

For the Young and Old of Etz Ephraim

Etz Ephraim, meaning the stick of Ephraim, is a lovely community, located between the Samaria city of Ariel and the Sharon city of Rosh HaAyin. Etz Ephraim takes its name from Ezekiel 37:16, which states, “And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it: For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it: For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and of all the house of Israel his companions.” Established in 1985, Etz Ephraim now boasts 200 families with 300 more housing units in the process of development and marketing. Thirty to fifty percent of the population is religiously observant and the healthy mix of religious and secular works well here.



The average age of the adult residents is 45 and there are 200 children from ages 0 through 18. There are two kindergartens and an afternoon program. There is a social center which houses community activities and major events.

This year the community would like to focus on their teens. There is a youth center that serves 150 teenagers, both religious and secular. The center is in a temporary structure that the people of Etz Ephraim renovated for them. But they haven't been able to raise enough funds to furnish and equip the place for their kids. A nice cozy sitting area with a television and movie corner, a ping-pong table, some tables and chairs and an air conditioner, will make this place a home away from home for these teens.

At the other end of the spectrum of the Etz Ephraim population are the Senior Citizens. There are over thirty members who come to the Senior Citizens Center to socialize, enjoying recreation and education at this rich time of their lives. The center works a lot with second-hand materials, creatively recycling and reusing things that the people of the community have given or thrown away, turning them into crafts and other works of art. The golden-agers have been enjoying a ceramics class, but unfortunately the center hasn't been able to afford the costly ceramics oven.

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Project Budget

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| Youth Center, Furnishings, and Equipment..... | \$16,670 |
| Senior Citizen Club Ceramics Oven | 6,660 |
| TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:..... | \$23.330 |

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