



# Alon

## NURTURING A COMMUNITY'S HEART AND SOUL

In Genesis 13:8-9, while journeying back from Egypt, Abraham and his nephew, Lot, travel through the Judean Desert. There, they quarrel and eventually decide to part ways. Lot chooses to go south, settling in Sodom and Gomorrah, near the Dead Sea, and Abraham goes north, settling in Bet El. Their point of departure is located near the modern-day community of Alon. But, unlike our Biblical figures, the people of Alon have chosen to resolve their differences by staying together. As a result, they have created a unique, tight-knit community rooted in tolerance, cooperation, and support.

While not all families in Alon have the same religious commitment, all are eager for their children to receive a firm grounding in Jewish education and the Bible. The local schools, catering to both religiously observant and non-observant families, take pride in their mixed classes, where students learn early on to respect the beliefs of others. The schools offer a Biblical Culture Program, which provides extra-curricular resources and programming to add a spiritual dimension to the student's curriculum. In addition to the unique educational system in Alon, the community's vibrant community life continuously draws many new families. The library serves as the community's epicenter, offering a wide variety of cultural, spiritual, educational, and social enrichment programs for all ages and interests.

They must be doing something right in Alon! One hundred and fifty new families have joined the community over the past seven years, more than doubling the number of families. Moreover, many more families hope to join this community once more homes are built, including those who grew up in Alon who want to return to raise their own families. The community is booming! But with this beautiful growth comes the need to increase infrastructure and services. The existing library is not big enough to serve everyone. The people of Alon need your help to expand the building to offer more bookshelves and books, more seating for browsing, and more space for community events and for quiet study time. The people of Alon need your help with this vital community project.

**Alon is a growing community in the Judean Desert. They need your help to expand their library building. With its recent population boom, the library—the community's heart and soul—is bursting at the seams. Your donation will help Alon provide vital resources for their children, teens, and adults. Donate today to support these inspiring pioneers as they settle and raise the next generation in Biblical Israel.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1990
- ☆ **Location:** Benjamin Region, Samaria
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** Named after Yigal Alon (Knesset Minister, 1961-1976) who authored the Alon Plan, a military strategy and foreign policy advancing the development of Jewish settlements in part of Judea and Samaria after the 1967 War
- ☆ **Strategic Significance:** located on the only artery connecting Jerusalem and Israel's Eastern border with Jordan
- ☆ **Population:** 250 families



*Your donation today will bless the people of Alon with the priceless gift of knowledge and culture*



*The library serves as the heart and soul of Alon, offering education, and cultural programs for every resident*

## ALON LIBRARY EXPANSION PROGRAM

### PROJECT BUDGET

Library expansion and renovation .....	\$44,150
Community participation .....	-18,400
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$25,750</b>

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