

The image features a background photograph of two women, one with curly hair and the other wearing glasses, looking towards the camera. The word "Salit" is overlaid in a large, blue, sans-serif font in the upper left corner.

# Salit

## CARING FOR SENIOR PIONEERS

They are called the golden years for a reason. Getting older has its perks — perspective, wisdom, self-confidence, more leisure time, and grandchildren. But aging can also be a time of isolation and loneliness. As spouses and friends pass on, many retired seniors struggle to fill the hours of each day with meaningful, structured activities. Forty years ago, the idealistic pioneers of Salit, in north-western Samaria, arrived at a desolate hill overlooking Israel's coastal plain and created a vibrant, close-knit agricultural community. They worked side-by-side in greenhouses, chicken farms, and industrial factories, settling the land and raising their families. But today, these dedicated pioneers are older retirees, and they desperately need meaningful connections and purpose.

The community of Salit is the fulfillment of the Zionist dream. After forty years, Salit has over 350 families, including the original pioneers, second-generation families, new families, and lots of children. They have preschools, a library, a pool, and a local elementary school. While there are still many agricultural enterprises in Salit, the community is also home to professional families looking for affordable homes in a pastoral setting, close to jobs in central Israel. Salit offers all of that and more, including rich cultural and social programs and strong camaraderie.

Today, as the original founding pioneers are in their golden years, there is a great need for a dedicated facility and quality activities for the 140+ pensioners who live there. Desperate for socialization and enriching programs, Salit's seniors have taken it upon themselves to organize a few day trips and lectures on topics of interest. But it is not enough. The people of Salit understand the importance of caring for their founders. And coming on the heels of two full years of COVID when so many seniors were alone in their homes, petrified of infection and isolated from their families, the need for an active, attractive center is more urgent than ever before.

The community began organizing cultural enrichment activities tailored for the needs of seniors and retirees, but they still need an inviting home away from home for their older residents. There is an available building in Salit, but it requires extensive renovations, including installing new flooring, and a small kitchen, updating the bathroom, and purchasing kitchen appliances, audio/video equipment, and furnishings. The people of Salit need your help with the renovation and furnishing of a new Senior Center.

**The people of Salit need your help to provide a warm and welcoming Senior Center for residents in their golden years. These resilient pioneers dedicated their best years and energy to settling this strategically significant area. Today, they deserve to be cared for and cherished in their golden years for their courage and dedication. You can help honor these aging pioneers in Biblical Israel.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ✧ **Established:** 1977
- ✧ **Location:** Northwestern Samaria
- ✧ **Strategic Significance:** Overlooks Israel's coastal plain (west) Samaria (East and South) and the Carmel mountains (North)
- ✧ **Geographic Significance:** Located between the Green Line and Israel's Separation Barrier, constructed to prevent entry into Israel by terrorists
- ✧ **Name Meaning:** Named for the limestone rocks (selah means rock in Hebrew) ever-present in Western Samaria
- ✧ **Population:** 350 families, including 140 seniors



*You can help build a Senior Center for Salit's Seniors, who dedicated their youthful energy to settle Biblical Israel*



*The original pioneers of Salit love their community and love the Land of Israel, you can help enrich their golden years*

## SALIT SENIOR CENTER

### PROJECT BUDGET

Building Renovation and Kitchen Remodel .....	\$25,740
Furniture & Equipment.....	23,900
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$49,640</b>

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