



Dolev

STRENGTHENING TEENS THROUGH MUSIC

On August 23, 2019, a Jewish family visited a natural spring near the community of Dolev for a leisurely day of swimming and hiking. But a vicious act of terror shattered the beautiful day and their lives forever when a bomb detonated near them, killing 17-year-old Rina Schnerb while injuring her father and brother. The entire country mourned the loss of such a beautiful, loving, innocent girl.

Dolev's teenagers are truly a unique bunch, dedicated to joyfully embracing the Scripture "*love thy neighbor as thyself*" (Leviticus 19:18). Although Dolev's teens did not personally know Rina, they were deeply affected by the tragedy that had occurred just outside their community and felt the need to memorialize her. With tools in hand, they turned a weed-covered hilltop, just outside Dolev, into a small oasis, including a picnic area and a lookout structure that surveys the stunning views of the Benjamin Hills. They named the spot Rena's Lookout, inviting the Schnerb family to participate in the dedication.

This is one of many stories that exemplify these teenagers' loving and giving spirit. Every year, Dolev's youth work tirelessly, planning and organizing two major retreats for severely disabled children, where campers enjoy unique social opportunities while their parents get a well-deserved break. Additionally, over the numerous COVID-related challenges, these special teenagers regularly delivered food parcels and helped take care of small children in the community—a true godsend to those in isolation or battling illness.

Music is the balm that eases their souls, binding them to one another and enabling them to create harmony out of the chaos. During the many COVID quarantines, Dolev's teens formed several musical ensembles and regularly participated in musical competitions. They met for music practice at an old, decrepit shack that had fallen into disrepair, harmonizing while seated among several strategically placed buckets that would catch raindrops from the leaky roof. Yet, despite the shoddy conditions, the teens faithfully returned to play and make music there—even winning several awards. Today, as the dilapidated structure has further deteriorated, unsafe for use, the instruments damaged by the conditions, the teens in Dolev feel dejected. Last year, CFOIC Heartland donated generously toward a new music center for these dedicated teens. But the project is not complete, and Dolev still needs your help.

Music can do so much for teenagers, especially those living in an isolated community in Samaria. The people of Dolev want to reward and encourage their teens for their untiring selflessness by creating a music center for them. You can help raise the next generation of inspiring pioneers of Israel through the enduring gift of music.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1983
- ☆ **Location:** Benjamin region, Samaria, overlooking both Greater Tel-Aviv to the west and the Jerusalem mountains to the east
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** named for the nearby Dolev Valley and the dolev (Old World Sycamore) tree
- ☆ **Population:** 310 families, including 110 teenagers



Teens in Dolev have formed several musical ensembles and regularly participate in musical competitions



The dilapidated room where the Dolev teens meet to play and create music

DOLEV MUSIC ROOM

PROJECT BUDGET

Music Room Renovation	\$60,260
CFOIC Donations	-26,220
Community Participation	-3,460
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$30,580

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