



# Eshkolot

## TO LOVE AND CONSERVE GOD'S LAND

Everyone needs a little alone time to think, process the day's events, and relax. But after experiencing many months of forced global isolation, and facing the challenges of re-entry into society, you would be hard-pressed to find anyone, regardless of religious affiliation, who would argue with the Biblical verse that it is "*not good for man to be alone.*" (Genesis 2:18)

Living in Eshkolot, a small, relatively isolated community located in the southwestern tip of Judea, can be challenging. Especially for energetic children and teens, interesting and fun outlets for their energy are essential for their healthy development. Without such opportunities, boredom and frustration set in and lead to at-risk behavior. Last year, thanks to generous CFOIC Heartland donors, Eshkolot established a youth center. It is a safe space where children and teens can meet, socialize, engage in fun and enriching activities.

This exciting new center, already underway, provides various learning opportunities, creating meaningful friendships and community involvement. To complete the youth center, they need your help to purchase additional equipment, including board games, laptop computers, audio/video, and a karaoke machine.

The people of Eshkolot wish to honor God's land and take steps to protect it. They recognize that embracing waste reduction and repurposing goods help preserve God's world. With that goal in mind, the people of Eshkolot recently established a local initiative to advance these values. They identified an old building that desperately needs renovation that they can use to house a unique Charity Thrift Store. They also need equipment for their new thrift store, including a computer and air-conditioning/heating units.

While waiting for the building to be renovated, they have already opened a thrift shop where residents drop off all sorts of goods, from clothing to household items. Those in need can either buy the items at a symbolic price or receive the items as a gift. Once fully renovated, the building will also house a small cultural center, offering community-wide events to raise conservation awareness. This project will do so much to enrich inter-generational solidarity and community life in Eshkolot, providing rewarding volunteer opportunities and fun events.

**Eshkolot needs to renovate a building and purchase equipment for their newly launched charity thrift store, created to advance the preservation of resources, help the needy, and strengthen community bonds. They also need to purchase equipment and games, essential for their new youth center. Your generous support will enrich community life and promote Jewish settlement on this beautiful piece of God's land!**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ✧ **Founded:** 1981
- ✧ **Location:** Hebron Hills, Judea
- ✧ **Geographical Significance:**  
located over five kilometers from the nearest Jewish community
- ✧ **Origin of Name:** in English, "clusters," referring to clusters of grapes grown in the many nearby vineyards, from Biblical times to the present day
- ✧ **Population:** 140 families



*Eshkolot's charitable thrift store, already under way, needs your help to renovate their building and buy equipment*



*The Eshkolot Youth Center needs your help to purchase games and equipment for their kids and teens youth center*

## ESHKOLOT THRIFT STORE & YOUTH CENTER

### PROJECT BUDGET

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| Thrift Shop/Cultural Center Renovation..... | \$13,250        |
| Youth Center Equipment .....                | 7,400           |
| Air Conditioning/Heating and Computer ..... | 3,500           |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>           | <b>\$24,150</b> |

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