



# Ofra

## EQUIPPING HEROES, SAVING LIVES

On the 8th night of Hanukkah 2018, blood-thirsty terrorists, driven by hatred, unleashed their fury at innocent passengers waiting for a bus at Ofra Junction. Shira Ish-Ran, seven months pregnant, was shot in the abdomen. Her husband Amichai and five others were moderately injured. Tragically, the baby, delivered in an emergency C-section, died four days later, leaving a void in the hearts of the grieving parents. In their darkest hour, Shira and Amichai delivered a profound message to the Jewish People through the name they chose for their deceased son—Amiad Israel (my eternal nation, Israel) - reaffirming their unwavering commitment to the sacred covenant between God and the Jewish People.

This young couple symbolizes the enduring spirit of the idealistic pioneers of Ofra. A thriving religious community nestled between Biblical Samaria and Benjamin, Ofra is grounded in the importance of education, kindness, and Biblical values. Among its educational institutions, Ofra has two Bible academies for women, a field school offering biblical and historical tours, and Lev Binyamin, a program for children and adults with special needs.

Yet, just outside this thriving community lie relentless security threats casting a shadow over daily life. From shootings to stabbings and car-ramming attacks to attempted infiltrations, the people of Ofra have endured countless horrors within their borders and along the treacherous pathways that surround them. In the face of such peril, security is paramount. Ofra's dedicated security team is staffed by security officers, daytime guards stationed at the various schools, and 26 rapid response volunteers trained to swiftly assess and address emergencies.

Communication devices play a vital role during emergencies, helping rescue and medical forces coordinate efforts and keeping the public informed. Thanks to the generosity of CFOIC Heartland donors, Ofra purchased security radios for the rapid response team two years ago. Yet, in the wake of escalating terror threats since October 7th, and at the recommendation of the IDF, Ofra recently expanded its security team to sixty volunteers. Long-range radios are critically needed to equip the new team members of the Ofra first-response team.

**The community of Ofra desperately needs your help to equip its security team with long-range radios to respond to terrorist threats and provide effective protection for local families. Without communication devices, Ofra's rapid responders will not be able to stop violent terrorists, who are so eager to uproot the Jewish presence in the Biblical Heartland. Your support for this vital project will actually save lives!**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ Founded: 1975
- ☆ Location: On the border between Biblical Samaria and Benjamin , near Beth El, between Jerusalem and Nablus
- ☆ Biblical Significance: Named after the ancient Jewish town in the territory of Benjamin, mentioned in Joshua 18
- ☆ Historical Significance: The first Jewish community established north of Jerusalem in modern times
- ☆ Population: 4,000



*Ofra's security team desperately needs additional equipment to continue fending off arson and any other terror attack!*



*Your gift will help the devout pioneers of Ofra raise their children in the Biblical Heartland!*



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