

# Eshkolot

## CARING FOR PIONEERS IN THEIR GOLDEN YEARS

Yochanan grew up just outside of Jerusalem, attended a pre-military academy in his teens, and spent 30 years of his adult life climbing the ranks of the Israeli Air Force, contributing to the safety of the Jewish people in their ancestral homeland. Each time he relocated his family to a new town, his bond with the land grew stronger. As a senior citizen, Yochanan continues contributing to his people. He and his wife retired in the Hebron Hills, where they spend their days volunteering for their growing community of Eshkolot. At 72, Yochanan and his wife are not yet ready to slow down, but he sees his contemporaries becoming less mobile, struggling to fill the hours of each day, and he worries. What will become of them all in a few years?

Living in Eshkolot, a small, relatively isolated community in the southwestern tip of Judea, is not easy. But these resilient pioneers have worked tirelessly in recent years to enrich community life and have developed a vibrant, active environment. There are regular social and cultural activities, a wide range of multi-generational events, and last year, they renovated and opened a youth center, thanks to the support of generous CFOIC Heartland donors.

After a year-and-a-half of mandated social distancing and canceled events, a growing number of older residents are becoming less mobile and more fragile. Community-wide events are too loud and crowded for them. Understanding the importance of caring for their founding residents, Eshkolot began offering social events, lectures, and workshops, catering specifically to their seniors' needs.

Desperate for more ways to fill their days, Eshkolot's seniors have sought activities at a seniors center in a town outside their community, a 20-minute drive away. But with limited mobility and transportation, this is not always an option. Therefore, Eshkolot would like to create a local seniors center, a home away from home for their older residents. The Senior Center will be a place where they can socialize and participate in regular enrichment programs. A building has recently become available for this purpose but it is in desperate need of renovation. Eshkolot needs your help to renovate this building to create a center for their older community members.

**Eshkolot, a remote and small community in the Hebron Hills, needs a seniors center for their beloved founding members. These resilient pioneers dedicated their youthful energy to settle the Biblically and strategically significant area between Hebron and Beersheva. Today, they deserve to be cared for and cherished in their golden years for their courage and dedication. You can help honor these aging pioneers and provide them with the quality of life they so deserve, in the Biblical Heartland.**

# 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



*You can help Eshkolot provide their seniors a warm environment to socialize and engage in meaningful activities*



*Senior Citizens in Eshkolot are valued members of their community and provide vital help to others*

## ESHKOLOT SENIORS CENTER PROJECT BUDGET

Structural Repairs and Painting .....	\$6,250
Windows and Flooring.....	5,250
Updating Electrical System and A/C unit .....	3,700
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$15,200</b>

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