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"FOR THE LORD WILL NOT FORSAKE
HIS PEOPLE; HE WILL NOT ABANDON
HIS HERITAGE; FOR JUSTICE WILL
RETURN TO THE RIGHTEOUS, AND ALL
THE UPRIGHT IN HEART WILL FOLLOW
IT." PSALM 94:14-15

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Prayer for Israel (PFI) began in 1969 as a response to questions like, "What is happening in Israel and what has God to say about it?" Since then the nation has stayed in the world's headlines and the work of PFI has grown. PFI founder Ken Burnett, as a Jewish believer in Jesus, discovered the importance of Romans 10:1 *"My heart's desire and prayer to God is that Israel might be saved."*

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The Caves of Ein Gedi

HOPE-FILLED LAMENT

A couple of our PFI Monday Zoom Prayer Gatherings delivered powerful messages of hope; one from Sandy Shoshani, Director of Be'ad Chaim, and the other from Dani Yahav, Pastor of Peniel Fellowship in Tiberias. However, Dani perfectly described the complexity of having the hope of a believer, mixed with the anguish of events since the 7th of October 2023: 'It's an emotional rollercoaster'. I suspect this is familiar amongst many Israelis today.

For those of us in the UK, praying for Israel in these times causes us to lament for the many who are suffering. At the time of writing, the atrocities taking place in Syria and the Congo are added to the palette of horror. The persecution of innocent Christian communities are too horrific to describe but can be clearly seen if one dares to look. We can add to these the Alawite (an Islamic Shia sect) communities of Western Syria who are enduring the same fate at the hands of militant Islamic monsters.

As the state of Israel waits for the release of their remaining hostages and are so hungry for peace, their heart is broken. God's people are in lament. God must feel far from them. Yet they wait. Just like Habakkuk, they wait and no doubt, like many of us, have many questions for the God of Israel.

HABAKKUKS COMPLAINT

"How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore, the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted"
Habakkuk 1:2-4.

THE LORD'S ANSWER

"Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told"

Habakkuk 1:5

"The Lord is not in idle slumber, but as Job and David discovered, it is the Holy One who is in control"

AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"

Habakkuk 2:14.

The Lord will answer, He will fulfil His Word. In the midst of these unfolding, tragic events, He is the Watcher and the Witness. These verses tell us of His Faithfulness to do as He has promised.

"I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us. Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I

will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights" **Habakkuk 3:16-19.**

Lamenting and questioning with Habakkuk is a sobering experience. The book deals with the reality of despair, loss, sadness, anger, and doubt. After Habakkuk's controversy with His maker, the response of the Lord God in revealing His authority and warnings to the wicked is a sweet balm of reassurance to the prophet, and to us. And what joy there is in understanding

that the Lord is not in idle slumber, but as Job and David discovered, it is the Holy One who is in control, and who will act in Justice.

To emphasise this joy and hope in the midst of doubt and questions, we feature some incredibly moving testimonies of encounters with the Lord from female hostages who are now back in Israel. Although not yet believers in Yeshua, their stories highlight miraculous encounters with the God of Israel who is actively seeking and drawing His people to Him according to His own purposes and ways. Who knows what their future testimonies will be. Our prayer is that Yeshua, their Saviour, will be at the heart of their hearts. Yes, the Lord is with us in our lament as He is in our prayers of hope. In all things, we are 'more than conquerors' (Romans 8:37).

1 John 5:4: 'For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.'



PRAYER OVERVIEW FOR ISRAEL

Please pray into the general prayer needs for the Holy land.



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AREA 1

Elijah's cup of mercy

Directed by Miri Moriah

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07.03.2025

Dearest Friends,
Joyful greetings to you as we celebrate the story of Purim and its amazing significance in relation to the present situation Israel is facing in terms of strategy and decision-making for the next steps.

Truly, Purim has brought a joyful week to our nation and our family this year. Indeed, as best we can, we are putting all of our national concerns aside temporarily to participate in the minor feast-feasting, sending portions to one another, and giving gifts to the poor. I explain below why we wear costumes.

Though Purim is officially celebrated on the 13th and 14th of March this year, everyone has ongoing parties and celebrations starting a week prior at their jobs, schools, kibbutz fields, and in all the malls. My 8-year-old granddaughter's school held a parade with their costumes yesterday morning, which was three blocks long. She was a princess.

Today, all the children wore their pyjamas to school. Children are seen walking down the street in their costumes during this week, and some adults also.

Purim is a time for gladness and for thanking the Lord for His faithfulness to Israel and His triumph over our enemies, to Him who keeps Israel - He neither slumbers nor sleeps.



Twin girls who are fatherless celebrating Purim

Visiting the homes of fatherless children and widows this week has been such a joy for me. Bringing the traditional sweets of many sorts on a partitioned platter, along with cookies called "Haman's Ear," made them so excited.

This was so hilarious to me... laughter is wonderful! Something that brought so much laughter to me was my daughter Yael and granddaughter doing the "*Chicken Dance*" in huge chicken costumes at the kibbutz of one of our extended family members near Haifa last Shabbat. Everyone was amazed and thought it was part of the programme. (I posted it below.) Maybe you will laugh too!

I have had to step out of the previous month-long grief involving the stressful release of hostages that the entire nation experienced together. As long as we are able to feast... then we will indeed feast! We are standing in His grace and strength, our faithful, soon-coming King!

Please pray for this dear family! Greeted with hugs, I was so blessed to visit this family at the border this week and I brought the little police costume (previously my granddaughter's) for the youngest. She was so happy. And of course, they dove into the sweets and the cookies I brought.



Greeting a family at the border

"The children are so happy to be home as they were growing weary of being in the hotel. Yet, even they are suffering the lack of their Abba, who passed away only two days before fleeing from the North. They are reliving the trauma of his death. It's like a video of our life was rolling and now someone has pushed rewind... And here we are, left to pick up where

we left off." Some volunteers came in to help with all the boxes they had brought with them to the hotel and now had to unpack again. The mother is very thin due to grief. She showed me her hands and wrists that are gnarled with pain from working on a computer for the factory on their kibbutz. She can barely drive. I came with a friend of mine who tried to massage her shoulders. Please pray for her. I remembered my grief of widowhood as a young woman.

This mother is older than I was when I was widowed at 31. But age has nothing to do with it. Loss is loss! When we left, she thanked me with all of her heart for driving all the way north to the border to see them. I gave her a real teddy-bear hug. She then told us that she had asked the Lord that morning to please send someone to just put their arms around her and hug her. Their kibbutz is a half-hour drive from the nearest city. They are really alone at the border. Please pray concerning their safety should there be another escalation at the border.

A car for a needy widow with children

We are so thankful that we could contribute towards a car for a mother of six children. Four are living at home. I reached out to her congregation, who paid for most of the vehicle, along with what we gave.

*Love and shalom from Israel,
Miri Moriah*



15.03.2025

Since our last newsletter, we have experienced some very challenging trials within the fellowship. The home of our fellowship accountant was completely burnt down by a fire that broke out one early morning due to a malfunction in the chimney of their fireplace. Praise God that no family members who were sleeping at that time were hurt. All managed to get out on time, and miraculously the parents' phones and important documents were not burnt, as well as the fellowship's computer, which was in the home office. Other than that, pretty much everything burned down. The encouraging thing is that, following this incident, the whole village in which they live, on the Golan Heights, came to their aid.

They all know that they are believers in Yeshua, and one lady who had previously been opposed to them joining the community because of their faith now offered to wash their clothes. Many others offered them essential items they needed, and one even offered them to stay in his new house, which he had built and was not in use. He had been very reluctant for many years to rent that house to anyone, fearing they would cause him damage, but now he was ready to let this family in.

Altogether, the people in their community were amazed at the peaceful and calm attitude this family had in the midst of the disaster they faced, and so they could be a living testimony of the

peace of God in the midst of trial. Now this family is in the process of getting the insurance to pay so that they can rebuild their home, but as in many cases, the insurance company is trying to pay as little as possible. We would appreciate your prayers for them, that God would help them in this process of rebuilding their home and provide all their needs.

The Second Trial

We were informed on the 13th of January that Aviel Weissman, the son of a family from our congregation, had fallen in Gaza. This was just shortly before the ceasefire came into effect. This was, of course, hard for all of us. But in the midst of the pain, God used it to sow many seeds of faith in the hearts of people. Many believers from all around Israel attended the funeral, as well as many unbelievers from the community and from the army. They all got to hear the declaration of the unwavering faith and trust of the parents of Aviel in God, in His sovereignty, and in His righteous acts. They also heard about the hope of eternal life, as promised in the book of Daniel 12:2-3, to all those who receive righteousness through their faith in the Messiah Yeshua, son of David, whom God has sent us.



The funeral of Aviel Weissman

Many commented later that they had come to the funeral very distressed and sad but were encouraged by the message and testimonies. Also, during the week of mourning, the "*Shiv'a*," the father of the family was testifying to everyone who came to comfort them, including the army colleagues and army representatives who were assigned to accompany the family. They could see the huge difference between them and all the other families whose sons had fallen in the same incident. Different people told the family that after watching how the believing community reacted and coped with the loss, they now have a totally different perspective on the Messianic community.

The family continues to have interaction with the other families of the fallen soldiers and those who were injured in the same incident, and it opens many opportunities to be a light to them. Please continue to pray for the family for continued comfort and peace, strength, and wisdom for all these encounters, and for the many seeds that have been sown in the hearts to grow and bear fruit.

If all of that is not enough, there is our ongoing battle for the licence for our Messianic elementary school. Following the last closure order, after several years of battling for it and fulfilling all the requirements of the Ministry of Education, with PFI's help we decided to open a petition and send it to all our friends, to show our officials that we are not alone and that there are many friends of Israel who are concerned about the injustice in refusing to grant Messianic parents their democratic right to educate their children according

to their faith in the Old and New Testaments. This petition is still going on; if you have not signed it, you can do so at: bit.ly/Peniel-Petition

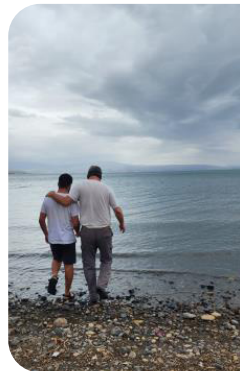
We also have some joyful news, as a number of people have made their decision to follow Yeshua and have been immersed in water in the recent months. Also, for the first time, a small home group consisting of Druze believers has been established. The Druze are a small and very closed minority, and it is very hard for any among them to break away from the customary traditions and accept faith in Yeshua. Over the years, there have been several from this community who came to faith, but there has never been a home group of this kind meeting within this community.

Please pray for their safety, as they have suffered different levels of hostility from their fellowmen and from close relatives. Pray for the strengthening of their faith.

Pray for God to direct the thoughts and decisions of our government and the new Chief of Staff, who came to office on the 5th of March, as they have to navigate and make very hard decisions concerning the continuation.

We desperately need God's intervention to get us out of this trouble. Pray for the pouring of the Holy Spirit on our nation! Thank you for praying; we value your prayers very much!

Daniel & Shirya Yahav.



Baptising in the river

08.03.2025

Shalom dear PFI brothers and sisters.

It was a very blessed time to serve our precious Iranian brothers and sisters in Turkey. We began in Kütahya city, where the local church is growing, especially spiritually. I preached there about our identity in Christ and on the second day about "*Shalom*" and its spiritual meanings in Hebrew.



Praying for a Muslim lady

After the first meeting, many people asked for prayer. One Muslim woman who had been invited to the meeting was touched by the Holy Spirit. After the meeting, she told us that she had attempted to commit suicide but survived. Now, she asked for prayer for God's love revelation in order to find hope and peace. In the second meeting, another Muslim woman came, and after the meeting, she asked for the same prayer! A couple of minutes later, she announced that she desired to give her life to Yeshua! Hallelujah!

We then moved to Afyon city and served there for the rest of the week. I spoke the same message there, along with several others related to Hebrew letters and numbers and their spiritual meanings. We spent a lot of time in prayer for the personal needs of the local believers. For years, we had been praying for the salvation of the husband of one sister we knew. Praise God that he gave

his life to Yeshua! He had previously been in the Bahá'í faith. Now, they are a united family in the Lord! Hallelujah!

His wife asked for prayer against the wrath attacks that she had been experiencing. During the prayer, she felt severe pains in her stomach and

gallbladder areas. She was even screaming from the pain. Then the "*wrath spirit*" went out, and the pain disappeared. Another sister had been suffering from the spirit of condemnation for many years. During the prayer, she was released! We also prayed for a church couple who saw their life through "*devil's glasses*"—all negative thoughts.

During the prayer, both of them lost consciousness, and then we saw a great work of the Holy Spirit in them! When they woke up, they were renewed in their minds. Praise God!

In Antalya, we served two families that we have cared for, for about eight years. Both have been stuck in Turkey for more than nine years and are experiencing many hardships.

We support them spiritually and financially. We thank the Lord for the privilege of being involved in His amazing work among Iranians, changing people's lives, and revealing the real, living God to the lost! We are also very grateful for your participation in this God's work!

Israel & Ilana Naftali.



ex-Bahá'í who gave his life to Yeshua

AREA 3

House of Redemption Congregation
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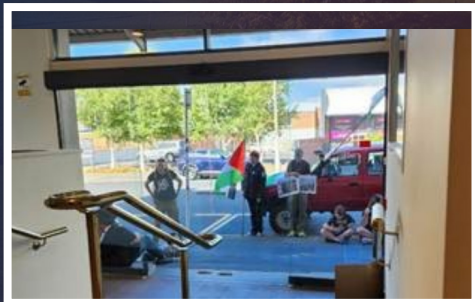
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Dear brothers and sisters, partners in ministry for the name and glory of Christ, Shalom! ★



Home group in Invercargill, N.Z.

Throughout February, we continued our ministry in New Zealand and, just a few days ago, arrived in Brisbane, Australia. Our ministry journey included visits to Wanaka, Christchurch, Dunedin, Punakaiki, Invercargill (Edendale), and Brisbane.



Anti-Israel demonstration outside the church in Dunedin.

This trip was the longest Anat and I have undertaken since the founding of our church, lasting a total of 45 days. The initial sense of excitement did not fade after a few days but remained

with us throughout the journey. In each location, we were blessed to meet with devoted brothers and sisters in Christ, share the Word in their churches and home groups, and engage in meaningful conversations with Israeli travellers - most of whom are young adults following their military service.

Additionally, we had the joy of meeting Christian hosts who welcome Israeli travellers into their homes. These dedicated believers not only provide hospitality but also seize opportunities to share the love of Christ and the Gospel as God opens doors. Notably, most - if not all - Israeli travellers in New Zealand rely on Christian hosts and Zula lodges as their primary accommodation, allowing them to be in close proximity to the message of Jesus throughout much of their journey.

Purpose and Goals of This Ministry Trip

Our goal is to develop a plan to ensure that each traveller who hears the Gospel and desires to learn more is connected with strong churches and individual believers in Israel for discipleship.

While in New Zealand, our church - Jerusalem Assembly, House of Redemption - enhanced our Hebrew website to provide all our Hebrew literature free of charge through a QR code. Since most travellers prefer digital resources over carrying physical books, this initiative makes biblical materials more accessible to them.

Additionally, the Zula Lodge in Wanaka holds a Bible study every Monday evening, attended mainly by local Kiwis. To support their outreach, we ordered 50 copies of Jesus in the Hebrew

Scriptures and 50 copies of the booklet 'Future from Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry'. These materials arrived at the Zula within a week, equipping the local believers with tools to engage Israeli travellers in meaningful discussions about the Messiah. The Zula ministry (along with similar initiatives worldwide and Christian hosts who welcome Israeli travellers) remains one of the most effective evangelistic outreaches for young Israelis. The love and care these travellers receive open the door to sharing the Gospel - the true source and power behind this love.

Experiencing the Zula ministry firsthand and meeting Christian hosts has helped us, Jerusalem Assembly, better understand how we can provide practical support and establish meaningful partnerships in this work. This is precisely the mission of **"Connections – Global,"** led by our daughter Jael.



Wanaka, the Baptist church together with the Zula's volunteers

A Taste of Heaven

The fellowship we experienced in the churches was truly a foretaste of heaven. Everywhere we went, we were received with love, and each congregation was eager to learn about God's plan for Israel. One significant lesson we observed is that the Church must study

theology - specifically, God's plan for Israel - from the Bible, rather than from the media.

Arrival in Australia and Journey Home

On February 24, we arrived in Brisbane, Australia, to visit friends and minister in their home group and church. As in New Zealand, we were embraced with deep Christian love. Throughout our ministry trip, we remained in close contact with our family and home church. We thank God for His faithfulness in keeping our family and for the godly team in our church, who are mature and well-equipped to lead the congregation in our absence. To God be all the glory!

Upon our return to Israel, we will resume our busy and demanding schedule. Please continue to pray for the release of the hostages and that our peace and trust will always remain steadfast in Christ Jesus.

"YOU THEREFORE, MY CHILD, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS." 2 TIMOTHY 2.

May God continue to bless you.

Meno and Anat Kalisher, Jerusalem, Israel.



10.03.2025

How shall we pray in the days we live in? How should we stand before the Lord in these challenging times? How can we stay relevant to God and His work? The times we are living through demand a more intentional life, walking before the Lord in deeper consecration, waiting upon Him, and seeking to be His in a fuller way.

All this is not to gain anything from the Lord; we are already beloved, justified, and in covenant with the Living God through the blood of His dear Son. Rather, it is so we may serve His agenda and stand before Him as a nation of priests (Exodus 19:6, 1 Peter 2:5) and be a bright light to those who are perishing (Matthew 5:14) There is no hope in mankind; there is no salvation in man. The world needs the Saviour; there is only one Redeemer! Hope not in systems, politicians, or any supposed goodness in man to make things right again. Only He can save the world.

So He looks for intercessors:

"Why, when I came, was there no man; why, when I called, was there no one to answer? Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, by my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink for lack of water and die of thirst." Isaiah 50:2.

We prayed from Psalm 9 for Israel in its need to be delivered.

- Dear Lord, arise and do not let man prevail. Let the nations be judged in Your Sight. See how they have come to destroy us; they desire to blot us out with the greatest violence they are capable of.

- Lord, move in such a way that the nations will know they are but men. (In verse 20, the Hebrew is *"enosh"* - mortal. Let the nations know they are mortal!

- Father, you see that we are in trouble. You see that we have been surrounded by nations who hate us. Some of those organizations, like Hamas, have given themselves over to a cult of death. You've seen, father, the anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiments in the nations in Europe and even in the United States in the universities and other places. Move on our behalf, Lord, judge our enemies.

- Lord, every time we overcome one enemy, another one pops up, so we plead with you to deliver us from them all.

- Oh God, do not forget us. Lord, we believe, with all of our heart, that you see all the blood spilled, all the agony of those who have been murdered, Lord, and their families. You have not forgotten and have not turned a blind eye to it. But in due time, Lord - and this is why we're praying - You will bring about righteous judgments. That is Your nature.

- Lord, we pray that you will overrule the Will of Man and the Will of the Nations wherever they do not align with your eternal plans. Move providentially for

this nation and the earth. Overrule them all, dear God. Our destiny will not be determined by the governments of foreign nations, not even by our government. Let Your Will be done in Israel, on earth as it is in heaven. You and You alone have the right to determine each nation's and each person's destiny.

- Father, we include in these prayers our cries for the hostages, that they may be freed.

- We ask that wisdom and strategy will be given to our leaders and the security forces in their dealings with Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, Egypt, Turkey, and the new regime in Syria. Let Israel not paint itself into a weak corner again, dear Lord.

- Above all, we pray for Your sovereign and providential work in Israel's affairs and challenges; Your hand is not short, and You do not lack the power to deliver.

- Father, we pray you will touch us and fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we might feel what you feel in your heart and be moved with deep care and longing to see you come to your people and save them.

- We have prayed so many times for you to pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on this nation, which is a spirit of repentance. What is repentance if not to be confronted with who we are without you? To be confronted by our sinfulness and corruption. We don't know of any true revival that has ever happened in history that does not include conviction and agony. To be faced with what we do and what we are without you Father.

So, Father, we pray that you will come and Deliver Us. Deliver us from religion, corruption, unrighteousness, and oppression, Lord, and you will do mighty work in this land to save us from ourselves.

- There is oppression here. Lord, there is a massive gap between the rich and the poor, the powerful and the powerless. Lord, there's so much here that we can weep over. We don't want to ignore all the prophets; we want to stand with them. Begging for righteousness, for your judgments unto salvation In this land.

- Lord, please reveal yourself. Lord, as Yeshua the Messiah. Oh, righteous Saviour that you are, we beg you to save our nation.

- Lord, Israel has much religion but not true godliness. We acknowledge our need of you.

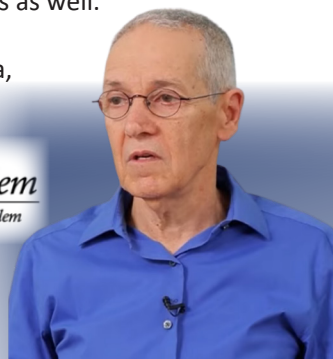
- Lord, We love you and need you. I'm not afraid to say that I need you. I need your blood, your Spirit, your word, and your light.

***"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day."
(Revelation 1:10)***

May it be said of us as well.

Blessings in Yeshua,
Offer.

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11.03.2025

Dear Family and Friends,

This past month has been very emotionally shattering for all of us here in Israel. We have joyfully anticipated our hostages return home, only to realise the horrible brutal conditions they had endured for over 500 days. As they were set free to return to their families, they started sharing of the suffering, torture and abuse they went through for the past 16 months. Some of them shared how they grew in faith and trust in their creator, calling on His name from the dark prison tunnels.

Some of them arrived back into Israel to a devastating reality, discovering that their families were murdered. Fathers found that they lost their wives and children and young men and women were told that they lost their parents, siblings and friends. We watched in horror as Hamas paraded the coffins of four of the murdered hostages in a grotesque transfer ceremony, three of whom were of the same family. We continue to mourn the murder of the Bibas children and their mother, who have become the symbol of all the hostages waiting to be released.

In addition, in the midst of receiving back our loved ones, we have faced the heavy price of trading killers for hostages. These *"prisoners"* with blood on their hands have promised to continue the murders of the October 7th again and again. Switching from joy into

mourning became the daily reality of this past month. We believe that one day our mourning will fully turn into joy as our Lord has promised in His Word.

These are the circumstances we live in; our hearts are heavy and troubled, but we need to keep looking up, holding on to the promises of God. Much prayer and wisdom is needed in the coming days. The future of Gaza and the lives of the remaining hostages hang in the balance. Enduring such a long war, we are still *"living"* in October 7 without seeing a *"resolution"* in the near future.

Our congregation has been able to touch the lives of wounded soldiers and displaced or bereaved families with the Love & Peace that only Yeshua can give. Grieving ourselves, we walk alongside them, giving them His hope and observing them respond to His simple touch, a glimmer of His light into our dark world.



Workshops on managing loss, grief, shock and trauma

We just ended our 9 days 'Taglit' discipleship training Hebrew speaking for adults (35-85). Our time together was comprised of studying the Word, worshiping, praying and fasting in the desert, connecting and traveling to different places in the Land from the South (Gaza strip, Sde Boker, Arad) to the

north (Kiryat Shmona & Hermon Mount). Our theme was from Isaiah 61- healing the broken hearted and comforting those who mourn in Zion. Eighteen disciples registered and testified how they received extreme encouragement and strength in their faith along with a deeper revelation of the Love of God. After being restored to be His witnesses, they were prepared to go into the harvest and bring the good tidings of Hope and healing.

The Aviv Ministry

Led by Dov & Olga Bikas

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28.02.2025

Dear Friends and Partners, shalom!

We would like to share with you the story of Artyom (not his real name), one of Aviv Center's visitors, told by a volunteer team leader, Igal.

"I CAN GIVE YOU SOMETHING NO MONEY CAN BUY"

I first met Artyom several months ago, near the supermarket where I buy supplies for Aviv Center soup kitchen. Artyom sat outside the supermarket, asking passersby for money. The first time I approached him, he looked at me hopefully, expecting me to give him cash. "I don't give out money," I told him, "But if you're hungry, I'm happy to buy you anything you'd like, or you can come to Aviv Center this evening. There will be a hot meal, cold drinks, and even some sweets." Artyom sighed. "I need money," he said firmly. I looked him in the eyes and replied, "I was addicted to drugs for many years, so I know exactly where that money will go. That's why I won't give you cash – but I'll gladly buy you food." He didn't seem happy with my response. "I don't need food," he muttered.

A week later, I saw him again. He recognised me immediately, and I repeated what I had told him before: "I can buy you food, but I won't give you money." "Why not?" Artyom asked, frustration in his voice. I explained again. "Because I know where the money will



Praying at the October 7th massacre memorial at Reim in the Gaza strip

Visiting the Nazareth Village, supporting our Arab brothers

Praying at the Syrian border with our Druze friends.

Our students receiving the "Taglit Discipleship Programme" certificates

Ministering to the homeless and needy in the streets of downtown Tel Aviv

Thank you for your support and your prayers in these troubling days.
Hamaayan Team.

go. But I can give you something much more valuable – something that no amount of money can buy.” He looked at me with curiosity. “What is that?” “If you turn to the Lord Jesus, He can set you free from your addiction. More than that, He can give you a new life.” Artyom hesitated. “I’m from Armenia,” he said. “There are a lot of Christians there. But I’m Jewish – I can only turn to God, not to Jesus.” I smiled and said, “Jesus was Jewish too. His first disciples were Jewish. And I am Jewish as well. But the truth is, Jesus doesn’t care about your background – He wants to help anyone who is willing to turn to Him.” Artyom thought for a moment, then nodded. “Now I understand why you won’t give me money,” he said. “Can you buy me something to eat?”

From that day on, every time I went shopping or saw Artyom at Aviv Center, we would talk – about God, sin, redemption, and Jesus. Each time, I invited him to come to a rehab centre and start a new life with Christ.

Artyom shared his story with me. He was a widower: after losing his wife, he became addicted to alcohol. He was 61 years old, and because of his lifestyle, his children had cut off contact with him. It was heartbreaking, but sadly, almost everyone living on the streets has a tragic story of how they ended up there. Then, three weeks ago, Artyom looked at me and said, *“It’s too cold to live on the streets. I really want to go to your rehab centre and receive what you have.”* I was overjoyed. *“What I have comes from Jesus,”* I told him, *“And if you turn to Him, you will receive it too.”* Artyom smiled. *“Every time we talk, I feel a warmth in my body. I don’t want*

our conversations to end.” That night, after our service at Aviv Center, we drove together to our rehab centre in Netanya. Praise the Lord for working in Artyom’s heart! Let’s pray for him together.

More News and Prayer Requests:

Tatyana, our Women’s Shelter manager, due to personal circumstances, will be transitioning to a part-time role with us. We are now looking for a new full-time staff member. Please pray that the Lord will guide us in this search and bring the right person to our team.

Valeriy (our rehab resident battling cancer) is feeling slightly better and receiving good care at the hospital. Sadly, his doctors still believe that recovery is unlikely at this stage. Wilhelm continues to visit and support Valeriy regularly. Please keep praying for our team - that the Lord would strengthen our health, help us serve effectively in His field, and continue to grow our projects.

Thank you for supporting our ministry and please feel free to share your prayers requests with us too anytime!

Yours in His Service, Dov and Olga Bikas and Aviv Ministry Team.



Dov Bikas

12.03.2025

The families of Sderot have endured months of anguish, fear, and loss. Since the brutal attack on October 7th, life here has never been the same. Parents struggle to provide a sense of security for their children in an uncertain future, while kids have grown up hearing sirens and explosions instead of laughter and play. The war continues with no clear end in sight, and each day brings new challenges.

Many families, after being evacuated for months, have returned to the city, facing the difficult task of rebuilding their lives amid uncertainty. But coming home does not mean the crisis is over. Many still struggle to regain stability, jobs are scarce, and daily life remains difficult. In this situation, every act of kindness makes a difference.

At City of Life, we are committed to standing with them for as long as it takes. Not just with words, but with real, tangible support. Our team regularly visits the most vulnerable families, bringing food, emotional support, and ensuring they have the essentials they need. But our mission goes beyond aid, we take the time to listen, to understand their struggles, and to remind them that they are not alone.

For many, our visits mean more than just receiving food. They are a moment of relief, a reminder that they have not been forgotten. *"I don't know what we would do without you. Your support gives us strength to move forward,"* a mother tells us with gratitude. We know this war will not end overnight, but as long as it lasts, we will be here - standing with these families, making sure they have what they need to endure and rebuild their lives.



**Nachalat Yeshua Congregation
Led by Howard and Randi Bass**

Support code: 4520 - Area 5 - South

Support code: 4521 - Beersheva Needy Families

Support code: 4522 - Howard and Randi Bass

15.03.2025

I just returned from a trip to England for board meetings of the CMJ-Israel. The meetings were initially scheduled to take place in Jerusalem, but due to the situation where airlines had not yet committed to renewing reliable air service to and from the promised land, they were relocated to Birmingham. For those who are not familiar with the CMJ, they own and minister from the Christ Church compound inside Jaffa Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem, Beit Immanuel in Jaffa-Tel Aviv, and Beit Bracha in Migdal, just above Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee. The CMJ has been very active and instrumental in God's hands for proclaiming the good news to the Jewish people since the 18th century in the UK and Europe, and in reminding Theodore Herzl that the land for the Jewish people was in what was then Turkish Ottoman Palestine, and not just *"anywhere"* outside Europe, where antisemitism was rife.

After the meetings concluded, I spent the rest of the time in Guildford, south of London, with a couple of lady friends who love dogs - and even me! They arranged several opportunities to meet with prayer and Bible study groups, and also, with their pastor, to teach/preach at their church. I also had a Zoom meeting with the PFI-UK

(Prayer for Israel) prayer partners. For those of you who notice what I often write about, you may guess what my main focus was: Jesus Christ is coming again, and we ought to be paying more attention to that in the times we are living in. Thankfully, this message was generally well received. However, they also mentioned that they never hear this in their churches. Much is talked about concerning the things of this world, but little about the Kingdom that is not of this world - the Kingdom of God, of Messiah-Christ, of the Father, when the Son of Man comes (Lk 21:34-36). All of the Prophets, the Messiah Himself, and His Apostles all looked forward to this Heaven-and-Earth-shaking event, which His first coming, crucifixion, and bodily resurrection set the stage for. I really do believe that this is the message which the Lord has given me since the moment of my salvation, and *"woe to me"* if I do not speak it out. (Ezek 33:1-6; Heb 12:25-29)

If this resonates with any of you, I would appreciate prayer that I may speak as I ought to speak, that the Holy Spirit would quicken His Word to and through me for the building up and encouragement of those under my authority and influence. I have been told many times that I speak about the end-times more than anyone else they know; and also, asked many times why I speak so much about this generation as being the last. If I actually believe that the Lord Yeshua/Jesus gave us a time-marker for knowing the approximate time of the end, of all things being fulfilled leading up to His return and the

resurrection of the saints to rule and reign with Him on Earth for 1,000 years, then why should I ignore that and teach and preach as if all things are as they always have been. That just that we are more aware of it now than those in past generations?! Just be a good Christian citizen, and don't offend anyone. What about offending our Father, our Lord, our Saviour? This is the generation that has seen the fig tree put forth leaves, which Jesus says will see His coming again, as His apostles asked Him about. This should be really good news for all who love Him and want to see Him fully glorified, to the glory of God the Father.

THE ANTICHRIST will cunningly cause deceit to prosper, exalting himself in his heart, corrupting and destroying many in their tranquility and prosperity, even standing against the Prince of princes (Dan 8:25). Many things are happening right in front of us and all around us that will lead to this false sense of *"peace in our time"* and of great possibility for security and prosperity. At the same time, most people will be oppressed, with only *"the few"* foolishly thinking that their lives are *"good"*; but their day of reckoning will come upon them suddenly, like that rich man who built bigger silos to hoard his wealth.

All this is the spirit of antichrist (of which the Apostle John says that there are many): arrogantly presuming to bring and make peace and pleasure, opposed to and replacing (replacement theology, anyone?) the truth about the only genuine Messiah/Christ - Yeshua/Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Man - God with us in the flesh. HE will bring

YHVH God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the HOLY Spirit when He returns to judge His enemies, and all who oppose Him and His covenanted brothers and sisters. What a day to look forward to. In the meantime we preach the gospel to any and all, making them Yeshua's/Jesus' disciples, and sanctifying ourselves in great loving anticipation as the beloved Bride preparing to meet her beloved Bridegroom!

The Jewish people are still reeling here in Israel and around the world from the trauma of all that has been exposed with the October 7, 2023 assault. What evil-doers intend for destruction, the Living God will turn to good and life for all who will turn from their own ways and turn to the true Father God and Saviour. Purim reminds us that God is still acting behind the scenes to protect His people from those who want to annihilate them, while also giving them the ability to defend themselves against those mindlessly joining in on the slaughter. Read the Book/Scroll of Esther to get the full story. (Yesterday's Persia is today's Iran.) There is nothing new under the sun; and there is a time for every purpose under Heaven.

Please pray:

- That more Jewish people living outside of Israel would seriously consider making aliyah/immigrating to Israel.
- For the turning of more Arabs and Jews towards the true God and Saviour.

His will be done on Earth as in Heaven.
Howard and Randi.

15.03.2025

Keep Moving Forward!: Working in the Midst of War

We may be in the middle of a war, but there's a lot happening here in Israel. God hasn't slowed down at all. People are still steadily coming into the kingdom, a new semester has started back at our Bible college, and we recently hosted a conference for believing soldiers.

Our young people and reservists are continually being called back to serve in the army, and the fighting seems to drag on and on with very little respite. However, 170 soldiers who love the Lord were able to gather together for a conference organised by ONE FOR ISRAEL, to bless them, encourage them, and to spur them on in their faith.

Take a Deep Breath: Caring for Our Soldiers

The theme of the conference was *"God's guidance in the life of the believer."* There were times of worship, plenty of good food and fellowship, and seminars on important subjects like, *"How to hear the voice of God."* The gathering took place just outside Jerusalem with dramatic views of the Judean hills, and it was a perfect time of refreshment and encouragement.

Here are some of their comments:

"I realised from the conference that in order to hear God's voice I can't just wait and expect to get all the answers - it's something that I have to constantly work on and have a real personal relationship with God - not just because I might need it someday, but because I really want to know Him. Because this is my first conference, it definitely encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone. To open up and connect with new believers in my age range - something that almost never happened to me before, and for that I say thank you."

"It was really blessed, thank you very much for your service and your heart to serve. I will pray that God will continue to bless you in your service"

“The conference was really very blessed, like taking a deep breath, really stopping and renewing my strength.”

"It was very relevant, this was my first Tzofen conference. I think it's very important to have

God's guidance in our lives. The person who really wants to build a relationship with God needs not only to get to know it, to memorise it, but also to apply it. It is very important for me to apply and get to know it more, this was a very significant topic even for mature believers. I must remember that God's will for us is better than ours."

Meanwhile, back at the **ONE FOR ISRAEL** campus, students are returning after the break for a new semester of studies at our Bible college. We have been updating our classrooms after the devastating arson attack in 2023, thanks to the generosity of people like you.

The fire caused a lot of damage to the building, but we have almost completed the restoration process, and we have also taken the opportunity to upgrade and update our facilities. The studies did not slow down even while the building work was being carried out, but the students were delighted to see the new classrooms, especially after being squashed into the library for much of last semester!

The word of God continues to go forth, and God's people are being equipped and trained even as the Middle East is shifting and churning all around us.

We want to make sure as many as possible are ready for every good work.

"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." (2 Timothy 4:2).



AREA 7

EZRA UK

Pat Frame: CEO, Ezra International

15.03.2025

From Neuquén, Patagonia Argentina we bid farewell to Manuel, Alexandra and their children. They have longed to arrive in Israel, and EZRA was present in every step they took to make their dream of making Aliyah come true, to arrive home. Now we continue to pray for them and their integration into Israel, and for all those we help day by day around the world. Wherever there is a Jew who wishes to make Aliyah, we will go to their aid to fulfill the Promises of God to bring His People Home.

Blessed and Beautiful new life dear family!



Prayer for Israel

News and Updates

In February's bulletin, it was mentioned that the grave of Lance Lambert had been damaged. Having been contacted by Lance Lambert's niece, she revealed that the headstone had been tilting for a long time but is currently in the process of being restored. It had not been vandalised. Ed.

THE *Extraordinary* Stories of the **ISRAELIS**

WHO FOUND *FAITH* DURING THEIR HOSTAGE ORDEAL



While dozens remain in captivity, many Israeli hostages have now been returned including, most recently, around 30 in a series of releases during the 2025 prisoner exchange deal. The harrowing testimonies many have shared of their time under Hamas rule have been shocking and disturbing. Many were starved, intimidated and threatened. Some were whipped and battered with sticks. Serious wounds incurred by many on their captivity weren't properly treated. Some died in Gaza as a result.

Which makes it difficult to believe there could be any positive outcome to the 'hell on earth' endured by the hostages in their Gazan captivity. Yet several of them - all female, incidentally - have testified to coming into the reality of their historic Jewish faith as a result of their ordeal. Here are their stories:

Agam Berger

The life of Agam Berger, a 20-year-old IDF surveillance officer from central Israel, changed dramatically when she was snatched by Hamas from her lookout post in Nachal Oz during the Oct. 7 attack. Having grown up secular, the harsh realities of being in captivity forced her to turn to God.



Other hostages have shared how they were put under daily pressure to convert to Islam, even being promised they'd be released sooner if they did. Similar attempts were used to persuade Agam, but she found inner strength to consistently refuse the teachings of the Quran.

Agam began to note that while her captors harboured deep hatred toward Jews, they showed at least a degree of respect toward those who were in any way religious. *"They said all of Judaism is a lie, but they preferred someone who believes in God over someone who doesn't"*, observed Agam. *"For them, there is no such thing as not believing in God."* Still, Agam was astonished when, in January 2024, the terrorists brought various items to the hostages, including a siddur - Jewish prayer book. *"They asked us what it was and then gave it to us."*

Agam believes the prayer book had been inadvertently left behind by soldiers who had previously been in the area. She found the occasion particularly providential. *"It wasn't random,"* she said with certainty. *"It arrived exactly when we needed it most."* The prayer book became a source of immense encouragement to Agam, and she turned to it daily. Agam went on to speak about the importance of Shabbat in helping her maintain a sense of normalcy and

faith, despite her captivity. Again, she was surprised when, at one point, her captors brought the hostages candles before Shabbat. *"We would know when Shabbat had begun (by listening to the radio). I took it upon myself to keep Shabbat."* Agam became increasingly observant in her faith. On one occasion when the terrorists told her to cook for them, she replied, *"I don't light fires on Shabbat"*, and remarkably, her explanation was accepted.

Agam went further than keeping the Shabbat; she also kept Jewish fast days: *"I observed Yam Kippur, Ta'anit Esther, and Tisha B'Av (the ninth of Av). I asked God to give me a sign, and then, by chance, I saw the date 'ninth of Av' appear on television. From there, we counted until the actual day."* During Passover, Agam found the boldness to ask her captors for cornmeal so she would avoid eating leavened bread; sure enough, the captors brought it to her. *"Somehow, they valued me more because I was religious"*, she added. One of the most significant moments of Agam's captivity was Yorn Kippur. *"We managed to fast, and I remember praying a lot that day,"* she said. *"so fasted on the Fast of Esther. It was something I felt I had to do, especially given our circumstances."*

Somehow, they valued me more because I was religious. Agam was released on 29th January 2025, after 482 days in Hamas captivity.

Daniella Gilboa

Agam Berger wasn't the only IDF surveillance soldier abducted from the Nahal Oz on Oct. 7.



Her friend and colleague Daniella Gilboa was, too. As the terrorists surrounded the soldiers at the outpost, Gilboa said she found herself praying *"...for all the girls who were with me, because I felt like there was nothing else I could do better than that at the time. I couldn't rely on the safety that the army might provide, or on the protection the shelter might offer, because it wasn't just about the rockets. I couldn't rely on those few armed girls either."*

Daniella Gilboa on her release *"I didn't want to give up or say goodbye, so instead, I prayed and believed with all my heart that my end wasn't there, in that bomb shelter. I knew that the only thing that could save us was faith."* Gilboa was held in captivity for a year and three months - twelve months less than Agam Berger - being released in January 2024.

One Shabbat morning shortly after her release, Gilboa, along with other released hostages, recited the Birkat HaGomel/ blessing of thanksgiving - typically recited by someone saved from a life-threatening situation - in a synagogue. The prayer was, Gilboa recalled, *"to thank God, who, against all odds, saved us from the worst possible thing. I had been waiting for this moment since the day I survived October 7."*

Sapir Cohen

Six months before October 7, Sapir Cohen began to feel an overwhelming sense of anguish that something bad was going to happen. Soon after, a chapter of the biblical Tehillim (Psalms) appeared on her Instagram. For no



particular reason it resonated with her, and she recited it daily. *"For the first time in my life, I decided to pray,"* Cohen admitted.

Still, her unsettling feelings did not go away. As her dread continued to mount, her prayers brought her just a little bit of comfort, and she quickly memorised the entirety of Psalm 27. The moment terrorists stormed the house in southern Israel where Cohen was on Oct. 7, she instinctively began to recite this perek (Psalm 27). *"I was terrified,"* she said. *"But when I said this prayer, something clicked inside of me. I felt peace and I didn't understand how I could feel it in this situation."*

Before Oct. 7, Cohen and her boyfriend, Sacha, had made plans to visit his parents in Kibbutz Nir Oz for the last weekend of Sukkot. In the days leading up to their stay, Sasha started having serious doubts about traveling to the kibbutz. Cohen found this odd, and to her regret, she convinced him to go anyway.

Cohen was mercilessly thrust on the back of a motorcycle and driven to Gaza, where hundreds of Palestinians were gathered on the streets. Many lurched forward to mock and beat her. Ironically, Sapir, recalled, *"it was the terrorists who saved me, for the main goal in most cases, is to take you alive."* (Sasha remains in Hamas captivity).

Despite the grim circumstances of her many weeks in captivity, this was when she experienced further spiritual revelation. *"Every day I felt miracles. One of the biggest miracles that I felt is that I understood that I was supposed to be there."*

This came about as Cohen felt the need to shift her attention from her own suffering to another hostage, a 16-year old girl, who required help *"This is enough for me to understand that I need to be here. I want to keep this girl, to make her happy."*

"Even the terrorists could not understand how I could be happy in this situation," Cohen recalled. *"One day, one of them drew a memorial candle and he wrote my name on it. I asked him why he wrote my name. He told me, 'I don't love you, you're my enemy- I hate you. But when you are here in this place, the whole place lights up.' I couldn't believe I heard a terrorist say such a thing. Every day I say my prayers, I thank God that He sent me to this place, for I feel the power that You gave me, and I know how to use it to keep myself and the other hostages. And I thanked God for all the angels that He sent to this hell I understood that all the angels that I felt were not imaginary."*

Sapir Cohen was released by Hamas after 55 days in captivity.

As the above-noted former hostages turned to God in their time of need, let us pray that they continue to rely on His goodness day by day now that they are in more comfortable circumstances and as they eagerly await other loved ones to be released by Hamas.

Meantime, let us pray that their spiritual eyes be opened further, so that they may encounter Yeshua, the true deliverer from all darkness; He is *"the Way, the Truth and the Life",* there being, *"no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

The **POWER** of **PASSOVER**

Second to saving the world at Calvary, I think that the Passover miracle is God's favorite. He talks about it often in Scripture, and made Passover month the beginning of the whole year (Exodus 12:2). He even defines Himself by the event: At the beginning of the ten commandments He introduces Himself like this: ***"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."***

The Passover miracle is recalled with wonder throughout many of the Psalms, and although many Jewish people see Sinai as the defining moment of the Old Testament, I would venture to say that God sees the Passover as the cornerstone of the story of Israel. As will be explained below, it is the moment in history when the Jewish race became the Jewish faith. Plus, it is a huge neon sign pointing to the coming release which would be bought with the blood of another spotless lamb – our Savior Jesus.

The God of Freedom

I love the fact that our God is all about freedom; He freely gave everyone freedom to choose at every stage in the Passover story described in the book of Exodus. Even though He famously hardened Pharaoh's heart, it was after some serious choices on Pharaoh's part to harden his own heart first. God just consolidated his free choice. He also gave freedom to His people, Israel, about

whether to go along with the plan or not. They were not rescued from the Angel of Death by force - He gave an "opt in" clause: to have death pass over your house, you must sacrifice a lamb and daub its blood on your doorframe. This was an act of faith. It was an active response to a command of God, which had a promise and all who believed it was true and acted accordingly were saved. That means that those who escaped from Egypt had freely chosen to obey God and follow Him by faith - not just because of their ancestry.

This is the moment that the people of Israel became a faith community. What a strange subject with which to start a new code of government, spiritual life and ethics! But God is determined that His people should not be in slavery - they should be free. This is the message of Passover. That is what the exodus was all about. God is serious about making His people free.

God-Appointed Memory Aids

Remembering is very important to God. He jogs our memory all the time in the Bible, urging us, ***"Remember!"*** I think one of Satan's best strategies is dimming our memory. If we remember what God has done, what He has said and who He is, we can have faith in Him today and trust for tomorrow. The opposite is often



true as well. The Passover Seder meal is a multi-sensory teaching experience, instituted by God Himself, in order to prevent the people from forgetting. It involves sight, smell, taste and touch, and was designed to teach generation after generation the amazing story, and to keep it alive in the Jewish collective memory.

Each item of food on the table symbolises something in the story: the dry, unleavened matzah bread

represents the dryness of slavery, in contrast with the richness and blessing of wine, which represents freedom. It is also commonly believed that yeast represents sin, and that this is a time to do away with all yeast, and all sin. The bitterness of the bitter herbs speak of the suffering, and so on. Each aspect of the evening helps the

Jewish people to remember the miracles God did for them and even to re-live them. It is not so much about recalling some historical event lost in the sands of time, as actually re-living the story and making it part of life today... and hope for the future.

It was this very Passover seder that was the last supper that Yeshua ate with His disciples, in the traditional Jewish way. It was unleavened, passover bread that He broke, when he told His disciples to

“do this in remembrance of me”, and it was one of **the four cups of wine** that He drank when he spoke of it representing His blood. We drink it to remember the blood that bought our freedom, and caused death to *“pass over”* us as well. He is in every way the embodiment and fulfillment of the Passover story. And we will remember what He did for us each time we eat the bread and drink the cup.



PASSOVER: THE FOUR STAGES OF LIBERATION

“I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. Therefore, say to the Israelites:

‘I am the LORD, and

- 1. I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.**
- 2. I will free you from being slaves to them, and**
- 3. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.**
- 4. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.”**
(Exodus 6:5-7).

Jewish tradition states that **the four cups** represent the four aspects of redemption listed in these verses from Exodus:

1. I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians

This is the first stage of liberation—the practical and actual rescue from captivity. It is the physical transition out of Egypt and towards the Promised Land. As believers, we can see that when

Yeshua paid for our sin on the cross, we were made free from condemnation, and can start our journey of a life walking with God. The fact that the Jewish people went through water might also parallel the believer's baptism as part of the liberation process.

2. I will free you from being slaves to them

This second stage is more about mental liberation. Even when freed, humans and animals can sometimes still act as if they are not. Sometimes this is called institutionalisation. We get so used to living in a cage, we don't know how to walk in freedom. Here, God promises to free Israel of the slave mindset, and we too need to be liberated from a mind that has been in bondage to sin. We need to understand more and more that we really are free, and learn how to live accordingly.

3. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement

The Exodus story is full of the supernatural. I often wonder if these miracles happened today what we might think are we willing to accept God in all His supernatural wonder? His mighty outstretched arm? Some of the miracles and judgments are hard to accept - especially when seen from the perspective of the ordinary Egyptian.

4. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God

The ultimate goal is relationship. God wants intimacy with His people. The desert can be seen to represent walking in intimacy with God, and in fact God

looks back at that time right after the exodus as something of a honeymoon with His people.

A pastor once said, *"a dessert is something you want and don't need, but the desert is something you don't want, but you do need"*. Desert life is not easy, but it's often where our walk with God gets deeper and more intimate. One day we will be in the promised place of ultimate rest but until then, life with God is not always going to be a walk in the park. It's a time to learn about our rescuer, and grow in our ability and willingness to trust, love and follow Him. We are with Him, and He is with us. We are His people, and He is our God. We are bonded in relationship, and that is our joy and His.

Jesus our Passover lamb: More Glorious Stories To Come!

So while this is just the very tip of the iceberg when thinking about the Passover story and its fulfillment in Yeshua our Messiah, it's easy to see why this event is so pivotal, and such a perfect foreshadowing of our salvation story. God reminds Israel of who He is and what He's done for them over and over again by adding the events to His name.

The physical, practical and actual restoration of Israel took place last century. Now we prayerfully anticipate and work towards the spiritual restoration of Israel.

Happy Passover, and God's richest blessings to you as we celebrate the resurrection of our sacrificial Passover Lamb that bought our freedom.

ENCOURAGING BELIEVERS!

We were deeply moved to witness our **Prayer Partners** come together in response to a spontaneous comment on one of our podcast videos. This is a powerful example of how we, as believers, can practically show support - both online and offline - by letting others know we are praying for them, that they are not alone, and that we are here to help bear their burdens.



YouTube Comment

I'm a Christian living in Israel, originally from Britain.

Israel is the holy land, Israeli is God's house!

Evil cannot succeed all the while God's house is standing.

What worries me is evil is at my doorstep.

I may not survive!

I have turned to prayer.

I pray for my Jewish brothers and sisters, my Israeli friends and my own family.



• 19 replies

@ Prayer Partner1 

Praying for you Lisa from Ireland - many here love the people of Israel and believe that the Almighty's eternal Word will prevail. Look to the Rock that is higher than us, the Lord of Israel and the nations. He will hide you under His everlasting arms.

@ Prayer Partner2 

We pray day & night for Your people - the apple of Your eye.

Indeed we weep with those who weep & how much more does Yeshua who wept over Jerusalem & would have gathered them as a hen gathers her chicks but they wouldn't let Him. ...

@ Prayer Partner3 

Psalm 91 can be a great blessing when said as a prayer "For He shall give His angels charge over you," Ps 91 verse 11. Remember Lot in Sodom (Genesis 19 verse 11)? The angels blinded the wicked men at Lot's door and protected him.

@ Prayer Partner4 

You are in my prayers every day.

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Producing our monthly prayer bulletin incurs significant expenses. While we recognize the vital role it plays in guiding our community's prayers, the costs associated with creating and distributing the bulletin place a substantial financial burden on Prayer for Israel (PFI). If you feel moved to support this important work, please consider helping us offset these costs.

£1.13

Cost per bulletin
(incl delivery)

£4254

Total cost per month

4800

bulletins quantity

For just **£20** a year, you can sponsor the production and distribution of our prayer bulletin for an entire year. This small contribution ensures that this vital spiritual resource continues to reach and inspire individuals across our community, guiding them in their prayers and strengthening their faith.

*Total cost includes bulletins sent
to the same address

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PRAYER POINTS

*An overview of prayer requests
highlighted in this Bulletin*

AREA 1

Elijah's Cup of Mercy

for God's protection over families living near the border, especially those like the one mentioned, who are vulnerable to further escalation. Pray for peace and safety in these regions.

Peniel Fellowship

for the Druze safety, as they have suffered different levels of hostility from their fellowmen and from close relatives. Pray for the strengthening of their faith.

AREA 4

Kehilat Hamaayan Fellowship

For the emotional and spiritual healing of those released from captivity, who have endured unimaginable suffering.

For the work of the Hamaayan Team and their ability to minister to wounded soldiers, displaced families, and those grieving.

For the success of the 'Taglit' discipleship training and for the strength it has given to the participants.

The Aviv Ministry

For the right person to be brought into the Women's Shelter team, as Tatyana transitions to a part-time role.

For the strength, health, and perseverance of the Aviv Ministry team.

For continued growth, more opportunities to serve those in need, and for the Lord to guide them in their outreach efforts.

AREA 2

Shaar HaEmek Congregation

For the Muslim women who experienced the touch of the Holy Spirit and desired prayer for God's love revelation.

For God's ongoing protection and strength for the local believers in Turkey.

AREA 5

Nachalat Yeshua Congregation

For Howard as he continues to share the message of the return of Jesus Christ.

For the turning of more Arabs and Jews towards the true God and Saviour.

That more Jewish people living outside of Israel would seriously consider making aliyah/immigrating to Israel.

City of Life Fellowship

For the families in Sderot who are struggling with the aftermath of the October 7th attack and the ongoing war.

For jobs, stability, and opportunities for the families in Sderot who are working hard to rebuild their lives.

AREA 6

One for Israel

For the 170 soldiers who gathered for the conference, that the lessons on God's guidance and hearing His voice would continue to strengthen their faith.

AREA 3

House of Redemption

For the Bible studies, literature, and the love of Christ shared in New Zealand will continue to bear fruit, drawing many Israeli travellers closer to the Gospel.

For the faithful team at Jerusalem Assembly who continue to lead and support the church during their absence.

Israel Prayer Centre

For wisdom and strategy for Israel's leaders and security forces as they deal with groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and other nations.

For a spirit of repentance to be poured out on Israel, leading to true conviction and revival.

AREA 7

EZRA International

For the ongoing work of helping Jews from around the world make Aliyah. Ask for wisdom, resources, and opportunities to support and assist those who desire to return to Israel.

For the hearts of Jewish people worldwide to be stirred to consider making Aliyah. Ask God to open their hearts to the call of returning to the land of Israel, fulfilling His promises to bring His people back home.

For the Israeli government and agencies involved in the Aliyah process. Ask God to give them wisdom in facilitating the immigration process.



Scotland Fellowship & Prayer Day



Join us for an opportunity to hear the latest updates on what's happening in Israel, news on Aliyah and more from Ezra UK & Prayer for Israel

31ST MAY 2025

10:30-16:00

Mossneuk Parish Church,
Eden Drive, East Kilbride, G75 8XZ

SAVE THE DATE

More info
coming soon!

Prayer for Israel was established to:

- Preach the Gospel of the Messiah by all means
- Foster Godly prayer events
- Provide Biblical teaching events
- Produce, publish and distribute Christian material
- Provide support and relieve need, hardship and distress in Israel and elsewhere

The work has now continued for over 50 years.