

The image shows a banner for 'Sussya'. The word 'Sussya' is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the text 'SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION' is written in a smaller, black, all-caps, sans-serif font. The background of the banner is a photograph of a village with many houses, many of which have solar panels on their roofs. The scene is set in a hilly, mountainous area under a clear sky.

# Sussya

## SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION

Modern life is so hectic, full of noise and distractions. While we can obtain our hearts' desires with a swipe of our fingertips, peace and tranquility evade us. If you seek a peaceful, God-centered life, visit Sussya, where salt-of-the-earth people live in isolation from the hustle and bustle of city life, focusing on raising wholesome children in a community rooted in Biblical values.

Sussya is a small, isolated community near Hebron, the mountainous area Abraham crossed as he traveled between Hebron and Beersheba. Adjacent to the archeological site of ancient Sussya, a fifth-century Jewish village, the people of modern Sussya seek to reestablish an enduring Jewish presence where Jewish communities once flourished. Strategically located on a barren hilltop in the Hebron Hills, the community is vulnerable to hostile attacks. But, perhaps because of its isolation, along with a commitment to reviving this piece of God's land, the people of Sussya have built a religious community characterized by incredible warmth and mutual responsibility.

Isolation can pose a significant challenge for anyone, but especially for restless teenagers; it is more urgent than ever for children and youth in isolated communities to have a safe place to grow and hang out within the community. Currently, Sussya has over 120 teenagers, ages 13 to 18, who regularly engage in activities rooted in the Biblical values of love of the Land of Israel, kindness, and volunteering. Older teens serve as counselors for younger children and volunteer at a youth center for needy children in Beer Sheva, where they organize weekly activities and a summer camp.

An old bunker in Sussya has served as a youth center for years. But today, it is in a serious state of disrepair, making it practically impossible to hold youth activities there. The paint on the walls is peeling, the electric system is old and faulty, the ceiling needs replacing, and the bathroom needs repair and upgrading. Understanding the importance of teens having a place of their own, parents in Sussya are eager to renovate the local youth center, and provide their teenagers with a safe and inviting place to engage in enriching programs, social gatherings, and volunteer initiatives.

**Sussya, an isolated community in the Hebron Hills, needs your help to renovate a youth center for their local teens, which will serve as an inviting, comfortable space for them to gather for social and enrichment activities. These inspiring pioneers are raising their children to be responsible adults and contributing members of Israeli society. By supporting the youth center in Sussya, you are investing in the next generation of pioneers in Biblical Israel.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Established:** 1983
- ☆ **Name Origin:** Adjacent to the ruins of a 5th century Jewish village of the same name
- ☆ **Location:** Hebron Hills, Judea, in the area where King David escaped from Saul, very close to biblical Carmel
- ☆ **Historical Significance:** Ancient Sussya was a vibrant Jewish village with 3,000 residents from the 4th to the 9th century
- ☆ **Population:** 200 families, including 120 teenagers



*You can help raise up the next generation of pioneers in Biblical Israel, these teens regularly volunteer in Sussya*



*Sussya has over 120 teenagers and they need your help to refurbish their youth center*

## SUSSYA YOUTH CENTER

### PROJECT BUDGET

Youth Center Renovation .....	\$4,730
Plumbing and Electricity .....	8,480
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$13,210</b>

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