



Sde Boaz

KEEPING FAMILIES SAFE IN EVERY SITUATION

As my bus neared my destination and Sde Boaz came into view, I was instantly mesmerized by the lush panoramic views of pristine raw beauty surrounding the tiny hilltop paradise. The residents warmly welcomed my friends and me, serving us coffee and cookies, and sharing in comfortable conversation as if we were old friends. I learned that even though most residents are young professionals, academics, and students, they all share a deep love of nature and contribute to the community's environmentally-friendly agriculture activities. They grow wheat, corn, a vineyard, and miniature watermelons, all for local use.

If only Sde Boaz's Arab neighbors were as peaceful and loving. Unfortunately, the idyllic and picturesque "small town" community of Sde Boaz also bears an incredible responsibility. Located atop the highest peak in the Judean Hills, overlooking the hostile Arab village of Hosan, it occupies a vitally strategic area that is integral to the protection of all of Gush Etzion, connecting it to Jerusalem. Sde Boaz's residents are acutely aware of the dangers they face every day, but they are determined to not only survive but to thrive!

Still a relatively undeveloped pioneering community, Sde Boaz is not yet eligible for government security funding. Therefore, a considerable portion of the security burden rests on the community, which invests heavily in ongoing security activities. Sde Boaz needs your help to be well-equipped to protect the community from hostile attacks. They desperately need surveillance cameras stationed along the community's perimeter and emergency equipment for its first responders' team, including: tactical binoculars, flashlights, emergency medical supplies, and communication equipment.

In an emergency, response time is slow. The only road into Sde Boaz is via a circuitous route through a neighboring community. Sde Boaz expects to build a direct road this year but will need to install an electronic gate to ensure restricted entrance for the safety of its families. The community does have a basic firefighting trailer for immediate use before better-equipped fire and rescue forces can arrive. They need your help to build a shed to protect their firefighting trailer from the weather.

The children and adults of Sde Boaz are committed to settling the Land of Israel, but they are vulnerable to a terror attack or other emergency. They are desperate to keep their families safe. They need your help to purchase surveillance cameras, tactical and emergency equipment, a secure electronic gate, and a fire shed to help them protect their families. Your donation will ensure that the pioneers of Sde Boaz have the emergency equipment they need to enjoy a fundamental human right - personal security in their homes, in the Biblical Heartland.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 2002
- ☆ **Location:** Gush Etzion, Judea
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** adjacent to the Path of the Patriarchs and an ancient ritual bath (*mikvah*) from Second Temple times (1st century and earlier)
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** Biblical Boaz, the husband of Ruth. Sde Boaz means the Fields of Boaz
- ☆ **Population:** 25 families, 40 children
- ☆ **Ages:** young families



Sde Boaz residents are developing the land surrounding their community, deepening their roots in the biblical heartland



Surveillance cameras and an electronic entrance gate are desperately needed to protect the families of Sde Boaz

SDE BOAZ SECURITY EQUIPMENT

PROJECT BUDGET

Electronic Gate.....	\$11,050
Surveillance Cameras.....	6,700
Emergency Equipment & Fire Shed.....	4,450
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$22,200

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