# Telem

### **KEEP PRECIOUS LITTLE ONES OUT OF THE COLD**

Upon assuming the throne, King David united the People of Israel under one throne, establishing the first successful royal dynasty of the Israelite nation. Located in the center of what was David's original kingdom in Judea, is Telem, a village that embodies the spirit of King David's unity. Telem is a place where secular and religious Jews live together in harmony.

Founded in 1983 by secular Israelis who sought to build a community in Judea, the village faced significant challenges threatening its existence. In 2002, Israel's terrorist enemies raided a nearby town, killing four inhabitants, including a five-year-old girl. Although the attack did not happen in Telem itself, it was still too close to home for many of its residents, resulting in a significant exodus. Those who stayed behind felt even more isolated and vulnerable. The future looked bleak for Telem.

But, against all odds, Telem was blessed by God with a sizeable group of religious Jews who relocated to the village. They breathed new life into the community, establishing a Bible School, revitalizing the synagogue, and infusing the village with faith and joy. Today, 120 families (650 people), live in Telem, with many more families wanting to join. King David would be proud. But now, the community faces another challenge.

Telem's only preschool center for the community's 40 children aged 3-5 is being forced to shut down. Budget constraints have forced that preschool to operate in unsafe conditions, putting the children at risk. This has left the preschool with no choice but to move into a new facility. The Israeli government is covering some of the expenses, but not enough to provide the new preschool with the critical equipment needed to operate safely. Items like a backup generator are a vital necessity as Telem's infrastructure is simply unable to withstand winter temperatures, resulting in frequent power outages. These children need reliable heating in the winter. When you donate, you are helping Israeli children stay out of the cold. There is also a need for new kitchen appliances to provide hot meals for the children. And the new preschool needs a playroom to provide Telem's kids with a happy and memorable childhood. Remember, Israel's children are its future. Now is your chance to help ensure those children enjoy a safe upbringing full of joy and love.

Your donation will make a significant difference in the lives of Telem's young children. You can help provide them with a safe and nurturing environment that will enable them to grow and thrive. Your support will help ensure that Telem's children enjoy warm meals. Most importantly, your gift will provide these children with basic heating so vital in Judea's freezing winter!

# **COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT**

#### ✤ Founded: 1983

- Location: Southern Judean Hills, west of Hebron
- Origin of Name: In Hebrew, Telem is a groove plowed into the ground for sowing. The name expresses a love for the Land of Israel and symbolizes fertility and growth
- Strategic Significance: Overlooks a major trans-Judean highway
- Population: 120 families



It is vital that Telem's young pioneering families have a safe and well furnished Daycare Center for their children



You can help provide Telem's youngest members with the equipment they need at their new daycare center

## TELEM DAYCARE EQUIPMENT PROJECT BUDGET

TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	כ
Funds Already Raised20,170	C
Kitchen Equipment & Dishes	C
Emergency Generator11,770	C
Furniture and Furnishings\$34,300	C

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