



Talmon

A PLACE TO CONNECT

Biblical wisdom teaches that the best way to instill values and behavior in children is by example. Talmon is a tight-knit community where residents exemplify kindness and mutual responsibility. And the community's teenagers, having grown up in such a giving community, follow in the footsteps of their parents. It is no exaggeration to say the teens of Talmon are perpetually occupied with volunteering projects and spreading their infectious joy. They have been known to start a flash mob just to spread joy and raise morale wherever they go. Talmon is indeed a model community!

Talmon provides an environment reminiscent of days of old. There is a simplicity and innocence that is absent from many communities around the world: children riding their bikes with friends in the afternoon, playing outdoors, with no screens or smartphones in their hands. There are many benefits to living and raising families in the warm community of Talmon, but there are disadvantages, as well. The community still lacks many facilities and recreation opportunities. Besides, it is more than an hour's drive from the nearest city, Jerusalem, mostly on a winding two-lane road. Last year, thanks to the generous donation of CFOIC Heartland supporters, Talmon was able to complete both a youth center project and an indoor play center. This year, the community wants to address the needs of its older teens and young adults.

After high school, Talmon's young adults either continue their studies at Biblical academies or attend universities after having completed their army or national service. While living near their educational institutions is ideal, due to limited resources many Talmon students live at home and commute to school. There are plenty of quiet study spots for students in larger cities, where these students enjoy a quiet place to study or a spot to gather to socialize with other students. But the commute to Talmon is long, taking almost two hours by bus from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, and service is infrequent. Although Talmon does have a local library, it is often used for community events in the evening hours and is not available as a study center. The community is eager to create a dedicated venue for these young adults, where they can go for free WiFi and a quiet place to study, and that can also serve as a place for social gatherings.

The small community of Talmon needs your help to provide its young adult residents with a student center, a place to gather for study and recreation, right in their own community. Many college students living at home, travel a long distance each day to attend classes, but when they return home in the evenings, they are isolated from their peers with no library facilities. Your support will help Talmon build a vital resource for young adults. Donate today to help support the next generation of pioneers as they study to become leaders in their country and in their community, in the Biblical Heartland of Israel.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1989
- ☆ **Name Origin:** Named for the family of gatekeepers in the Temple in Jerusalem, who later returned to rebuild Jerusalem with Nehemiah (Nehemiah 11:19)
- ☆ **Location:** Benjamin Region, Samaria
- ☆ **Historical Significance:**
Archeological findings point to a Jewish community dating to the period of Joshua and the Judges, as the earliest ancient settlement in the area
- ☆ **Population:** 500 families



Talmon's teens and young adults are perpetually engaged in and initiate community volunteerism wherever they go



You can help Talmon provide a dedicated venue for its young adults to study quietly and connect with other students

TALMON STUDENTS CENTER

PROJECT BUDGET

Building Renovation.....	\$17,650
Furnishings	7,850
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$25,500

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