



Sansana

ENEMIES ON BOTH SIDES

When Joshua conquered the Land of Israel, he divided the land between the 12 tribes. The Bible lists cities, rivers and other geographical markers that remained a mystery for the Jewish people throughout their years of exile. Upon our return to the land, those names suddenly made sense. When we encountered an Arab name for a city, river or valley, we were often able to recognize its Biblical origin. And that is how Sansana's story begins. A mysterious name in the Book of Joshua (Joshua 15:31) suddenly took on meaning; an ancient Biblical city has been restored!

Sansana's geographical location creates security challenges unique to this community. Although Sansana is situated just east of Israel's pre-1967 line, placing it squarely in the area of modern Judea, the security barrier that runs along most of this area is located east of the community, separating it from the other communities in Judea. Sansana, therefore faces two distinct types of security threats: growing violence and lawlessness from Bedouins in the Negev and terrorism from Palestinian Arabs in Judea. Although the security barrier offers some protection from infiltration coming from Palestinian Arabs, there are significant holes in the fence that enable these Arabs to cross illegally into the rest of Israel, very close to Sansana.

But the primary threat in recent months has come from the Bedouins. Since the last Gaza attacks in May 2021, Arab citizens of Israel and especially Bedouins in the south of the country, have joined the Palestinian fight. They pose a serious threat as they attack drivers on main roads, infiltrate communities, break into homes and steal agricultural implements from farms. They are also deeply connected to organized crime.

This threat, however, has placed Sansana literally between a rock and a hard place. On the one hand, their community comes under the jurisdiction of the IDF who are experts in Palestinian terrorism not in Bedouin hostilities. The special police units in the Negev who are trained in Bedouin affairs, however, have no jurisdiction in Judea. As a result, the community is often left to its own devices, desperate to protect its residents from the dangers that threaten to penetrate the community on a daily basis.

Sansana needs security cameras to protect its perimeter, a security center to monitor the cameras and manage crisis situations, and physical barriers to prevent terrorists from entering the community.

Sansana needs your help to install effective protection immediately, from both Palestinian threats to the east and Bedouin threats to the west. The people of this wonderful community are turning to you, strong friends of Israel, to enable them to purchase the equipment needed and to provide the security protection that is so essential to protecting the men, women, and children of Sansana. Your gift to Sansana will literally save lives!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1999
- ☆ **Location:** Hebron Hills, Judea
- ☆ **Name Origin:** Named for Biblical Sansana, a city in the territory of Judah (Joshua 15:31). The Arabic name of a nearby ruin preserved the Biblical name
- ☆ **Strategic Significance:** Located just east of Israeli's pre-1967 line, an important Jewish presence in the midst of Bedouin villages to the west and Palestinian Arab villages to the east
- ☆ **Population:** 130 families



The people of Sansana want to welcome you to their lovely community. Pictured here: "Sansana" in Hebrew



You can help protect the families of Sansana who are protecting Judea from marauding Bedouins from the Negev

SANSANA SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT

PROJECT BUDGET

Surveillance Cameras	\$75,900
Security Center: Construction and Equipment	47,450
Physical Barriers to Prevent Infiltration	18,975
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$142,325

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