



Karnei Shomron

SURVEILLANCE IS THE KEY TO PROTECTION

May 2021. Israel is literally on fire. Israeli Arabs attack their Jewish neighbors in the mixed cities of Lod, Jaffa and Acre. Missiles are flying from Gaza, hitting targets deep within the country, including in far-away Samaria. Meanwhile, Arabs in Judea and Samaria, inspired by the attacks coming from Gaza, join the fray, throwing Molotov cocktails and rocks at passing cars whenever the opportunity lends itself.

One such attack nearly hit my car. My husband and I were driving home late one night when we saw an arc of fire coming towards us. Arab terrorists had thrown four Molotov cocktails at passing cars, but miraculously, they hit the road on either side of our car. We were spared. Later, the local IDF command contacted us to find out if we had a dash camera in our car that would help them identify and locate the terrorists. We did not. Clearly, there is a dire need for additional surveillance cameras in the area.

Since then, terrorism has reared its head often and with growing intensity. In recent months, the road leading to Karnei Shomron has been targeted by Arab terrorists on numerous occasions, especially by Arab teens throwing rocks at passing cars. There have also been car-rammings and car-jackings. Residents are often fearful to travel at night. The IDF patrols the road regularly but the terrorists hide and wait until the patrol cars pass before attacking. There is a critical need for ongoing surveillance along the road leading to Karnei Shomron, the largest community on Route 55 in Samaria. A surveillance camera positioned adjacent to the road with full view of the northern stretches of the community as well as the road, will upgrade the protection of local residents immeasurably.

In the summer of 2022, a terrorist murdered a security guard at the entrance of Ariel and then escaped. A massive manhunt ensued as the terrorist moved north, towards Karnei Shomron. Volunteer first-responders were called out to their posts around the community's perimeter. The terrorist was ultimately captured before getting to Karnei Shomron. But this attack brought home the fact that the local first-responders are woefully underequipped. They are short bullet-proof vests, uniforms, night-vision equipment and portable cameras.

Karnei Shomron is a community of 11,000 residents and growing. But as it grows, and as the security situation in the surrounding area deteriorates, the community's needs for adequate protection is growing exponentially. The dedicated emergency staff and volunteers are on alert 24/7. But without the addition of a strategically-placed high-power camera, coupled with vital equipment, the people cannot be adequately protected. Your gift for these emergency needs will save lives in and around Karnei Shomron.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1977
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** In English, "Horns of Samaria" referring to the two hills that rise above the community
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** The town borders the Kana River valley, the Biblical border between the territories of Ephraim and Menashe
- ☆ **Population:** 11,000



Karnei Shomron desperately needs your support for vital emergency equipment to protect its families



Karnei Shomron has a sophisticated monitoring station but is missing a vital camera to ensure maximum protection

KARNEI SHOMRON EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

PROJECT BUDGET

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| Surveillance Cameras and Infrastructure | \$172,000 |
| Portable Surveillance Cameras and Night Vision Capabilities | 17,300 |
| Bullet-proof Vests and Protective Gear | 8,650 |
| TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED | \$197,950 |

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