



Hermesh

THE PURSUIT OF SAFETY

The original pioneers of Hermesh were driven by idealism and vigor, when they founded this community in the northern Samarian hills, thirty years ago. Despite being nearly ten kilometers from the nearest Israeli community, the founding families were full of excitement and hope. As they toiled at settling and developing the land, they dreamed of creating a place where their children would grow up and eventually start their own families. For a few years, life was beautiful, and Hermesh was growing and thriving. But that did not last.

In 2002, during the heat of the Second Intifada, terrorists infiltrated Hermesh and brutally murdered three innocent Jewish victims: two teenage girls and a fifty-year-old woman. The horrific attack left many Hermesh residents in a constant state of fear for their lives. Their concerns, coupled with growing hostility in the surrounding Arab villages, caused more than half of the families to abandon Hermesh, leaving barely thirty families to hold on to the land.

Although terror attacks are not uncommon in Judea and Samaria, their frequency does not lessen the emotional and psychological toll on the people of the area. Pioneers in the Biblical heartland are made of strong stock, yet the reality is no one is invincible and not everyone can bounce back from terror. Everyone stumbles and falls, at some point or another, but true greatness is measured by the ability to pick up and go on living after tragedy strikes.

Incredibly, despite the risks, new families began to trickle back into the community in recent years, and Hermesh is once again infused with idealism. This time, the people of Hermesh are determined to make certain that atrocities, such as the one they had previously endured, never happen again. Surveillance cameras are urgently needed to protect the lives of its people. Last year, Hermesh began constructing the infrastructure and installing cameras around its perimeter, but they are in dire need of additional funds to complete the job.

Security is an ongoing and paramount concern for the people of Hermesh. They need to complete the construction of a comprehensive video surveillance system. This cutting-edge surveillance network will alert rapid responders to terrorist infiltrators or impending terrorist attacks. It will provide these volunteers with crucial video intelligence, which will shorten response time and ultimately save lives! Your gift will bring safety and peace of mind to the pioneers of Hermesh. Your donation today will support their commitment to resettle the Biblical Heartland and may well save a life!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1983
- ☆ **Location:** Northern Samaria, 10 kilometers from the nearest Israeli community
- ☆ **Geographical Significance:** Overlooking Biblical Dotan, surrounded by hostile Arab villages
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** means "scythe" in English, reminiscent of early Israeli pioneers
- ☆ **Population:** 85 families, 280 residents
- ☆ **Aliyah From:** Russia



Innocent children in Hermesh are counting on your help to keep them protected and safe in their homes



Surveillance cameras offer constant watchful eyes over a vulnerable community like Hermesh

HERMESH SECURITY

PROJECT BUDGET

Surveillance network system & servers infrastructure (Phase 1).....	\$43,650
Extend surveillance infrastructure & Cameras (Phase 2)	26,500
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$70,150

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