



# Barkan

## LIVING ON THE EDGE

Barkan has the look and feel of a warm, tight-knit suburban community, where residents emphasize mutual support and responsibility. It is one of the largest non-religious Zionist communities in Samaria. Its residents chose to live in the beautiful hills of Samaria, seeking quality of life, peace, and tranquility away from the hustle and bustle of city life. The Jewish pioneers of Barkan not only dream of a future peaceful coexistence with nearby Arabs — they live relatively amicably with them today. Barkan has four Arab towns nearby and employs many Arabs in its industrial zone, who work side-by-side with Jewish co-workers. Sounds ideal, right? Until it isn't.

The Barkan Industrial Park has 120 businesses and factories employing over 5,000 workers, many of whom are Arabs. In 2018, an Arab electrician, employed at a factory in Barkan, arrived at work earlier than usual, apparently to repair a power failure in the office. Upon completing the repair, he went down to his car and fetched a submachine gun.

The Arab worker returned to the company's offices and began shooting Jewish employees, killing two and injuring a third. His bloody rampage was only interrupted when his weapon jammed, and he escaped the scene on a stolen motorcycle. The victims were Kim Yehezkel (28) and Ziv Hajbi (35). The entire country was shaken and mourned these brutal murders, especially of Kim, a vibrant young woman, wife, and doting mother to a one-year-old infant.

The attack served as a sad reminder to the community that despite long periods of relative peace, quiet, and good working relationships with their neighboring Arabs, they can never completely let down their guard. Barkan employs round-the-clock security guards and has a surveillance camera system around its perimeter. The cameras notify security guards of potential hostile infiltration and direct the community's team of security volunteers to the area in question.

First responders mobilizing to confront the infiltration must do so slowly and cautiously, driving on an unpaved security road. The uneven terrain is particularly problematic in the winter months when the dirt road is filled with muddy ruts and giant potholes. The current road significantly delays response time during emergencies and endangers the lives of the men, women, and children of Barkan. Barkan needs your help to pave its security access road.

**Barkan is reaching out to you to help them pave its perimeter security road. Your donation will help ensure a quicker response time to every emergency. These pioneers chose to settle in Samaria, seeking a tranquil life to raise their families in the heart of Biblical Israel. By supporting Barkan's security needs, you may well save a life, and you'll be encouraging Jewish families who are fulfilling God's commandments to settle the land.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1981
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria, located near Ariel and only 25 km from Tel Aviv
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** Located near an archeological site known as Burak, the ruins of a Jewish settlement dating back to both First and Second Temple eras
- ☆ **Population:** 450 families



*The rugged terrain of Barkan's dirt security access road slows response time in emergency situations, endangering lives*



*Your donation will help keep Barkan's residents safe as they raise their families in the hills of Samaria*

## BARKAN PATROL ROAD

### PROJECT BUDGET

Paving.....	\$20,000
Excavation.....	13,000
Drainage .....	9,150
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$42,150</b>

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