



Salit

AN INCUBATOR FOR GROWTH

Teenagers require a safe and nurturing environment that fosters positive connections with peers and mentors, where they can explore and shape their unique identities and chart their future paths. Salit, the sole agricultural cooperative in Samaria, embodies the realization of the Zionist dream. Forty years after its establishment, Salit has over 350 families, including the original pioneers, second-generation families, and new families. And as the community has blossomed, so has the number of teenagers, with an astounding growth from 80 to 300 teens in just four years. This surge highlights the growing need for suitable activities to cater to their teens' increasing numbers.

While the people of Salit are deeply committed to instilling in the next generation the core Zionist values of strengthening Jewish presence in their ancestral heartland, they have been facing a concerning reality. Many of their teens spend extended, unstructured hours aimlessly wandering the streets of Salit, lacking purpose and direction. Acutely aware that youth programming in Salit is failing to engage their teens, and recognizing the inherent risk of teen boredom, Salit wants to establish a comprehensive social and enrichment program to provide a constructive outlet to channel their teenagers' youthful energy.

Envisioning a brighter future for their teens, the parents of Salit want to establish a Youth Innovation Incubator to ignite their passions, foster personal growth and social bonds, nurture their talents, and instill within them a profound sense of belonging. The new center will provide the youth a place to gather socially, receive help with homework and study for exams from mentors. It will also provide social programs and enrichment courses, including photography, video editing, programming, and 3-D printing. Salit recently received an old mobile home to use for the Youth Innovation Incubator from the Samaria Regional Municipality. But to make this dream a reality, the people of Salit still need help renovating the building, installing internet infrastructure, and purchasing furniture and technology equipment, including computers, screens, and software licenses.

Salit, a growing agricultural cooperative community in Samaria, needs your help establishing a Youth Innovation Incubator, to provide their restless teens with constructive after-school programs to keep them engaged in healthy, enriching activities. Your gift will play a vital role in nurturing the next generation of pioneers in Salit, helping them develop valuable skills, and preparing them for a brighter future, as they continue settling the Biblical Heartland.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Established:** 1977
- ☆ **Location:** Northwestern Samaria
- ☆ **Strategic Significance:** Overlooks Israel's coastal plain (west) Samaria (East and South) and the Carmel mountains (North)
- ☆ **Geographic Significance:** Located between the Green Line and Israel's Separation Barrier
- ☆ **Name Origin:** Named for the limestone rocks (selah means rock in Hebrew) ever-present in Western Samaria
- ☆ **Population:** 350 families, including 300 teenagers



A recent surge in the number of teens in Salit, from 80 to 300, highlights an urgent need for engaging youth programs



You can help nurture the next generation of pioneers in Salit, as they continue settling the Biblical Heartland!

SALIT YOUTH INNOVATION INCUBATOR

PROJECT BUDGET

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| Building Renovation & Furniture | \$22,880 |
| Computers & Technology | 27,980 |
| TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED | \$50,860 |

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