

# Local Advocates of Israel Bonds



Steve McElhatten pictured from view overlooking Jerusalem.

## **Bio of Steve McElhatten**

Stephen McElhatten is a Mansfield resident. Prior to moving to Richland County, Steve was a community investment corporation president and served on the Galion Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Steve is retired as a Human Relations Director with Lifetouch Church Directories.

Steve has visited Israel five times and led two Israel tours of twenty-five persons each thru Shoresh Study Tours. According to Steve, “Purchasing Israel Bonds is more than a symbolic act, it is a practical way to stand with Israel in the midst of rampant anti-Semitism that is metastasizing around the world.”



Tom planting a tree on Har Bracha for his late wife.

## **Bio of Tom Culp**

Tom Culp is a retired farmer and ODOT Traffic Engineer who lives outside Lexington. Tom and his late wife Marilyn have been to Israel several times including extended periods of assisting Jewish farmers with the grape harvest and other activities. Tom was just completing a six-week harvest period and was still in Israel when Hamas attacked the southern kibbutzim on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Tom continues to collaborate with Shiloh Israel Children’s Fund which provides therapy for victims of terrorism, and works with HaYovel, which coordinates faith-based volunteering in Israel involving planting trees, harvesting grapes and pruning vines.

Tom says, “While the opportunities for individuals to serve Israel and the Jewish people continue, I am asking the Richland County Board of Commissioners to actively support Israel by renewing and increasing the purchase of Israel bonds as the nation fights for its survival. In this way, citizens in Richland County can engage in and receive the great blessings promised to those who bless the land of Israel.”

# Richland County, Ohio