

# Living Together in Maaleh Shomron

Nestled in a beautiful, dense mountain forest of glorious pine trees, 350 meters above the coastal plain, just 30 kilometers from Tel Aviv, Maaleh Shomron is surrounded by a multitude of flora and fauna. On a clear day, residents enjoy breathtaking views of Israel's coastal plains stretching from Ashdod to Caesaria.

Maaleh Shomron was founded in 1980, on the principle that religiously observant and more secular families could, and should, live side-by-side in an atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance. It is this spirit that makes the community's frequent communal activities, including holiday gatherings and trips around the country, so successful, and attracts residents from all walks of life—veteran Israelis, new immigrants, young families and senior citizens.

Today, Maaleh Shomron is home to 250 families. Local services include a synagogue, grocery store, day care, nursery school and library. In addition, there is a community center, where social, educational and cultural activities are conducted for residents and neighbors of all ages from surrounding towns. Maaleh Shomron also boasts a light industrial zone, which currently houses a high-tech company, a hardware store, a garage and repair shop, and offices.

Security is an undeniable reality of living in Samaria. The people of Maaleh Shomron are not fazed by this reality, but they do not ignore it. Prevention and foresight are worth a great deal and this year the community would like to invest in the protection of their residents. The decision was made to purchase and install a security camera that will turn a full 360 degrees on a pivot. Positioned on the local water tower, the camera will provide help watching over the safety of the people and provide peace of mind.

For many years, CFOIC Heartland has supported Maaleh Shomron by contributing towards the Youth Center and playground for the teenagers and younger children who needed local outlets of recreation so as not to have to travel on the roads. Now, thankfully, the main roads are relatively quiet, but there is still so much to do to develop the community.

Taking responsibility for security does not negate the need for another kind of community welfare. This year, Maaleh Shomron would like to invest in their library. The library is a wonderfully active and busy nucleus in the neighborhood, cleverly situated next door to the Gymboree. Mothers and toddlers come for story hours, teenagers come there to work on school projects and adults regularly avail themselves of the books on hand. A new shelving system, a renovation of the computer workstation, a refreshing new stock of books, and some tables, chairs and curtains, would give the library the healthy overhaul it needs.



# Project Summary

## Maaleh Shomron Security Camera & Library

- Security is an undeniable reality of living in Samaria, The people of Maaleh Shomron are not fazed by this reality, but they do not ignore it.
- The library is a bustling nucleus of healthy recreation. With an injection of renovations and purchases, it can be even more!



**M**aaleh Shomron believes in the principles of tolerance and mutual respect. What a privilege to live and raise families in such a place! Help support them and become part of that dream.

### Project Budget

Security Camera .....	\$3,800
Library Renovations .....	\$3,175
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED: .....</b>	<b>\$6,975</b>

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