

Safe and Secure in Maale Shomron

Nestled in a dense mountain forest and overflowing with lush flowers and greenery is the community of Maale Shomron. Just thirty kilometers from Tel Aviv, Maale Shomron residents enjoy breathtaking views of Israel's coastal plain, stretching from Ashdod to Caesarea, from the comfort of their mountaintop homes. It is a truly beautiful place.

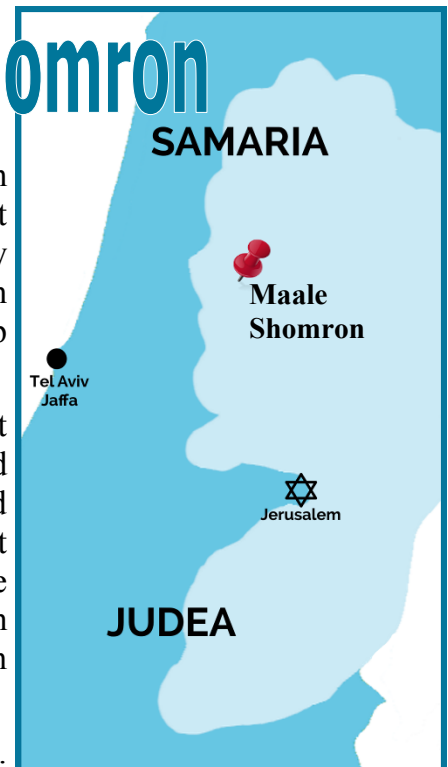
The community was founded in 1980 on the principle that religiously observant and more secular families could (and should) live side-by-side in an atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance. It is this spirit that makes the community's frequent communal activities – holiday gatherings, group trips around the country, and more – so successful. Residents are attracted from all walks of life, and the community is made up of veteran Israelis, new immigrants, young families, and senior citizens.

Today, Maale Shomron is home to more than 290 families. Local services include a synagogue, grocery store, day care, nursery school, and library in addition to the large community center. The community center is a hub of social, educational, and cultural activities not just for residents of Maale Shomron, but also for the people in neighboring communities. Maale Shomron also boasts a small industrial sector that houses a high-tech company, a hardware store, a garage and repair shop, and many small-business offices. Through the years, generous donors have helped the people of Maale Shomron by contributing towards a youth center, playground, library, and emergency needs, but there is still much to be done.

Emergency and safety concerns are an undeniable reality of living in Samaria. The people of Maale Shomron are not frightened by this reality, but they cannot ignore it. Because of Maale Shomron's extreme proximity to Azzun, a massive, hostile Palestinian village, security issues and terror attacks are a very real and grim threat. In 2014, a firebomb was thrown at a car driving near the community, and a young girl was severely burned and left in a coma for days. Thankfully she is recovering after her many surgeries, but her rehabilitation has not been an easy process, and her scars will be a constant reminder of that horrible day. More recently, two terrorists managed to infiltrate the community armed with a gun, and thank God, security forces managed to stop them before any harm was done. For this very reason, prevention and foresight are worth a great deal to the residents of Maale Shomron.

In the past, you and other wonderful CFOIC Heartland donors generously helped Maale Shomron with its emergency needs. This year the community is turning to you once again for help in protecting its residents. Maale Shomron must install a network of security cameras, which will include DVR and license plate recognition technology, extra cameras near the main gate and security booth, and high-frequency radios to improve communication between security forces and boost response time in the event of an infiltration.

Knowing that the rapid response team is on constant alert and prepared for any eventuality is what enables the people of Maale Shomron to feel protected and safe. The residents of Maale Shomron have sacrificed so much — they are true pioneers. By helping them, you are sharing their dream to build up Biblical Israel.



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Project Budget

15 Walkie-Talkies @ \$433.....	\$6,495
Seven security cameras	2,230
DVR	410
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....	\$9,135

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