

# Kiryat Arba

## EDUCATING SENIOR PIONEERS



We are a link in a chain—an unbroken line starting with our Biblical forefathers, through us to future generations, perpetuating our sacred Biblical values. Kiryat Arba, a biblical synonym for Hebron, is adjacent to the ancient city of Hebron and the Cave of the Patriarchs. It is an anchor in time and space, representing a deep and ancient connection to the past. But the strength of the chain rests on unbreakable continuity. To perpetuate our Biblical values, we cannot forget those who came immediately before us—our beloved senior citizens.

Ideally, after laboring for decades, seniors and retirees should spend their ample leisure time engaged in enjoyable pursuits with friends and family. But aging can often be very lonely. As spouses and friends pass on, many seniors struggle to fill the hours of each day with meaningful, structured activities. Kiryat Arba has a growing senior population, many of whom are Holocaust survivors. These original Kiryat Arba and Hebron pioneers have significantly contributed to the development of the Hebron area and Israel as a whole. But unfortunately, the community does not yet have a seniors' center or structured programming for seniors. Two full years of COVID, when so many seniors were alone in their homes, petrified of infection and isolated from their families, has underscored more than ever before how desperately these seniors need attention and outreach.

In Kiryat Arba, the Land of Judah Museum showcases hundreds of archeological artifacts—testimony to the Jewish people's heritage in the Land of Judah and the city of the forefathers, while educating children and adults about the Biblical history and archaeology of Judea. The Museum understood the need for senior programs and stepped up, reaching out to this mostly overlooked demographic. For the past two years, the museum has been offering lectures and workshops exclusively for seniors and retirees in a social setting. The seniors are thoroughly delighted, eagerly anticipating each weekly event, participating in stimulating cultural and educational programs, exploring their region's Biblical and historical background, touring Biblical sites in Judea, and interacting with their peers. To be able to continue this vital program, the Museum needs your help to cover the costs of educational materials, refreshments, transportation, operations, and salaries for lecturers and tour guides.

**The Land of Judah Museum, in Kiryat Arba—Hebron, needs your help to provide quality programming for senior citizens. The museum reaches out to Kiryat Arba seniors, offering quality programming and a respite from the isolation that threatens so many golden-agers. Your support will serve as a testimony to the unbroken chain of Jewish heritage in the city of our forefathers while providing senior pioneers with vital programs and a deeper connection to their Biblical roots.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ❖ Biblical Significance: Biblical synonym for Hebron (Genesis 23:2)
- ❖ Geographical significance: Adjacent to Biblical Hebron, home of the Tomb of the Matriarchs and Patriarchs (Cave of Machpelah), originally purchased by Abraham (Genesis 23) it is the burial place of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah
- ❖ Population: 1,700 families



*Archaeological artifacts are an important anchor in the educational programming offered to Kiryat Arba seniors*



*Seniors eagerly await weekly events provided by the Land of Judah Museum to explore their Biblical roots in Judea*

## KIRYAT ARBA SENIORS PROJECT BUDGET

Museum lecturers, tour guides, and transportation .....	\$12,140
Refreshments, maintenance, and equipment.....	6,030
Admission Fees .....	-4,420
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$13,750</b>

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