



Samaria

WELCOMING UKRANIAN REFUGEES

When the State of Israel was established in 1948, Jews from all over the world breathed a sigh of relief. After centuries of persecution, expulsions and ultimately the mass murder of the Holocaust, Israel became an actual homeland for Jews, a safe haven in good times and in bad. For 74 years, Israel has welcomed all Jews, sending many rescue missions to extract Jews facing the threats of oppressive regimes. With Russia's invasion of Ukraine, scores of refugees have fled to that nation's borders, escaping the horrors of the war. While countless Ukrainian refugees desperately seek shelter, Jewish Ukrainian refugees can make Aliyah to Israel. They can come home!

Since Biblical times, when God commanded the Jewish people to stand on Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim (Deuteronomy 11:26-29) and enter into a covenant with God, committing to fulfilling His commandments, the Nation of Israel has acted as one body, always taking care of one another. As soon as the war in Ukraine broke out, Israel began working in earnest to welcome a mass influx of Ukrainian Jews. And while 400 Jewish refugees have already arrived in Israel in recent weeks, awaiting permanent housing, many are still stranded at the Ukrainian border. The Samaria Regional Municipality, eager to join the heroic rescue efforts, sent a delegation to the Ukrainian border, meeting Jewish refugees and inviting them to live and settle in Biblical Israel.

When they arrive in their new home country, especially after the trauma of war, the Ukrainian refugees will need the support of other refugees, as well as a warm and welcoming environment. In preparation to absorb Ukrainian refugees, the Samaria Regional Municipality is developing a new neighborhood in Revava, with plans to expand to other communities. Revava's warm and inviting community has been involved in Aliyah for several years, and has successfully absorbed a number of French Jews. The community provides Hebrew language instruction, employment guidance, food vouchers, and social programs to help these new immigrants integrate with the veteran residents of the community. When the first Ukrainian family recently arrived in Revava and were showered with so much love and support, they knew they had come home. But in order to welcome additional refugee families, we desperately need to build them homes.

The Samaria Regional Municipality desperately needs your help to build 10 pre-fab homes, including the accompanying infrastructure, for Ukrainian Jewish refugees. With your support, these displaced families can genuinely feel that they have come home. Your donation will also provide a message of encouragement to those refugees still stranded in war-torn Ukraine, to make Aliyah! To settle in Biblical Israel.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Name Origin:** Biblical name of the capital city of the Northern Kingdom and of the tribal territory of Ephraim and Manasseh
- ☆ **Location:** Bordered by the Galilee to the north and Benjamin and Jerusalem to the south, strategically vital for the protection of Central Israel
- ☆ **Historical Significance:** Liberated in 1967, during the 6-Day-War, First settled in 1975
- ☆ **Population:** 100,000



The Samaria Regional municipality recently welcomed the first Ukrainian refugee family in Revava



Your donation will help build ten new homes to absorb Ukrainian refugee families!

SETTLING UKRANIAN REFUGEES IN SAMARIA

PROJECT BUDGET

Construction of 10 temporary homes (\$60,000 each)\$600,000

TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED \$600,000

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