

DAVID'S LEGACY

David Ben-Gurion was born on Oct. 16, 1886, in Płońsk, Poland, (the fSU) and died Dec. 1, 1973, in Tel Aviv–Yafo, Israel. He was a Zionist statesman, political leader, and the first prime minister (1948–53, 1955–63) and defense minister (1948–53; 1955–63) of Israel. On May 14, 1948, Ben-Gurion delivered Israel's Declaration of Independence, and his charismatic personality won him the adoration of the masses. After his retirement from the government and the Knesset (the Israeli House of Representatives), he was revered by Israelis and Jews as the “Father of the Nation.”



STRENGTHENING ISRAEL FROM WITHIN

“The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.” **Isaiah 35:1 NIV**

One of the places I love to visit in Israel is David Ben-Gurion's old hut in the Negev. In his humble home on an honored kibbutz, on exhibit is David's bed and on it, a Bible opened to Isaiah 35:1-4. This passage speaks of the desert blooming. Isaiah goes on to prophesy that those dispersed will return on a Holy Highway! How thrilled Ben Gurion would be to see the State of Israel today with a population of over 8 million with 74.5 percent being of Jewish descent.

Israel is celebrating its 70th birthday. Jerusalem is declared the undisputed capital of Israel by the USA. Christians and Jews together pour out support for Israel, through their words and dollars. We as Christians rejoice during these God-ordained events. We are biblically (Isaiah 49:22) mandated to support the Jewish people moving back to Israel.

Israel will be strengthened and blessed from within when her exiles return. The LORD will also be hallowed in the sight of the nations as they return. There is space for all our Jewish friends in America to immigrate and God will see to that. Ben Gurion understood this, as well as the founders of Israel.

In confirmation, I have some astounding news! OEUSA has twice as many people requesting assistance to move to Israel than last year at this time. Hallelujah! We stand in awe! God is watching over His Word to perform it, Jeremiah 1. We estimate that we could receive up to 1,000 requests this year. These are appeals from those who are in financial need, and the majority have experienced anti-Semitism in America.

I have an urgent request. My concern is our available funds aren't matching the need of Jewish *Aliyah* applicants. Pray, and if you can give sacrificially, your gifts would be a big blessing. If you've never given, please find it in your heart to donate today. Thank you to those who have faithfully prayed and

supported the work of *Aliyah* with OEUSA. We pray for you often, so please remember to send us your prayer requests.

WHY ALIYAH?

For millenniums, our ancestors before us would have done anything to live in their homeland (the only Jewish State in the world) and making *Aliyah* is a responsibility and privilege for all Jews.

We want our two young children and posterity to be Israeli, speak Hebrew fluently, and understand the Torah in its original language.

We also believe the Israeli culture/lifestyle is less focused on material possessions and more focused on family life, social cohesion, and religiosity.

~ Steven



summer *Aliyah*. **THANK YOU** for helping families like Steven's make *Aliyah*. Thank you for your prayers, financial gifts, and volunteering! However, as applicants have increased so must our resolve increase. Resolve to increase what we are already doing by supporting Israel from within by helping her people home.

STRONG ROOTS IN ISRAEL

"He remembers His covenant forever, the promise He made, for a thousand generations." **Psalm 105:8 NIV**

Yes, they are strengthening Israel from the inside out! For generations, Jews have attempted to immigrate to Israel in blood, sweat, and tears! God is calling them home! It's our obligation as members of the Body of Christ to assist them on their journey to the Holy Land! Please read this story of a beautiful family that you helped make *Aliyah*.

Steven: *"My wife and I have roots in Israel that pre-date our births. My wife's parents were refuseniks in the former Soviet Union (fSU) and were miraculously granted visas to immigrate to Israel. However, before their scheduled departure, their visas were revoked, and they were forced to remain in the fSU for four more years until the Iron Curtain fell. Her family was sponsored by her cousins living in the United States then immigrated to Kansas. My wife has dreamed about making *Aliyah* she was a child.*

My maternal grandparents smuggled their way into British mandated Palestine after meeting each other in a Displaced Persons Camp. They survived the Nazi concentration camps, later married in Tel Aviv, and gave birth to my mother (one of the first 1,000 children born in the State of Israel) and my aunt. However, the poor economic conditions of the fledgling state forced them to leave and move to America. Our families ended up in the USA, but that was an accident of history. As Jewish descendants, we recognize our people have yearned for redemption and the chance to return to our ancestral homeland. Now my family is participating in the next chapters of Jewish history, as citizens of the modern Jewish State."

Our *Aliyah* applicants have doubled compared to last year at this time. They are answering the call. Are we? Are we answering God's call to assist our Jewish friends according to Isaiah 49:22? We need your support now for



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