



Megilot

EQUIPPING MODERN DAY HEROS

Below the Judean hills that encircle Jerusalem lies a breathtaking and rugged terrain stretching eastward to the Dead Sea. The region is called Megilot, literally scrolls, and it is named for the Dead Sea Scrolls discovered at Qumran, located in the center of the region. This is the land where the tribe of Judah settled upon entering the Promised Land (Joshua 15:5), and where David fled from Saul. The majestic desert mountains, springs, and winding trails lead to remarkable archaeological sites, such as Masada. It is no wonder that tourists from all over the world flock to this ancient region, eager to explore centuries of Biblical history that have unfolded here. But, the region's extreme topography and the prevalence of sinkholes and floods require a dedicated professional search and rescue team.

The early pioneers of the Megilot region were Zionist Jews united in their love of the land and commitment to re-establishing a Jewish presence in their ancestral homeland. With God's help, they cultivated the desert soil, producing melons, tomatoes, peppers, onions, date plantations, and vineyards. Over time, the area's commercial enterprises expanded to include salt processing, tourism, and cosmetics labs based on the natural Dead Sea minerals. Today, there are eight small communities in the Megilot region. Although the region has experienced growth over the years, the communities remain small and isolated from urban centers.

The Megilot Search & Rescue Unit operates in the northern Judean Desert as well as in parts of the Benjamin region. The team, comprised of ninety volunteers, provides crucial life-saving assistance to injured, stranded, or lost travelers visiting this challenging terrain. Search & Rescue team members undergo extensive training, including rappelling, drone searches, mountain rescues, flood and marine rescue, and medical training. But with no financial support from the Israeli government, the Megilot Search & Rescue Unit relies exclusively on charitable support to sustain its life-saving services. To continue their vital work in this ancient Biblical area, the Megilot Search & Rescue Unit urgently needs your help to purchase a new 4WD vehicle to enable them to navigate the rugged terrain, a rescue lifeboat, and a thermal drone.

The Megilot Search & Rescue Unit urgently needs your help to purchase critical equipment to enable them to continue saving lives. Rain, shine, or flood, the Megilot Search & Rescue team members are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. These dedicated volunteers, always first on the scene, specialize in rescue missions in the rugged, flood-prone, and narrow canyons of the Dead Sea area. Help these brave pioneers safely settle this Biblically significant land. Your gift will save lives!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Name Origin:** Megilot (scrolls in Hebrew) is named for the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in the region
- ☆ **Location:** North Dead Sea
- ☆ **Historical Significance:** Liberated in 1967, during the 6-Day-War. First settled in 1974
- ☆ **Population:** 1,800



You can support the Megilot Search & Rescue team volunteers to save lives in Biblical Israel!



The extreme topography and flood prevalence in the Dead Sea region require a dedicated Search & Rescue team 24/7

MEGILOT SEARCH & RESCUE EQUIPMENT

PROJECT BUDGET

Security Vehicle.....	\$50,420
Thermal Drone	13,450
Rescue Water Craft	10,090
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$73,960

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