



Adorah

THRIVING IN SPITE OF DANGER

Twenty years ago, the isolated community of Adorah suffered a bloody terrorist attack that seared the hearts and lives of its residents forever. Several residents were injured, and four were killed, including a five-year-old girl still in her bed. Shaken and afraid for their lives, many families abandoned the community. Of the 80 families living in Adorah at the time, only 23 remained. With so many friends and neighbors moving away, the few remaining dedicated pioneers faced even greater isolation. Then, ten years ago, some of the original families moved back to Adorah, infusing it with renewed vitality and hope.

Today, there is a healthy mix of secular and religious families—110 families strong and growing! But there are still many challenges to raising a family in a tiny, isolated community. Their continued stability depends on absorbing additional families. To attract new families, Adorah must offer culturally enriching content and experiences for children and their parents.

Libraries are vital to fostering literacy and supporting culture in any community. In isolated Adorah, the library also serves as a vital social hub for shared experiences. There is a newly renovated library where children and youth regularly enjoy access to books, quiet reading time, and cultural programs. But the space is cramped, and there is not enough room for all the happy children that frequent this treasured space. Adorah wants to add functional space to the library by turning the bare yard into a welcoming venue for reading and events. New benches will provide children with a reading area under the shady trees; landscaping and lighting will transform an empty lot into a magical venue for events. The community has already raised a portion of the funds, and thanks to a generous CFOIC Heartland donation, they are now closer to their goal. But to complete the project they still need your help.

To offer more enriching services to their residents, Adorah recently invested in a piano and drum set and began offering music lessons. Children and adults are flocking to sign up for music lessons - and the demand keeps growing. A group of music-loving teenagers recently formed a musical ensemble, and the community would like to encourage them and others by fully furnishing a music room, including acoustic wall panels, additional instruments, and equipment for mixing, recording and editing music.

Adorah needs your help to expand their library venue and to purchase musical instruments and equipment for a new music room. Outdoor benches and landscaping will provide an inviting outdoor space for more library enrichment events, and a fully furnished music room will give local youth the cultural and emotional outlet they so desperately need. You can support the dedicated pioneers of Adorah as they raise their young families in the heart of Biblical Israel.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1984
- ☆ **Location:** Hebron Hills region, Judea
- ☆ **Geographical Significance:**
Located along the Trans-Judea Highway, which connects Kiryat Gat with Hebron
- ☆ **Population:** 110 families, and 300 children



You can help provide music enrichment for the children of Adorah with your donation today!



Adorah needs your help to landscape the library yard so they can expand vital activities and programs in the community

ADORAH CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

PROJECT BUDGET

Library Yard Renovation	\$60,560
Music Room Instruments and Equipment	16,020
Community Participation	-34,600
Funds Already Raised	-10,000
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$31,980

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