



Etz Ephraim

PROVIDING A WATCHFUL EYE

During the First Intifada (1988-1989), Arab rioters in Samaria regularly threw rocks and burned tires, often blocking Etz Ephraim's only access road. During the Second Intifada (2000-2004), Arab suicide bombers and terrorists killed 800 Jewish men, women, and children throughout Israel. To protect its citizens, Israel erected a buffer zone, known as the Security Barrier, which ultimately reduced the unrelenting terrorist attacks in most of Israel but left Judea and Samaria as vulnerable as ever. However, Etz Ephraim was lucky, and the Security Barrier protects it from nearby Mescha, a hostile Arab village.

For nearly two decades, Etz Ephraim has been protected by the barrier and military forces stationed nearby, enabling the community to flourish and develop into a thriving, warm community rooted in kindness and acceptance. Thanks to CFOIC Heartland donors' generous support, the community provides many enrichment, social and cultural programs. However, last May, Arabs in Gaza fired rockets at Israel and unleashed a new wave of violence against communities in Samaria, including Etz Ephraim. Recently, Arab terrorists began burning tires along the community perimeter again. They have also cut through the Security Barrier and the community's perimeter fence, entering Etz Ephraim completely undetected.

With only a portion of its security fence equipped with surveillance cameras, Etz Ephraim is at a severe disadvantage. Beyond the immediate threat, each breach is compounded by the length of time it takes the military to repair the fence, exposing the people of Etz Ephraim to additional threats. For example, during a recent breach, Arab infiltrators entered the community at night through the sewer pipes and burglarized a home while the family was sleeping. The infiltration was only discovered in the morning after the Arabs were long gone. It is only a matter of time before another such incident occurs and escalates into a full-fledged terror attack. A new sophisticated surveillance system is essential to keep the families of Etz Ephraim safe from harm.

Etz Ephraim desperately needs to upgrade its surveillance system. Facing a recent increase in security threats throughout Samaria, the men, women, and children of Etz Ephraim are living in constant danger. These dedicated pioneers are racing against the clock to be ready to defend against the next attack. Your donation today to help purchase vital surveillance equipment will save lives!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ Founded: 1985
- ☆ Location: Samaria
- ☆ Origin of Name: means "stick of Ephraim," a reference to Ezekiel 37:16 — "And thou, son of man, take thee one stick and write upon it: For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; and then take another stick and write upon it: For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and of all the house of Israel his companions."
- ☆ Population: 650 families



This is a hole Arab terrorists cut through Israel's Defense Barrier and used to infiltrate Etz Ephraim undetected



Arab terrorists threaten life and homes by starting fires and burning tires along the road into Etz Ephraim

ETZ EPHRAIM SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

PROJECT BUDGET

Surveillance cameras	\$22,950
Control System and monitors	5,450
Customization and calibration.....	2,950
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$31,350

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