



Yakir

FIGHTING TERRORIST ARSON

Since 2016, Arab terrorists have added arson to their arsenal, lighting fires at the outskirts of communities in Judea and Samaria, and taking advantage of the particularly dry environment to create havoc and inflict real danger. Homes are destroyed, families live under constant threat, and residents are often evacuated as the fire creeps closer to their homes. It is a frightening reality.

Yakir is a well-established, cohesive and active community, located in the lush rolling hills of western Samaria. The largest in a cluster of three Jewish communities, including Havot Yair and Nofim, Yakir was established 30 years ago by religious Zionist pioneers who wanted to resettle their ancestral land. What started 30 years ago with a handful of families in a remote and undeveloped area, has grown to over 430 families, with plans to continue growing. Yakir, nestled in a nature reserve, boasts walking paths to lush vegetation and natural springs, from within the community. Yakir's central location also provides quick access to a major thoroughfare in western Samaria. But terrorism always lurks along the community's perimeter, as local Arabs easily and regularly access the nature reserve, where they light fires that threaten lives and property.

The leadership of Yakir has always placed a strong emphasis on their security infrastructure, ensuring that it is ready for the challenge. Last year, as the arson threat grew, they established a fire-fighting corps, staffed completely by volunteers. Twenty-five residents have completed a fire-fighting training course and the national fire agency has promised to provide them with a fire engine to combat the nearly daily occurrence of forest fires and fortify emergency response in the region.

However, the people of Yakir must construct a regulation fire engine shed, complete with storage facilities for fire-fighting protective gear, a charging element for the fire engine, and infrastructure for fire hoses and electricity, to be eligible for the fire engine. Presently, Yakir has protective gear for only two firefighting team members who respond to arson emergencies in their private vehicles. But once the community constructs the shed, they will be eligible to outfit five additional firefighters, in addition to the fire engine. Yakir is asking you to help them build this vital structure.

The people of Yakir need your help to construct a regulation fire shed for a new fire engine, a vital resource for fighting terrorist arson attacks. Arson is a critical safety issue in Judea and Samaria, and the people of Yakir urgently need a fire engine. But without the shed, they are not eligible for the new fire engine. With your generous donation to help build the fire shed, you will save lives in Yakir.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1981
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria
- ☆ **Geographical Significance:** south of the Kana Valley in the Biblical territory of Ephraim
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** “darling” in English, from Jeremiah (31:20) “Is Ephraim a darling son unto me?”
- ☆ **Population:** 430 families, 2,000 residents
- ☆ **Aliyah From:** France, USA



The residents of Yakir, and especially the children, must be protected from the dangers of arson at all costs



Arson attacks can wipe out an entire community if they are not properly prepared and equipped to fight fires

YAKIR FIRE ENGINE SHED

PROJECT BUDGET

Fire Engine Infrastructure	\$20,800
Already raised by CFOIC	-\$352
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$20,448

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