

Outreach Program at the Land of Judah Museum

For anyone versed in the Bible, Hebron needs no introduction. Abraham spent many years living in Hebron and later buried his wife there. Caleb received Hebron as a special inheritance from Joshua, in fulfillment of Moses' promise, and King David established his first capital in Hebron. Significantly, it is one of the few places in Israel that the Bible tells us was purchased by Jews – the Machpela cave, purchased by Abraham to bury Sarah. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah are all buried here.

Jewish presence in Hebron, however, extends well beyond the Biblical period. There were Jewish communities in Hebron for centuries. From the 16th century until 1929, when the Arabs massacred 70 Hebron Jews and drove the survivors from the city, there has been an uninterrupted, flourishing Jewish community in Hebron.

There are close to 8,000 Jews living in Kiryat Arba-Hebron today. Despite the fact that most of ancient Hebron itself has been relinquished to the Palestinian Authority, with only the small areas of Jewish settlement still in Israeli hands, Jewish life there is flourishing. The brave pioneers who returned to the ancient city of Kiryat Arba-Hebron have extraordinary faith in God and trust that theirs is truly a sacred mission – to create a permanent, strong, vibrant community in the city of the Patriarchs.

The Land of Judah Museum was established in 2002. The museum's mission is to educate Israel's citizens about Judea's rich Biblical and archeological history. The museum currently has on display hundreds of archeological artifacts – testimony to the Jewish people's heritage in the Land of Judah and the city of the forefathers.

The museum runs programs to create a living connection between the youth of Israel and its ancient heritage. This past year alone, 177 classes, from kindergarten through high school, availed themselves of this unique educational program! Adults and seniors also avail themselves of activities, classes and evenings of culture at the museum. This past year 4,528 people participated in the museum's educational programs. In 2011, the Land of Judah Museum plans to incorporate a project called "Upwards to Hebron", which hopes to bring thousands of students from all over the country, for some, the only chance to experience to be exposed to Israel's holy sites and to reconnect with their rich ethnic roots.

Each person is charged a token fee for participating, so as not to burden the parents of large families with heavy costs. A good part of the maintenance costs and ongoing expenses are covered by revenue from the modest fees paid by visiting groups and by municipality participation. But there are the additional costs of trained guides and quality supplies for the workshops.



- The Land of Judah Museum is located in Hebron, a place which, for anyone versed in the Bible, needs no introduction.
- The Land of Judah Museum has a mission: To create a living connection between the youth of Israel with its wonderfully rich heritage. They accomplish this holy undertaking through exhibits of archeological artifacts, lectures and hands-on workshops.



FOIC Heartland has been asked to assist the museum in subsidizing their innovative programs, so that more people can experience the joy of learning about their heritage. The museum and its presence in Hebron are testimony to the Jewish people's connection to the city of their forefathers. Your support for this project will help bring the message of Kiryat Arba-Hebron – the message of Abraham – to all the people of Israel and, at the same time, will help strengthen the brave community of ancient Hebron.

Project Budget

Costs of museum programming and educational activities.....	\$42,860
Additional 50 tour days for the "Upwards to Hebron" program	7,300
Funds from additional sources.....	-9,000
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....	\$41,160

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