



Eshkolot

CARING FOR PIONEERS IN THEIR GOLDEN YEARS

Yochanan grew up just outside of Jerusalem, attended a pre-military academy in his teens, and spent 30 years of his adult life climbing the ranks of the Israeli Air Force, contributing to the safety of the Jewish people in their ancestral homeland. Each time he relocated his family to a new town, his bond with the land grew stronger. As a senior citizen, Yochanan continues contributing to his people. He and his wife retired in the Hebron Hills, where they spend their days volunteering for their growing community of Eshkolot. At 72, Yochanan and his wife are not yet ready to slow down, but he sees his contemporaries becoming less mobile, struggling to fill the hours of each day, and he worries. What will become of them all in a few years?

Living in Eshkolot, a small, relatively isolated community in the southwestern tip of Judea, is not easy. But these resilient pioneers have worked tirelessly in recent years to enrich community life and have developed a vibrant, active environment. There are regular social and cultural activities, a wide range of multi-generational events, and last year, they renovated and opened a youth center, thanks to the support of generous CFOIC Heartland donors.

After a year-and-a-half of mandated social distancing and canceled events, a growing number of older residents are becoming less mobile and more fragile. Community-wide events are too loud and crowded for them. Understanding the importance of caring for their founding residents, Eshkolot began offering social events, lectures, and workshops, catering specifically to their seniors' needs.

Desperate for more ways to fill their days, Eshkolot's seniors have sought activities at a seniors center in a town outside their community, a 20-minute drive away. But with limited mobility and transportation, this is not always an option. Therefore, Eshkolot created a local seniors center, a home away from home for their older residents. The Senior Center is a place where they can socialize and participate in regular enrichment programs. The renovation of the new senior center is nearly complete, thanks to you, CFOIC Heartland's generous donors. To complete the project, Eshkolot still needs to purchase equipment and furnishings, including a new A/C unit, a computer, audio/video equipment, a refrigerator, and furniture.

Eshkolot, a remote and small community in the Hebron Hills, needs your help completing a seniors center for their beloved founding members. These resilient pioneers dedicated their youthful energy to settle the Biblically and strategically significant area between Hebron and Beersheva. 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 and provide them with the dignity and quality of life, in the Biblical Heartland.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ Founded: 1981
- ☆ Location: Hebron Hills, Judea
- ☆ Geographical Significance: located over five kilometers from the nearest Jewish community
- ☆ Origin of Name: in English, "clusters," referring to clusters of grapes grown in the many nearby vineyards, from Biblical times to the present day
- ☆ Population: 140 families



You can help Eshkolot provide their seniors a warm environment to socialize and engage in meaningful activities



Senior Citizens in Eshkolot are valued members of their community and provide vital help to others

ESHKOLOT SENIORS CENTER

PROJECT BUDGET

Refrigerator and furniture	\$9,360
Computer and audio/video equipment	5,000
A/C unit	2,000
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$16,360

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