



# Roi

## ENCOURAGING TOMORROW'S PIONEERS

Whenever we witness gorgeous greenery, we marvel at God's awesome power that has created our world of nature. One well-known Biblical prophecy foretells the return of Jewish people to their ancestral land: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." (Isaiah 35:1) When Roi's first pioneers arrived in the desolate and barren Jordan Valley, this prophecy seemed like an impossible dream. But with God's providence and years of hard work, the dream became a reality. Today, Roi's lush fields producing grapes, olives, lemons, and flowers serve as a living testament to the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.

Forty-eight families live in Roi today, including the original pioneers and the second generation who returned to raise their families in the community. Perhaps due to their extreme isolation and vulnerability to ongoing threats of terrorism, the people of Roi have created a vibrant, close-knit community. But the region's harsh desert climate makes it challenging to enjoy the outdoors most of the year, necessitating an air-conditioned indoor space for most activities.

Raising energetic children in a small and remote community can be challenging. But the people of Roi understand the importance of keeping local youth safe and engaged in positive activities. Years ago, thanks to generous CFIOC Heartland donors, they established a youth center for children and teenagers ages 6-18. The youth center, a bustling hub for enrichment activities, offers regular programs for different ages rooted in the Biblical values of love of the Land of Israel, kindness, and volunteering. Teens run programs for the younger children and help youngsters with their homework, promoting mutual responsibility and camaraderie.

Teenagers need a warm and inviting environment to socialize, develop meaningful friendships, and grow. But, after years of extensive usage, the local youth center, which has been a haven for numerous teens, has fallen into disrepair. Consequently, the teenagers stopped meeting at the center to socialize, choosing instead to congregate outside. Parents, concerned this will lead to at-risk behavior, are desperate to renovate and equip the youth center with new furniture, games, and equipment to create a safe and welcoming space for their teens. But to make this blessing a reality, they need your help.

**Roi, a tiny, isolated community in the Jordan Valley, desperately needs your help renovating the local youth center to provide a safe and inviting space for their teens. These brave pioneers are raising their children to be responsible and contributing members of Israeli society. Your generous gift will be an investment in the next generation of pioneers in Biblical Israel.**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1976
- ☆ **Location:** Jordan Valley
- ☆ **Name Origin:** "Roi" (my shepherd in Hebrew) alludes to the passage in Psalms 23:1, "A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want"
- ☆ **Strategic Significance:** Located only a few kilometers from Israel's border with Jordan, it is vital in securing Israel's eastern border
- ☆ **Population:** 48 Families, with 50 children and teenagers



*The teens in Roi regularly volunteer with younger children, creating a culture of mutual responsibility*



*You can encourage the next generation of pioneers in the Jordan Valley by equipping a fully-furnished youth center*

## ROI YOUTH CENTER

### PROJECT BUDGET

Renovation, Furniture & Furnishings .....	\$4,330
Computer & A/V Equipment .....	2,560
Games & School Supplies .....	760
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$7,650</b>

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