



# Leshem

## PREVENTING TRAGEDY

It's a quiet evening in a growing residential community in the hills of Samaria. A mother on her way to bed locks the windows and doors. "We are safe" she assures herself. But she is not convinced. Down the street, a teenager, returning late from a friend's house, scans his surroundings, as he walks along a dirt path towards home. He is keenly aware of how vulnerable he is. In the tall grasses along a twisting road, a dark figure crouches in wait, watching the youth; he approaches, weapon in hand. There will be a tragedy. Another tragedy that this stretch of road has seen before - a tragedy that can be prevented.

This is the horrifying, yet familiar reality for Jews living in Judea and Samaria. The residents of Leshem are no exception. As they raise their children with Biblical values and zeal for the land, a current of fear always simmers beneath the surface. Even though Leshem is located near its sister community Alei Zahav, both are relatively isolated, in an area heavily populated by hostile Arab villages. Residents of those Arab villages often walk freely through the open fields and low hills surrounding Leshem. When tensions are high — as they frequently are — their very presence so close to Leshem's fence is an implicit threat.

Leshem was built and populated nearly overnight. Of its 550 families, most moved there within two years, a rate of growth completely unprecedented in Judea and Samaria. While residents were ecstatic to see so many new families joining them in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, they are barely able to keep up the pace with the high demand for new homes. And there was not enough time to gradually develop the necessary security infrastructure. Leshem is highly vulnerable to terrorist attacks, facing open fields where hostile Arabs can easily approach and infiltrate the community undetected. There is an urgent need for a comprehensive surveillance system, to alert security personnel to potential hostile threats before they become a full-blown terrorist attack.

In 2020 and 2021, with the generous support of many CFOIC Heartland donors, Leshem was able to complete the first and second stages of the project. But a recently completed new neighborhood, located outside the previously established surveillance system, remains vulnerable. Additional cameras are critically needed to defend Leshem's newest residents. Any delay could cost lives.

**The people of Leshem need your help to purchase critically important surveillance equipment, to protect their families from certain danger. Your donation today will help them keep an eagle-eyed watch on their surroundings, enabling them to catch terrorists while they are still only threats and prevent full-fledged terror attacks. Donate today—help save lives in Biblical Israel!**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ✧ **Founded:** 2013
- ✧ **Location:** Samaria
- ✧ **Geographical Significance:**  
located near the ruins of a Byzantine-era monastery Deir Samaan
- ✧ **Origin of Name:** in English, amber; named for one of the stones on the Priestly Breastplate
- ✧ **Population:** 550 families, 2,600 residents
- ✧ **Aliyah From:** USA, Canada, UK, Australia, South Africa, The Netherlands, Russia, Argentina, and France



*You can help protect the families of Leshem who are committed to settling Biblical Israel*



*It is absolutely vital that Leshem have proper surveillance cameras and equipment so they can protect their families*

## LESHEM SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

### PROJECT BUDGET

Surveillance Cameras System .....	\$298,110
Funds Already Raised .....	-117,650
Community Participation .....	-112,940
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$67,520</b>

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