

At Home in Karnei Shomron

More than thirty years ago, in 1977 a group of young Zionist families, decided it was time to populate the Biblical Heartland. The empty hilltops of Karnei Shomron beckoned. Their goal was to get as many people as possible to build and buy homes in Samaria. The construction of apartment buildings began, homes going up quickly to accommodate the steady stream of people who came, eager to take part in the pioneering dream.

Today Karnei Shomron is a sprawling regional center, one of the largest communities in Samaria, with over 7,000 residents, spanning every age group. Karnei Shomron prides itself on its diversity. Young families have been joined by their parents and grandparents; new immigrants from North America, Europe and the former Soviet Union have joined native-born Israelis; and residents of all ethnic backgrounds, religious, traditional and secular, have joined to build a vibrant community with a keen sense of local pride. Karnei Shomron is spread across five hilltops overlooking the Kana River Valley, the Biblical border between the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim (Joshua 17:9)

Unfortunately, the quality of construction in the Ginot Shomron section of the community, was compromised, and now, three decades later, the dream is still strong, but the houses in terrible disrepair. There are terrible plumbing issues, roofs are decaying, whole sections of tiles missing, and walls are leaky, unsightly brown patches of moisture staining the interior and exterior. The neighborhood is in danger of starting to look like a slum and it is time for neighborhood renewal.

The municipality decided to start a renovation project in the Ginot Shomron neighborhood, where the condition of the houses is not only aesthetically problematic, but actually dangerous. The purchase prices and rental fees were very reasonable thirty years ago and attracted many people who are now, unable to take care of their homes. The municipality is offering a special group deal to the residents, having entered into a contract with a company to fix all the homes to keep the costs down. Most families will be paying their own costs, but those who can't afford it need to be helped. There are twenty four families who are especially needy and the average cost to repair a home is \$3,800. These families deserve to live in clean, dry, decent conditions.



Project Summary

Karnei Shomron Home Renovations

- Karnei Shomron has grown through the years and there is a tremendous sense of community pride.
- With growth comes responsibility, and the people of Karnei Shomron have always taken care of their own, providing for the needs of all the segments of their varied population.
- There is an urgent need to repair the homes of 24 families who are unable to fund these repairs on their own.



Karnei Shomron prides itself on its diversity, understanding that everyone must stand together in order to continue building the special sense of community they have developed through the years.

Project Budget

Renovation of 24 homes @ \$3,800 each \$91,200

TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:..... \$91,200

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