



# Bet Yatir

## CARING FOR SENIOR PIONEERS

In 1979, a prominent Rabbi called two young men into a meeting in the cramped conference room of his Yeshiva. Rallying them to take an active role in the return of the Jewish people to Judea and Samaria, he urged: "*The Hebron Hills are waiting for you!*" His words planted the seed for establishing the community of Bet Yatir. Inspired, the two young men convinced ten more like-minded idealistic religious young families to join them in putting down roots in the Hebron Hills. Developing the barren hill south of Hebron required deep faith, hard work, and grit. But knowing they were fulfilling Biblical prophecy, these dedicated pioneers were determined to make the barren land bloom.

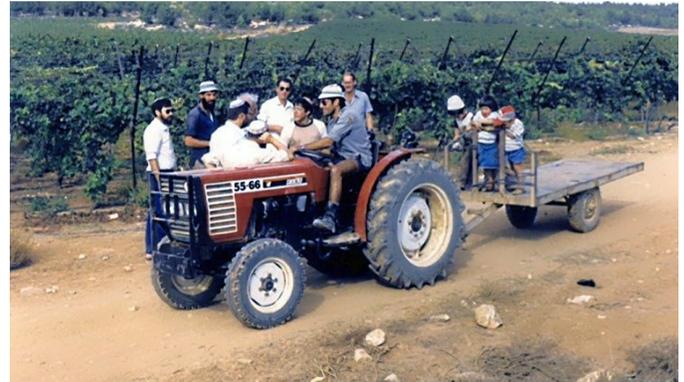
Bet Yatir, a small religious “moshav” (an agricultural cooperative), is the first of several small communities to have been established in the isolated and breathtaking southern Hebron Hills. Despite difficult conditions, they clung resolutely to the land, overcoming endless challenges and hardships over the years. With God’s help, these brave souls have transformed the desert into fertile land. Today, Bet Yatir boasts vigorous agriculture enterprises, and the community has grown to over 140 families.

Due to their relative isolation, the residents of Bet Yatir make a tremendous effort to keep their community life rich and rewarding. Today, these original founding pioneers are in their golden years. Understanding the importance of caring for their founders, the people of Bet Yatir want to provide a dedicated facility and quality activities for the 45+ pensioners who live there. They already hired a program coordinator and began offering day trips for their veteran pioneers. There is a building in Bet Yatir that could be used as a seniors’ center, but it requires extensive renovations, including updating the electrical wiring, upgrading the bathroom, installing a small kitchen, new windows, painting and purchasing equipment and furnishings. Additionally, they need to remodel a small exercise room to help their young-at-heart seniors stay in good physical shape. The people of Bet Yatir need your help to renovate and furnish a new senior center and exercise room.

**Bet Yatir’s original pioneers are retiring and facing the challenges that come with advancing age. And the community wants to ensure that they have a place they can call their own. They need your help to create a warm and welcoming senior center and exercise room. These resilient pioneers dedicated their youthful energy to settling the Biblically and strategically significant Hebron Hills area. Today those early pioneers remain attached to the community they helped build. Please honor these aging pioneers and provide them with dignity and quality of life in the Biblical Heartland.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1979
- ☆ **Location:** Hebron Hills, Judea
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** named for the nearby Yatir Forest
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** the community's second and lesser-known name, Metzadot Yehuda (the strongholds of Judea), refers to the strongholds to which David fled from King Saul (1 Samuel 23:14)
- ☆ **Population:** 140 families



*Bet Yatir's idealistic religious pioneers dedicated their youthful energy to settle Biblical Israel*



*The original pioneers of Bet Yatir love their community & the Land of Israel. You can help enrich their golden years!*

## BET YATIR SENIORS CENTER

### PROJECT BUDGET

Renovation of Senior Center and Gym .....	\$49,090
Community Participation .....	-4,410
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$44,680</b>

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