

# The Center for Jewish Ethics in Gush Etzion

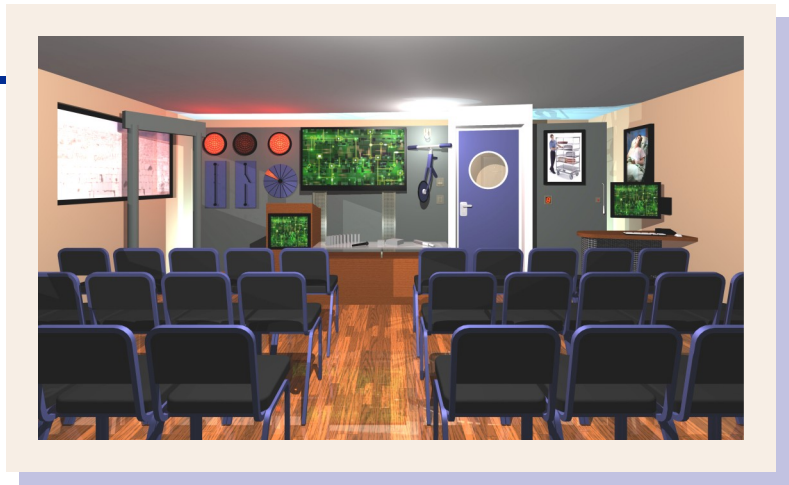
Shabbat is a day when we are meant to stop the frantic race of life and turn to the spiritual. But in the modern world, this is not always an easy task. In Alon Shvut the staff of a very special place called the “Zomet Institute” has dedicated itself for 35 years, to seamlessly merging the teachings of Biblical law with modern life. The world is not the same place it was thousands of years ago, and it keeps changing every day. New challenges confront us, new technologies develop, and questions abound. As people of The Book, Jews always have to deal with complicated current affairs while remaining true to teachings of the Scriptures. Its staff of Rabbis, researchers, and engineers have devised practical and pragmatic solutions for institutions, businesses and private citizens who want to keep the Shabbat while remaining true to their beloved age-old religion. The director of the program is himself a rabbinical court judge and an engineer! The staff is committed to improving society in modern Israel by adopting the spirit, principles and divine beauty of the Hebrew Scriptures while melding it into modern life.



Zomet would like to educate the public about the wonder, the beauty, the intricacies and the versatility of Shabbat. This year they would like to establish a Visitors’ Center with a lecture hall that will serve as a multi-visual learning experience. There, visitors will be treated to a hands-on display of the electronic, technological and mechanical solutions of a modern world for an ancient people.

Zomet also publishes an annual journal called *Tchumin* (literally “Limits”) containing well- researched articles which explore modern challenges, solicited from and written by leading Rabbis, scholars, scientists, doctors, lawyers, engineers and economists. The issues that are dealt with include medical experimentation on prisoners, experiments using animals, forcing the sick to be treated, genetics, transplants, solutions for infertility, redeeming prisoners of war for money, and many other ethical questions which are at the forefront of Israeli society. The success and popularity of the *Tchumin* publication proves that Zomet’s committed staff is providing a much-needed service to Jews over the world.

Alon Shvut, which the Institute calls home, is part of the Gush Etzion (Etzion Bloc) region, home to a number of Jewish communities before Israel’s War of Independence. However, in 1947, the communities were destroyed, their inhabitants massacred or taken prisoner, and the area was occupied by Jordan until 1967. Pioneers and children of the original residents returned to resettle the region right after the Six-Day War in 1967. Now there are more than twenty communities in Gush Etzion, spanning approximately 4,000 square miles.



- As people of The Book, Jews always have to deal with complicated current affairs while remaining true to teachings of the Scriptures. At the “Zomet Institute”, a staff of Rabbis, researchers, and engineers are reaching out to Jews all over Israel, and all over the world, teaching them about the beauty of Shabbat and its relevance in a modern world.
- The annual “Tchumim” journal deals with essential, timely, ethical issues, providing an invaluable service, but the publishing and printing costs are high and the salaries of the researchers need to be paid.

**T**he Center for Jewish Ethics in Gush Etzion is turning to CFOIC Heartland for help. For over thirty five years the “Zomet Institute” has been laying the groundwork for a culture that remains faithful to the authority of God’s word in His land. Let us support them as they continue in their holy work.

### Project Budget

Visitor’s Center Chairs .....	\$5,805
Visitor’s Center Room Dividers.....	3,275
Visitor’s Center Educational Posters .....	2,225
Tchumin Journal Costs (Annual Cost).....	27,775
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED: .....</b>	<b>\$39,080</b>

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