



# Havot Yair

## A BRIGHTER FUTURE

When I was growing up, the public library was one of my favorite places. The smell of books, the quiet, the endless shelves of untapped adventures just waiting to be cracked open and devoured — something at the library always captured my imagination. Beyond the books, libraries always serve as a hub of community activity as well. Workshops, classes, children's shows, and other activities for children all take place in the local library. But in the small isolated communities of Judea and Samaria, a public library is not a privilege - it is a vital resource for strengthening community bonds and growth.

Havot Yair is a vibrant, growing community in Samaria overlooking the Kana Brook, the Biblical boundary between the Hebrew tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim. When the first pioneers arrived in Havot Yair in 2001, a group of mostly single young men and a few families, it was a barren hilltop. They brought mobile homes, a generator, tanks full of water, and a deep determination to settle the land. It is truly a gem today, both in terms of natural beauty and the opportunity it offers young families - a rural setting to raise their families, only a short drive from the city of Ariel, where they can access all the benefits of a big city. Almost doubling in size over the past four years, today, Havot Yair is vibrant and growing, boasting over 120 families, nearly 400 children, and many others eager to join this close-knit community that feels like one big happy family.

Yet, living in a small, isolated community under constant threat of terror is not easy. With few venues for community events, the local library is more than a venue for learning, exploring, and connecting with others. The library of Havot Yair is a vital resource for strengthening community bonds and camaraderie in an isolated community that faces ongoing challenges of terrorism. But with the recent population boom in Havot Yair, the existing library, located in a jam-packed shack, can not meet the needs of all the residents. There is never enough space for browsing or reading books and no room to add more bookshelves. Havot Yair needs your help to renovate its precious library, adding much-needed space indoors for browsing and books and outdoor space for year-round cultural events.

**Havot Yair, a small but growing community in Samaria, needs your help to expand the library building. With its recent population boom, the library is bursting at the seams. Your donation will help Havot Yair provide vital resources for their children, teens, and adults. Your donation towards the Havot Yair library will foster solidarity and close relationships within the community, strengthening them in their ability to withstand the many challenges that threaten them from outside the community.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 2001
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** Situated in western Manasseh, the community is named in honor of the Biblical Yair and Yair Stern, leader of Israel's pre-state "Stern Gang" who fought valiantly for Israel's right to her land
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** Havot Yair, ("the farms of Yair," in Hebrew) was captured and named by Yair, the son of Manasseh, as part of Manasseh's territory (Deut 3:14)
- ☆ **Population:** 124 families



*Located in a tiny shack, the local library in Havot Yair is a vital resource for strengthening community bonds*



*You can help Havot Yair expand their library to serve everyone in this growing community in Biblical Israel*

## HAVOT YAIR LIBRARY PROJECT

### PROJECT BUDGET

Structure Expansion .....	\$18,800
New Enclosed Porch .....	15,600
Furnishings AND Equipment .....	3,500
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$37,900</b>

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