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INTERCEDING FOR THE ALIYAH

“I WILL MAKE EACH OF MY MOUNTAINS A ROAD,
AND MY HIGHWAYS SHALL BE ELEVATED.
SURELY THESE SHALL COME FROM AFAR;
LOOK! THOSE FROM THE NORTH AND THE
WEST, AND THESE FROM THE LAND OF SINIM.”

ISAIAH 49: 11-12

A Christian organisation helping the Jewish people return to Israel

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INTERNATIONAL



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Why are Christians in many nations helping Jewish people coming from distant parts back to Israel? How does this aliyah connect modern times with history, biblical prophecy and the end of days?

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We live in these extraordinary “second time” days. Not long after Isaiah wrote these words upheaval and tragedy overtook the Jews: the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar and the exile of the Jews into Babylonian captivity. Weeping over all that was lost characterised those early years of Jewish exile: *“By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down and wept, When we remembered Zion ...”* (Psalm 137:1).

At first they remembered Zion with heartache and longing. Then, as years passed, they set themselves to work to make a success of life in exile. The heartache faded. Life went on. Young people got married, babies were born, skills were put to good use. The Jews prospered within the fabric of the Babylonian empire.

Daniel was a young man when taken into Babylonian captivity. He was gifted and soon found himself propelled into positions of responsibility. Later, in his mature years, he received a life-changing revelation and prayer burden for his community in exile. Studying the prophet Jeremiah, he read: *“For thus says the LORD, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place’* (Jeremiah 29:10).

So now was time for the long exile to end! Seventy years were over. The God of Israel’s desire and purpose was *“to bring you back to this place”*. “This place” is Jerusalem. It was time to go home!

Daniel went into action: *“... I gave my attention to the LORD God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes”* (Daniel 9:2-3).

To see aliyah highways open up, the first priority is to seek the Lord in prayer. Daniel prayed and interceded for the aliyah (Daniel 9:4-19). His prayer was heard.

In 538 BC the Medes and Persians overthrew the Babylonians and Cyrus became ruler of the empire. In a most extraordinary turn of events, this gentile king made a proclamation directing the Jews to leave Babylon and return to Israel to rebuild the temple. 2 Chronicles 36:23 explains: the Lord *“stirred up the spirit”* of Cyrus.

The aliyah started. Zerubbabel led the first 50,000 Jews, streaming back to the Land. Not everybody wanted to go. Some had become settled, life in Babylon was comfortable. The journey to Israel was arduous and dangerous.



Welcoming
home Ethiopian
olim to Israel.



Sixty years later a majority of Jews had still not responded to the call. It was the time of Queen Esther, anti-Semitism was on the rise and Hamaan hatched his evil plot to murder all Jews right across the empire. Together with her community, Esther turned to prayer and fasting and by God's mercy disaster for the Jews was averted.

Fifteen years on, Ezra, priest and Torah scribe, led another group making aliyah. Ezra was passionate about restoring the people's understanding of the Hebrew scriptures. He marked the biblically-appointed times and festivals and set portions of Scripture to be read. A restoration of worship began.

Tens of thousands had now made aliyah, yet surprisingly many Jews remained in Babylon. In 445 BC, almost a century after Cyrus' proclamation, Nehemiah gathered a further group and set off. The task now was to rebuild the city walls. Yet aliyah remained a daunting prospect. Once the long journey was over, the rebuilding was massive and the surrounding peoples were opposed to the Jews returning to what was theirs. Nehemiah had to combine construction work with guard duty, weapons kept within reach. Attempts to stop the reconstruction work came through ambush, plot, harassment – everything short of full-scale warfare.

Steadily the Jews kept coming. The city walls were rebuilt. The temple rebuilding progressed. Aliyah continued over three or four generations, for a century or more.

The aliyah from Babylon was a preparation, a rehearsal: Israel being restored as a picture of a greater end-time restoration that was yet to come.

Today we live in the days of the "second time". Once again the Jewish people are returning to the Land in fulfilment of the words given to the prophets, this time coming home in staggering numbers. The second time dwarfs the first. They're coming not just from Babylon but **"from the four corners of the earth"** (Isaiah 11:12). From the 1890s they began to come from the land of the north. Then with the UN (gentile) proclamation in 1947 the aliyah gates were unlocked as 3.5 million Jewish exiles streamed home to Israel – a banner to the nations.

Yet that's only the beginning. Our commitment, like Daniel, is to seek the Lord in prayer for the complete fulfilment of His promises. We must never cease until we have seen Him fully **"assemble the banished ones of Israel and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth..."**

KEY WORDS

Aliyah is the word for the immigration of Jewish people from the Diaspora to the Land of Israel. The word in Hebrew means ascent and is defined as 'going up' – progressing towards Jerusalem.

Olim means Jewish immigrants to Israel – those making **aliyah**. In the singular, a male immigrant is called an **oleh** and a female immigrant an **olah**. Potential olim are those our teams contact and encourage to make aliyah.



Young people making aliyah from Novosibirsk through the Naale educational programme which Ebenezer supports.



A DIVINE MEETING

UKRAINE



YANYA
UKRAINE TEAM

Olga had had an awful childhood and was now suffering from a terrible disease. But she was strengthened by the hope of leaving Ukraine with her family to start afresh in the Promised Land.

The family were very poor because Olga was battling with cancer and her husband was paid irregularly for the job he did. We arrived at their home in the Kherson region with a Hanukkah food parcel and sweets for their four-year-old son and themselves. They were overcome with joy because they had not had any bread for two days. We told them of God’s plan for the Jewish people and of Christians who pray for Israel and give practical and financial support to make aliyah possible.

Olga and her husband listened intently. Suddenly joy Olga’s face lit up: “ I recognise your voice, Yanya. I have always had a desire to find you and here you are in my home! I am 23 years old now but 13 years ago you and foreigners [Ebenezer volunteers] visited me and my parents and shared about Israel.

They were both alcoholics and unable to think about what you said in earnest.”

After her parents died Olga had been taken in by relatives and badly treated, used as a slave to look after their own children and locked in a cupboard. One day she escaped. In a police station officers listened to her plight and sent her to an orphanage. There she met her future husband.

Olga paused for a moment, thinking about her “grave disease, although I am recovering now”. She was concerned about not leaving her son without a mother and then said that not only had she cherished a dream of meeting me again but “of going to Israel one day”. She wanted to survive and bring up her son there. She asked us to help the three of them make aliyah. We were so thrilled to tell her that we would do so.

“When we married I shared with my husband about Christians that help Jews go to the Promised Land, and here you are with us today!” cried Olga. It was a divine meeting!



PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

Eugenia had been discouraged from going to Israel but now she was more determined than ever to live there.

Eugenia, her two daughters, Carolina (11) and Yana (3) and her parents lived in the Dnepropetrovsk region of Ukraine. Her grandfather was Jewish: “He dreamt about going to Israel all his life but his dream never came true,” she told us. During World War II he hid from the Nazis in cellars and forests, cutting off the hair of his son (Eugenia’s father) to prevent him being recognised as Jewish.

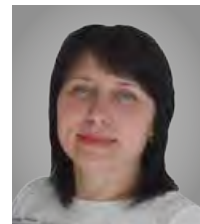
Eugenia’s parents, both professional musicians, did not want to go to Israel and told her that the family documents had been lost and could not be restored. After university Eugenia worked in a bank for 15 years. A friend moved to Israel and shortly afterwards wrote saying she was happy there and encouraged Eugenia to start searching for family documents so that she could come too. She became very enthusiastic about the idea, believing she and her two daughters would have a much better life in Israel.

She went to Donetsk, despite the fighting, and searched for her grandfather’s papers to prove his Jewish roots: “I managed to obtain a number of documents and submitted them for a consular check-up.” Wonderfully, the family were granted Israeli visas. She told her parents and was thrilled that they had now become keen about making aliyah, especially since discovering that students at the music school her father had taught at had moved to Israel.

Eugenia was particularly excited for her younger daughter. “Yana has a congenital malformation of her right hand and there are only three fingers on it. She needs an artificial wrist.” This type of surgery is impossible in Ukraine and very expensive in Moscow, but Eugenia believes she will get the treatment she needs at the Wrist Prosthetics Department of the Rambam Hospital near Haifa, where the family aimed to settle.

“Thank you so much for the food parcel for Hanukkah and for helping with the passports and to go to Donetsk for consular appointments,” said Eugenia.

UKRAINE



TATIANA
UKRAINE REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE



ALIYAH FROM THE NATIONS

Ebenezer Operation Exodus first begun helping olim make aliyah from the countries of the former Soviet Union back in 1991. Since then we have continued our work in these countries, but today that work has grown and we are now helping olim from the nations shown on the map below. The Lord is bringing back His Chosen People from all over the world in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and it is our privilege to be able to be involved in this Holy work.



- CANADA
- USA
- MEXICO

- VENEZUELA
- COLOMBIA
- BRAZIL
- CHILE
- URUGUAY
- ARGENTINA

- FINLAND
- UK
- NETHERLANDS
- BELGIUM
- GERMANY
- SWITZERLAND
- FRANCE
- ITALY
- SPAIN

- ETHIOPIA
- SOUTH AFRICA



KAZAKHSTAN

UZBEKISTAN

TURKMENISTAN

RUSSIA

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NEW ZEALAND

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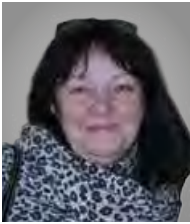
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EFFORTS ARE REWARDED!

UKRAINE

It took a lot of effort to get ready but Marina knew that making aliyah was right for her family.



ANTONINA
UKRAINE
REPRESENTATIVE

Her grandmother was Jewish and as soon as she found out about the opportunity to make aliyah, Marina began to search for the documents proving she had the right to make aliyah. The process was lengthy, requiring her to send enquiries to several archives and make personal visits too. This entailed a 9 km walk to the highway to catch a bus! Sometimes she needed to hire a car, which was expensive.

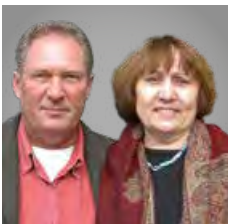
While Marina was busy bringing their documents together, husband Ruslan had been drafted into the Ukrainian army to fight in the east of the country. Eventually he was released and Marina made the necessary arrangements for them to attend

an Aliyah Fair in Kharkov where they could choose a city in Israel to live and make an appointment with the Israeli Consul to finalise everything and collect their visas. Marina's efforts were truly rewarded!



RUSSIA

IN FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS



VOLODYA & LUBA
ROSTOV-ON-
DON LEADERS

Marc Chagall's stained glass in the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem is world famous. His relative was now to follow him to the Holy Land!

Alexander came to our office one day and shared a little about himself. It was then that we learned that he was related to the renowned Jewish artist. Alexander wanted to go to Israel despite the fact that he was a self-confessed atheist. In fact, as a student he had written a paper "to debunk the myth of God". However, he admitted that there was something very special about the Promised Land and that it was only there that he would feel a sense of security.

We prayed that he would soon come to realise that there was a real Person behind the promise to

give that land to the Jewish people and that his decision to make aliyah was part of God's purpose for his people.



FATHER AND SON REUNITED

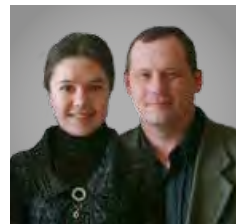
One father in Israel was looking forward to a special reunion. He was also grateful to Ebenezer because we had helped him make aliyah ten years earlier. Now his son Dmitry and his family were to join him. What a wonderful reunion it was going to be for the old man, who would see his young granddaughter again for the first time in quite a while!

Dmitry, his wife Anna and their daughter Diana were very thankful for all the help we gave them. We paid for the urgent processing of their documents and for transport to the consular appointment and also to the airport when the time came for their flight to Israel. It had taken several months to bring all their documents together and Dmitry's father had had to provide a letter from Israel.

Dmitry said that it would have been much harder to try to make aliyah without our help. We wished them God's richest blessings.



MOLDOVA



PAVEL & LINA
MOLDOVA LEADERS

WHAT A CHANGE OF MIND!

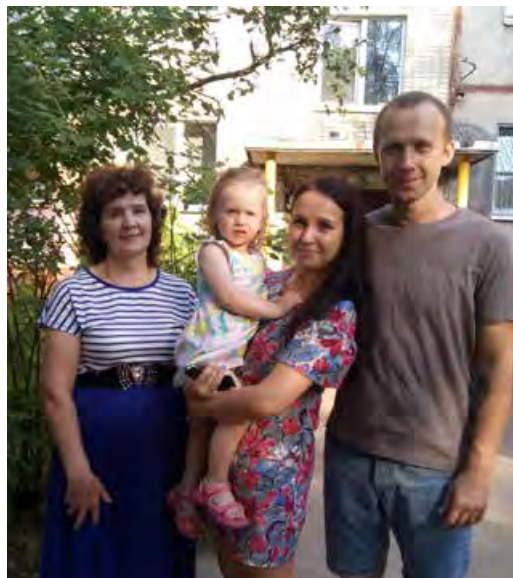
Valeria's daughter-in-law had no desire to go to Israel, but God had other plans!

Valeria was elderly and had made aliyah some time ago. Her great desire was that her son, Sergei, and his family would join her. There was one difficult obstacle to that desire: Sergei's wife, who was not Jewish, had no desire to leave their town or even hear anything about Israel. Her own relatives would not be able to make aliyah and understandably she did not want to leave them.

We started to pray about the situation, believing there is great power in prayer when we know what God's will is – and we knew God wanted His people in Israel!

Just a month later we had a phone call telling us that Sergei's wife had changed

her mind! She was now willing to go. It was a miracle and we were overjoyed, as was Valeria when she heard the news!



RUSSIA



ELYA VASYUKOVA
MOSCOW LEADER

AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

USA



AARON SULL

Aaron lives in Israel with his wife and four children, he is an editor and columnist at www.onestopjewishbuffalo.com

Chanale is a singer-songwriter and mother of four from Miami Beach, Florida. She grew up in a Jewish Orthodox home and met her Israeli-born husband in Manhattan at 24. They moved to Florida when her children were of school age, but during the tumultuous American election year of 2016 and with “the rising anti-Semitism sentiment we felt all around us”, they began to have the desire to move to Israel.

“We have three girls and a boy: Hadassa (10), Yaffa (8), Sarah (4) and Netanel (2). When we told them that we were considering aliyah, they were so excited,” said Chanale. “My children have learned all about the holy land and its connection to the Jewish people that they wanted to know if we booked our tickets yet!”

Although their hearts were set to make aliyah, it wasn’t an easy decision at all. “It’s very difficult to uproot an established life with four children, a house and a business, and walk into such an unknown,” Chanale explained. “A big

hurdle for us was the major financial burden such a move would take.” But they trusted God to help them “and he sent us Operation Exodus USA”.

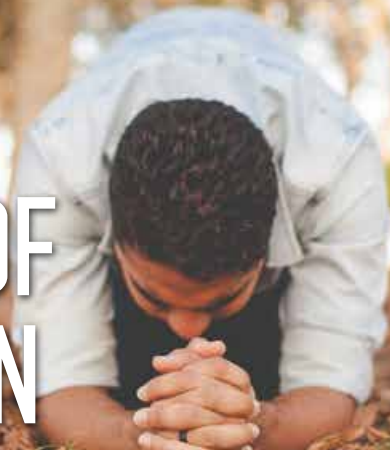
Chanale said that “when Kathy Ardino, Aliyah Director, and Debra Minotti, President, called us, and enthusiastically said ‘we are here to help’ it was the first time I felt that we weren’t alone on this journey.” They “made us feel like family. They were there to encourage and support us every step of the way”.

“Working with Chanale has been a whirlwind experience!” Kathy enthused. “She is a remarkable, active, busy stay at home mother. Her deep love for Israel is infectious. While she was sad to leave her parents, she couldn’t wait to take the next step in her and her family’s life. Their move to Israel had been carefully thought out and planned.”

Today Chanale and her family live in Bet Shemesh and could not be happier with their decision to make aliyah.



THE POWER OF INTERCESSION



“Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So, when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.” Mark 2:3-4

What a powerful picture of the practical outworking of corporate intercession the Holy Spirit has recorded for us here! These four men had one mission, one purpose, one agenda. We can only imagine how much they were willing to lay down to make it happen: rights, pride, ego, comforts, reputation. Meeting together in submission to one another, allowing for weaknesses, encouraging one another in the common vision they received from God, they pressed on.

Oh, there were obstacles! From the moment they decided to be responsible for the health of the sick man they knew it would not be easy, but they had each other for support. Even more importantly, this helpless man

on the bed had four true friends who were driven by no other motive but a commitment to see God’s will be done.

Beloved, as I read this account, God impressed upon my heart how desperately our Jewish brothers and sisters need us to lift them up before Him.

The cry from the heart of the Son of Man to the Jewish people, “*How I longed to gather your children together...*” (Luke 13:34-35), is yet to come to pass. He is searching for believers who have only the Father’s purposes at heart — believers who are submitted to each other in love, encouraging and praying for each other as they press forward to see his kingdom come.

So as we work with God in this ministry of aliyah **let us pray for one another!** It is so important that we continue in holiness, cover one another in love, encourage one another as we move forward together. The Lord has entrusted us with such an urgent mission. Greater things lie in store as we move forward **together!**

PRAYER



CYNTHIA JOSEPH
INDIA PRAYER
LEADER

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AGES 18-35+

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DATES

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A BIG HELPING HAND

ISRAEL



DANIELLE MOR
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THE JEWISH AGENCY
FOR ISRAEL

Dear friends, I am writing on behalf of the Jewish Agency to say how grateful we are for the work of your Swiss volunteers in the Absorption Centre for new olim in Nahariyah. The quality of what they did, and the scope of it, was extraordinary, all done with a wonderful caring attitude.

They completed several large projects: painting and protecting the water tower from rust; repairing the roof and laying a new surface; redoing the central wall; painting the gate; renovating the children's playroom; painting and repairing seven olim apartments.

The staff and olim were very appreciative and moved to tears. They ended the experience with a day of touring in the north which we organised for them.



It included going up to the border with Lebanon, visiting kibbutzim, including the Hanita Kibbutz, which has a group of veteran Swiss olim.

We invited one of the Swiss olim to speak with the group and it was very special. They also attended a chocolate and dried fruit workshop to enjoy the fruit of the land. The day ended with a special ceremony with the staff and olim. We gave a blessing for the home with a special dedication to the volunteers.

We hope the volunteers found this meaningful and important and took back home with them the understanding that they gave genuine assistance and formed a bridge between their community and that of the Nahriyah AC. I am sure the olim will never forget them.



Our vision is to be servants and intercessors of the Lord, to help the Jewish people return to the land of Israel from all the nations and to proclaim God's Kingdom purposes for their return.

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