers can connect with their peers, especially in the cold winter months of the Judean desert, explore interests and engage in enrichment programs. But the building needs serious renovation and furnishings. Because music is an important creative outlet for many of these teenagers, the community would like to build a music studio at the youth center. The studio would house a broad-based program of workshops and adult-teen musical collaboration with local musicians. The music program would also offer bonding opportunities with other teens in the region who love music.

The music studio will be beneficial for all members of the community. The teens would showcase their accomplishments and gain experience by performing at community events while contributing to the small isolated community’s cultural enrichment. The community needs your help to turn the youth center and music studio into a reality. Your donation will help renovate the building, buy furniture (couches, chairs, and tables), and purchase quality music production and recording equipment.

**Shimah, a small isolated community in the Hebron Hills, needs your help to renovate a youth center and music studio for their teens. These inspiring pioneers are raising their children to be responsible adults and contributing members of Israeli society. By supporting a youth center for their teens, you are helping them achieve their goal and participating in the fulfillment of biblical prophecy.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1988
- ☆ **Location:** Hebron Hills, Judea
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** Shimah ('heard' in Hebrew) is mentioned several times in the Book of Psalms, as an appeal to God to hear the plight of the worshiper. The name preserves the name of Eshtamoah, a Biblical Jewish town in the Heron Hills
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** Eshtamoah (see above) is mentioned several times in the book of Joshua, and was granted to the Priests (Joshua 15:50)
- ☆ **Population:** 100 families



*Teens in Shima regularly volunteer their time and energy, contributing significantly to this small isolated community*



*You can give Shimah's teens a place to call their own—a youth center and music studio will greatly enrich their lives*

## SHIMAH YOUTH CENTER

### PROJECT BUDGET

Youth Center Renovation & Furnishing.....	\$6,800
Programming and Workshops.....	5,600
Music Studio Equipment.....	3,700
<b>Funds already raised by CFOIC Heartland .....</b>	<b>-7,350</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$8,750</b>

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