



# Shani Livnah

## RAISING UP THE YOUTH

Shani Livnah is a community that exudes love and appreciation. Many years ago, when CFOIC Heartland was in its infancy, we raised a small donation to help them refurbish and modernize their small library. That was more than 20 years ago, and yet every time I visit the community, they still thank me for that modest donation. And it's not just the money. What they remember most is that at a time when they were so isolated, when their closest friends and relatives were afraid to visit them because of terrorism on the roads, when they felt so alone in their valiant attempts to settle the remote southwestern corner of Judea, there were Christians out there who cared. You were there for them when they needed it most.

Today, Shani Livnah is asking you to help them care for their teens. After two years of COVID, the effect on teenagers has been disastrous. For so much of that time, school was either closed or broadcast on zoom. High school students sometimes tuned in for their classes but often they didn't. They experienced devastating isolation. Often stuck at home with various quarantines or illness, when regular youth programs in the community were cancelled because of the restrictions, they missed the social outlet so vital for children of that age. So many of these teenagers feel lost, rudderless, and uncertain of their future.

There is an old building in Shani Livnah that has served as a youth center for years. But today it is in a serious state of disrepair. The ceiling must be replaced, the kitchenette and bathrooms upgraded and repaired, and of course furnishings are desperately needed. In addition, they would like to create a nice outdoor shaded space, appropriate for the moderate to warm climate eight months of the year.

While the youth center has always been a place for informal education, today, it is more vital than ever before to the healthy development of the youth of Shani Livnah. Professionals will train high-school students as counselors for the younger teens, providing these younger children with quality programming, while creating a sense of responsibility in the older teens. Music, social interaction and so much more will become an essential part of the teenagers' experience, restoring their mental health and undoing the damage of the past two years.

**The people of Shani Livnah are placing particular emphasis on their youth this year. After two years of COVID, these children need to get back on track and an attractive, fun-filled and educationally active youth center will do so much to accomplish that goal. Your gift for the teenagers of Shani Livnah will raise up a wonderful generation of young adults, who will contribute to their community and to Israel as a whole.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ✧ **Founded:** 1982
- ✧ **Location:** Hebron Hills region, Judea
- ✧ **Biblical Significance:** adjacent to the Biblical city of Anim in the territory of Judah (Joshua 15:50)
- ✧ **Geographical Significance:** situated inside Israel's largest man-made forest, the Yatir Forest
- ✧ **Population:** 150 families



*The Youth Center is currently in an old building desperately in need of painting, repairs and a garden*



*Your donation to help these wonderful teens is an investment in Israel's future leaders*

## SHANI LIVNAH YOUTH CENTER

### PROJECT BUDGET

Refurbishing and Repair of the Existing Structure .....	\$27,450
Furnishings and Equipment .....	13,000
Painting and Shaded Garden .....	11,800
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$52,250</b>

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