



Eshkolot

ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY

Yochanan grew up just outside of Jerusalem and spent 30 years of his adult life climbing the ranks of the Israeli Air Force, where he defended the Jewish people from constant existential threats in their ancestral homeland. As he traveled and frequently relocated throughout his military career, Yochanan deepened his connection to his homeland. As he reached retirement, still full of energy, Yochanan sought another way he could continue protecting his beloved homeland. He and his wife moved to Eshkolot, a tiny rural community surrounded by many hostile Arab towns and villages, where they contribute significantly to enriching community life and strengthening Jewish presence in the Hebron Hills.

Living in Eshkolot is not easy. The resilient pioneers of Eshkolot have worked tirelessly to enrich community life and develop a vibrant, active environment. But as a growing number of their original pioneers are reaching their golden years, becoming frailer and less mobile, they need a place of their own. Understanding the importance of caring for their elderly, the people of Eshkolot recently renovated an older building to create a senior center, where their seniors can socialize and participate in enrichment programs. The renovation of the new senior center is nearly complete, thanks to you, CFOIC Heartland's generous donors. But to complete the project, they need your continued help to purchase furnishings and equipment.

Everyone loves keeping fit and playing sports in Eshkolot; There are soccer activities for children, neighborly basketball games, and even a competitive volleyball team. More than providing a healthy recreational experience for residents, the local sports court serves as a community gathering place, fostering the community ties and solidarity that are so critical for life in Judea and Samaria. But after years of exposure to the harsh Mediterranean sun, the outdoor sports court is worn and no longer usable—the surface is cracked and uneven, and the basketball hoops were removed due to safety concerns. There are no more neighborly basketball games and the local volleyball team must travel on dangerous roads to other communities to be able to practice. The people of Eshkolot are eager to revitalize their sports court, but they need your help.

Eshkolot, a remote and small community in the Hebron Hills, needs your help with two essential community projects: furnishing their new seniors center and renovating an outdoor sports court. You can help the people of Eshkolot honor their aging pioneers who dedicated their youthful years to settling this Biblically and strategically significant area between Hebron and Beersheva. And you can honor the younger members of the community by helping Eshkolot renovate its sports court, contributing another building block towards the development of Biblical Israel.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1981
- ☆ **Location:** Hebron Hills, Judea
- ☆ **Geographical Significance:**
located over five kilometers from the nearest Jewish community
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** in English, "clusters," referring to clusters of grapes grown in the many nearby vineyards, from Biblical times to the present day
- ☆ **Population:** 140 families



You can help Eshkolot provide their seniors with a warm environment to socialize and engage in meaningful activities



You can help the children and young adults of Eshkolot enjoy healthy recreation by repairing their sports court

ESHKOLOT SENIOR CENTER & SPORTS COURT

PROJECT BUDGET

Sports Court Renovation.....	\$13,840
Senior Center Furnishings & Equipment	6,920
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$20,760

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