



ENSURING COMMUNICATION TO SAVE LIVES

Communication is an everyday occurrence. Our lives are flooded with different communication devices, smart phones, computers, which help us manage our jobs, our families and our lives. We cannot imagine a moment without vital information readily available at the tip of our fingers. More importantly, communication plays a vital role during emergencies, helping rescue and medical forces coordinate efforts, facilitating life-saving services, and keeping the public informed. Imagine Rapid Response Team members handling a terrorist threat without being able to communicate with one another. Additional lives could be lost!

The dedicated pioneers of Ofra have created a rich and engaging religious, social and cultural environment in the Biblical Heartland. In addition to preschools, primary schools, and a girls' religious high school, Ofra is home to several unique educational institutions, including Heart of Benjamin, a program for children and adults with special needs, two women's Bible Schools, and a field school offering biblical and historical tours for youth and families.

But just outside this active and caring community, lies a dire security threat that colors everything that happens in Ofra. Since its establishment, Ofra has faced countless horrific terror attacks, both inside the community and along the roads and highways that run just outside it. In the past few years, there have been terror attacks that include shootings, stabbings, car rammings, attempted infiltrations and most recently, arson. For the people of Ofra, living in fear of terrorist threats is a daily reality. The Ofra security team is staffed by security officers, 26 rapid response volunteers, who are trained to assess the needs at the emergency site and respond appropriately, and six security guards stationed at the various schools.

During an emergency, communication is vital, for sharing information from the field among team members, coordinating responses between municipal authorities, regional emergency and security forces, and managing the response and behavior of the residents. To ensure the success of the team's efforts, long-range radio devices are critical. Currently, team members use cell phones. But spotty cell coverage, especially during critical, time-sensitive events, puts their own lives and the lives of the entire community at risk.

The community of Ofra desperately needs your help to equip its security team with long-range radios, to enable them to provide urgent and effective protection against terrorist threats. Without communication devices, Ofra's rapid responders will not be able to stop violent terrorists, who are so eager to uproot the Jewish presence in the Biblical Heartland. Your support for this vital project will actually save lives!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ Founded: 1975
- ☆ Location: On the border between Biblical Samaria and Benjamin, near Beth El, between Jerusalem and Nablus
- ☆ Biblical Significance: Named after the ancient Jewish town in the territory of Benjamin, mentioned in Joshua 18
- ☆ Historical Significance: The first Jewish community established north of Jerusalem in modern times
- ☆ Population: 4,000



Without radios, the men, women and children of Ofra are vulnerable to terrorist and arson attacks



Families in Ofra are counting on your help!

OFRA RADIO EQUIPMENT PROJECT

PROJECT BUDGET

30 Radios (\$520 each)	\$15,600
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$15,600

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