

Staying the Course in Perilous Times

We who love Israel – and stand in awe of the miracle of the Jewish people returning to their homeland after thousands of years – often shake our heads in disbelief over Israel’s need to continually defend before world bodies her right to exist as a Jewish nation. Exasperated, we listen to the deniers of the Holocaust, accusations that Israel engages in ethnic cleansing, and distortions about a country that we know has been created by God himself for His glorious purposes.

As those who love Israel and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we know all too well the history of anti-Semitism, and the death and destruction it brings. Yes, powerful forces continue to work to obliterate Israel and frustrate the Jewish people’s return to the homeland given to them by the Lord himself.

We contemplate a future scenario in which Ebenezer USA will be called to stand with Israel, notwithstanding risk to ourselves, our friends and our families. In fact, our fellow workers in the former Soviet Union are already working in places where such risks are a reality.

In light of this, how does Ebenezer stay the course, moving forward courageously against these forces? How do we prepare for the second and greater exodus? As the national director of Ebenezer USA, I have prayed about and pondered these things at length, and I have concluded that we must do the following:



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First aliyah group arrival of the Jewish new year, 5771, celebrating at the Western Wall

1. **Believe that the prophetic word of God is truer than any doubts. Our direction, peace and inspiration lie in God’s word. The Lord established His purposes for Israel, including their re-gathering, and God is not a man that He should lie.**
2. **Acknowledge daily our need for God, and cry out for discernment that is louder than popular opinion.**
3. **When the timing of a particular move seems right, and the confirmation of two or three witnesses comes, move out together as one cohesive, intercessory instrument, unified by our specific task in trust and love for one another. Risk taking is greater than safety keeping.**
4. **Appreciate discipline that is greater than our desire for leisure.**
5. **Submit to those in authority, rather than move independently.**
6. **Walk circumspectly before the Lord, producing poise rather than panic.**

In conclusion, God has given us a mandate to help the Jewish people return to Israel, and yes, even more so in emergencies. Despite great opposition, we must never give up this mission to help, and even rescue, Jewish people and prepare the way for their return to Israel.

The battle is the Lord’s; the victory is the Lord’s. It is written, *“Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this Land, with all My heart and with all My soul”* (Jeremiah 32:41).

Let us go forward in the confidence of His name and faithfulness, and in the assurance of His word.



For His Glory,
Debra Minotti
National Director

Jewish Agency thankful for Ebenezer's support



A few weeks ago, Debra Minotti, national director of Ebenezer Emergency Fund USA, invited me to meet with her management team and a small group of friends and supporters. As we talked, I expressed the Jewish Agency's deep appreciation for the friendship and teamwork that have blossomed between the Agency and Ebenezer over the past twenty years.

Aliyah is a strategic component for Israel's continuing existence as a Jewish state. As I ponder the challenging times ahead, given the growing threat from our enemies in the Middle East, I take great comfort in knowing that Ebenezer is a friend of Israel, but more importantly, that it shares our goal and commitment to bring any Jew, from anywhere in the

world, back to their ancient homeland, Israel.

The Jewish Agency is very much looking forward to continuing its work with Ebenezer as we pursue our common mission and goal—to bring our people back home, to the land of our forefathers.

Thank you again for your support and friendship.



Barry Spielman
Head of the Aliyah Delegation, North America



“Your sons hasten back . . . Lift up your eyes and look around; all your sons gather and come to you. . . See, I will beckon to the Gentiles . . . they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.”

(Isaiah 49:17-18, 22)

Young People Are Going Home!

Ebenezer USA has helped more than sixty Jewish Americans make Aliyah so far this year. Among them, 22 young adults between the ages of 17 to 25 were helped to immigrate to Israel this summer. Some were just graduating from high school, others from university. Some were going without the support of family or friends. Most were in a program helping young singles make Aliyah. A few said how difficult it was to reach their decision. Two mentioned they are grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. All of them know that Israel is where they belong!

Naomi: I couldn't be more excited. Israel is the land of my people, my true home. It is where I need to be. Hopefully, my family will see how happy I am and follow me.

Noa: This past year I realized that if I was serious about living in Israel, I had to begin now. My fiancé and I are getting married in Jerusalem and will start our lives together in Israel.

Adi: I feel that my heart has always been in Israel. As a granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, I know the importance of a Jewish homeland and feel a responsibility to protect it.

Grant: My first trip to Israel was miraculous. I felt at home immediately. Making Aliyah has made my family proud, and I am happy to be the first to make this happen.

Rony: I am very excited for my decision to move back to Israel and enlist in the Israeli Defense Force. Now my parents are thinking of making Aliyah with my sister and brother.

James: This is such an immense help. I can't tell you how grateful I am. I'll never forget this gift that was given to me. I'm a friend of Ebenezer for life! Thank God I heard about you.

Young people are making Aliyah. They are thankful for help with their expenses, and they are amazed to be receiving it from

Christians who believe what the Hebrew prophets foretold. They are telling their families and friends, so even more are contacting us for help to make Aliyah!

We are thrilled to be helping more Jewish Americans return to their God-given homeland! Truthfully, more finances are needed to assist the increasing number of people asking for our help to make Aliyah.

Ebenezer USA must also continue to support Aliyah from the former Soviet Union, the “land of the north” (Jeremiah 16:14-15). We need many thousands of dollars each month to help Jewish people make Aliyah under increasingly difficult circumstances and ever-greater urgency.

Your donations and your prayers help Jewish people to return from the east and the west, the north and the south—just as God said! (Isaiah 43:6)

Thank you so very, very much!



David & Gail Antrosio,
USA Aliyah Directors

An intimate moment with God

The air seemed much different as we started our decent into the Judean Desert near the Dead Sea, the lowest elevation on earth. We were literally breathless as we gazed across the eastern horizon into Jordan, where Tuscan orange sand rested upon billowing mountains, one after another.

Less than a week before this excursion, I was preparing to travel to the Land with Engage a young adult program sponsored by Ebenezer Operation Exodus. As I boarded my flight from Toronto to Tel Aviv, I remember thinking to myself that Israel would probably be nothing more than one more entry on the list of places I had visited. The last thing on my mind was a spiritual encounter with God—I hadn't had one for more than a year.

For the next two weeks I found myself surrounded by young men and women who had come from all around the world—from Mexico, Switzerland, Sweden, Australia and South Africa. We tread over the mountains and land of biblical history, just as Jesus did, sailed across the Sea of Galilee, and went up to Jerusalem, where we saw the tomb from which the Messiah had risen.

During our camping in the desert, mountain treks, and Shabbat worship services, our spiritual teacher was Pastor Roger Wolcott, an Ebenezer International Board member. On the first day Pastor Wolcott shared with us a prophetic word for Israel: "If you don't understand God's eternal purpose for Israel, then you don't understand God's eternal purpose." Upon hearing those words, we rose up as a generation and continually cried out for Israel and the return of the Jewish people to their homeland. I realized that we have the ability to help fulfill biblical prophecy, and that we are the next generation to pick up a fallen mantle, just as Elisha did with Elijah.

Camping in the Judean Desert for that one night changed everything in my life. It was as if I had not only traveled to the lowest point on the earth, but had come

to my lowest point as a human being, and ultimately to surrender. I was able to have one intimate moment with Yeshua—one that changed my heart forever. It seemed clear to me that, then and there, my fellow travelers and I realized we had come with different ideas about Israel, but we would leave with a common purpose. We would dwell no longer on our past lives; we would have to focus on the future—the future of a new Israel and all there is to come for its people and their land.

Rachel Henderson



Rachel pictured second from the left



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"Aliyah... now is the time!" Great Lakes Regional Conference

Over the past five years, various Ebenezer teams have undertaken at least seven prayer initiatives throughout the Great Lakes Region. We researched the region's history, visited and prayed at its forts, and appointed field directors and a prayer coordinator. Now it is time to take that which the Lord has given us — for His most holy work of Aliyah and for His Glory!

Our first Great Lakes Regional Conference, held in Shipshewana, Indiana, was led of the Lord and attended by more than 60 people from around that area. Merrill and Donna Bolender, recently appointed Great Lakes field directors, did an amazing job of coordinating the event. They

invited Shirah Ozery, representative for the Jewish Agency's Aliyah Department in the Midwest, to speak and share her heart. Gary Kah of Hope for the World International gave us a thoughtful update on current events. At the end of the conference we broke up into teams and had a time of directed, focused intercession.

We left the conference strongly sensing what was on the Lord's heart and what He was highlighting: a linking and networking together of people and ministries, and a stirring in the hearts of the youth and young adults. We must pass along the baton, as we cannot allow what happened in Joshua's

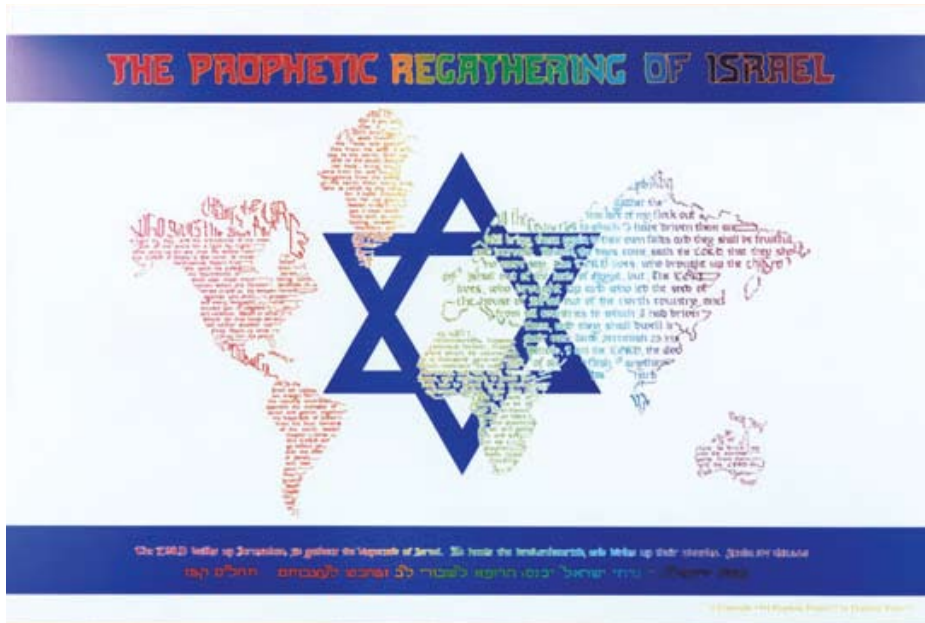
day: "After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel." (Judges 2:10).

We ask you, dear friends, to please join us in prayer for the Great Lakes Region, as we seek the Lord for His plans and strategies to help the Jewish people return to Israel, for His most holy work of Aliyah, and for His Glory!



Kathy Ardino
National Office Manager

"...He will roar like a lion...Then His sons shall come trembling from the west." Hosea 11:10
A Christian ministry helping the Jewish people return to Israel



US Aliyah Snapshot: January - September 2010:

- 67 aliyah enquiries have been received
- 62 people have been helped to make aliyah
- 26 singles made aliyah, mostly young adults
- 7 families made aliyah, with several children

We would like to thank Linda Herman of Prophetic Prints for her generous donation of the lithograph.

ALIYAH —
The Regathering of Israel
A Miracle in the Making

A miracle has happened, and is still happening. The preservation of the Jewish people and their return to the Land of Israel after two thousand years of persecution is history that cannot be disputed.

Jewish people have already returned from Russia and Eastern Europe; Arab lands, South America, North America and Ethiopia.

Today, many Jewish people are considering making Aliyah, as anti-Semitism increases with new vigor in France, England, other parts of Europe, North and South America.

Regathering of Israel lithograph tells this powerful ongoing true story

Twenty passages from the Scriptures are beautifully fashioned into a world map by the artist's skillful calligraphy. The map is placed over a depiction of the flag of Israel.

The print is powerful. Some have called it a masterpiece. People are attracted to it because it is art and it has words. Dignitaries in both Israel and America have received this work with appreciation. Congregations, galleries and homes have displayed this full-color, unusual work of art. Each is signed in Hebrew and English.

The artwork is a graphic reminder to all who love Israel that Israel's survival is

ordained by the LORD. As Jeremiah the Prophet wrote:

"Thus saith the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars by night,... if these ordinances depart from before Me, saith HaShem, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever." Jer. 31:35, 36

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