



# Telem

## TO PROTECT AND DEFEND

The story of Telem is one of resilience and dedication. Founded by secular pioneers in 1983, Telem hoped to attract new families. But, the community's infrastructure developed sluggishly over the first twenty years, and many families left. Then, in 2002, a major tragedy dealt the struggling community a terrible blow. Vile terrorists attacked neighboring Adorah; they invaded family homes and shot at residents, injuring many and brutally murdering four residents, including a 5-year-old girl in her bed. Although the attack did not occur in Telem, many Telem residents, frightened for their lives, left, and only a few families remained behind, feeling more isolated than ever before. It was a difficult time.

Teetering on total abandonment, Telem miraculously revived when, a few years later, a large group of religious Jews moved there to invigorate and encourage the community. They started a Bible school, brought the synagogue to life, and infused the community with joy and faith. Instead of sweeping the few remaining secular families aside, the new majority created a warm environment, accepting all the colorful tiles that make up the Jewish people. Today secular, traditional, and religious Jews live side by side, positively working together to impact the growing community, with 60 new family homes slated for construction.

Unfortunately, Arab villagers still relentlessly and violently threaten Jewish life in Telem. Over the years, the people of Telem experienced hostile infiltrations, arson, and terrorist attacks. Telem has a perimeter security fence equipped with sensors and new surveillance cameras, installed last year thanks to generous donations from CFOIC Heartland supporters. Telem's agricultural fields and undeveloped land are located outside the security fence. But with only one gate, response time to frequent threats in the surrounding fields is significantly delayed.

Recently, Arab terrorists ignited tires in the surrounding fields. The flames spread quickly, threatening homes and livestock within the community and crops outside. While they could see the tires near the fence, Telem's first responders could not reach them. To extinguish the fire and pursue the attackers, they had to exit the community through the main gate and backtrack to the site outside the fence. Thankfully, they were able to douse the flames relatively quickly with no harm to residents or their homes. But some crops sustained damage. Every minute counts during emergencies. Telem urgently needs electronic gates installed at various points along the security fence, to enable immediate accessibility during attacks.

**Telem, an isolated and vulnerable community in the Judean Hills, critically needs your help to add access gates around its security fence. These gates will ensure the security team has quick and immediate access during hostile threats. Your support will help these dedicated pioneers defend themselves against dangerous terrorists and stop threats before they become full-fledged terror attacks. Your gift for security gates will save lives!**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1983
- ☆ **Location:** Southern Judean Hills, west of Hebron
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** In Hebrew, Telem is a groove plowed into the ground for sowing. The name expresses a love for the Land of Israel and symbolizes fertility and growth
- ☆ **Strategic Significance:** Overlooks a major trans-Judean highway
- ☆ **Population:** 85 families



*Surrounded by several hostile Arab towns, Telem desperately needs your help to protect its vulnerable perimeter*



*Arab terrorists frequently use arson along Telem's perimeter to endanger lives, homes and crops*

## TELEM SECURITY PROJECT

### PROJECT BUDGET

Electronic Security Gates, Intercom System & Infrastructure .....	\$48,100
Surveillance Cameras .....	3,600
Community Participation .....	-6,700
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

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