



A SEASON TO GO HOME

“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,
DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO
PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.”

JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO

USA



DEBRA MINOTTI
PRESIDENT
OPERATION EXODUS USA

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.

For more than eighteen years I have had the enormous honor and privilege of participating in the miracle of the return of the Jewish people to Israel. Almost without fail, when I share what I do with a Jewish person, they quickly turn to their own longing for Aliyah or why they are not personally in favor of it. I often hear, "I want to make Aliyah, but not now." If not now, when? They share about family members who live in Israel. The increase in anti-Semitism is noted. It's obvious the difficult question of immigrating to Israel is on their heart and mind: "Should I stay, or should I go?"

God is present in these conversations. His faithfulness to Israel shines through. His passion for the Land and for the Jewish people to return to Israel is not in question. The prophets are clear: "Bring my sons from afar..." Isaiah 43:6 NIV. But God works through time, and our humanity, to accomplish His will. God, in His love and grace, gives us choices. He will miraculously intercede at just the right time to direct us to His will.

Israel's existence and rising population are clearly the results of intervention by God Almighty.

So, as an intercessory ministry we have been led by God to New York City—straight into the center of a vast and thriving Jewish community. Our team is encouraging, comforting and reminding Jewish people of God's love for them and the Promised Land. For those courageous ones who are immigrating, together we can provide needed support for their trip home.

The time is now for NYC, where great opposition continually pushes against us, and a wide door stands open before us, which demands great effort. In this historic moment, as the Jewish community is asking the question of "Aliyah or not," please join us in this glorious battle with your prayers, funds and voice. You will be strengthening Israel and blessing the heart of God.

Isaiah 43:6 NIV "...Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—..."



SUMMER ALIYAH – “A SEASON TO GO HOME”

Summertime is the time of year when Aliyah reaches peak numbers. Operation Exodus USA (OEUSA) has always been the busiest during the months of June, July and August. Many families make Aliyah in the summer because it's in between school years and it makes the transition easier for their children. Currently we have forty-five families that have applied with us for assistance to make Aliyah this summer.

Judy, Josh and their children are one such family: *“...We gave our children Hebrew/Israeli names knowing it may be more difficult now while living in America, but will be easier once we settle in Israel. Our oldest child... is 8 years old and we know her, it will only get harder for her to integrate in school and learn the language the older she gets. So, we've decided to make the move this summer. We tell ourselves that it will be hard for us (Josh and I) but we are doing it for our children. So that they can grow up Israeli, in our Jewish homeland.”*

Conversely, we see an increase in young adults making Aliyah as well. We anticipate assisting over one hundred fifty of these courageous singles who will be making Aliyah together, without parents or siblings, and living on kibbutz together.

On June 2, a festive farewell gathering took place in NYC for them with keynote speakers from Israel. It was a joyful celebration, and this year, Debra Minotti, president of OEUSA, was invited to address the group. This was a great honor! We are happy to share with you that this group were the recipients of our second Mitzvah project.

When we inquired as to what best would bless them, the group's superiors suggested portable phone chargers, something they

believed would be an invaluable gift and greatly appreciated by the group. In our next newsletter, watch for photos and reactions from our Mitzvah projects.

As always, without you, we would not be able to assist or give Mitzvah gifts to those making Aliyah. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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CINDY ZEIS
ALIYAH
ASSISTANT



Josh, Judy and
family photo before
making Aliyah

FATHER LEADING HIS CHILDREN HOME

USA



ADRIANNE PROSSER
EAST COAST
OUTREACH DIRECTOR

I will lead them...on a level path where they will not stumble, because I AM ISRAEL'S FATHER... Jeremiah 31:9 NIV

God's faithfulness precedes us as we develop the work of Operation Exodus USA in New York City to grow awareness of the work of Aliyah and increase our footprint, first in Brooklyn, and in the other boroughs.

Main Objectives:

- ✓ **Outreach to local churches** – Building new relationships and partnerships with churches is paramount. Recruit and enlist local prayer partners and volunteers.
- ✓ **Outreach to local Jewish community** – Nurture relationships with local leaders. Raise the banner of Aliyah and bring God's love and comfort to our precious Jewish friends.
- ✓ **Outreach to like-minded ministries** – Making new pro-Israel friends in the Christian community. A ministry in

Brooklyn is praying for us and helping us connect with local pastors and leaders.

- ✓ **Developing and deepening relationships with our partners** – Striving to improve and expand our communications with our friends and partners. Thanking, sharing, praying and keeping you informed are of the outmost importance to us.

Thank you to our friends and partners along the East Coast. A special thank you to our dear Connecticut intercessory prayer team. Over a decade, they have stood in the gap, continually interceding for the Church and the Aliyah of millions of Jewish people living in the NYC, Tri-State region.

We are keenly aware that your role is pivotal to the success of our work in NYC. Now more than ever, we are dependent upon your heartfelt desire to go deeper with God as He continues to gather and lead His children home. Our hearts overflow with love and gratitude for all of you.



Connecticut
intercessory
prayer team

PREPARING FOR THE BIGGER ALIYAH FROM NEW YORK CITY

And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way." Isaiah 57:14 ESV

For the past three years Operation Exodus USA has been "Boots on the Ground" in Brooklyn. The Lord has opened the doors for us to be a voice in New York City (NYC) and the surrounding areas to assist those ready to make Aliyah.

Connecting with the Jewish people one by one in the NYC area has allowed us to be a voice of comfort and encouragement to those making the decision to go home to Eretz Israel.

One of the main goals of Operation Exodus is to be where the need is greatest, and to reach out and serve the Jewish community well in the days ahead. Many desire to make Aliyah now. Aliyah is increasing from the West.

Every Jewish person dreams of moving back to their homeland, Israel. Operation Exodus USA is a vessel being used to assist them to fulfill their dream from NYC and throughout the USA.



Esther: "I believe that Israel is my home; it's where I belong. I want to have a life there and contribute to society."



Eitan: "As a practicing and proud Jew, my entire life has revolved around Israel and the eventual goal of moving back to our homeland, in fulfillment of the Biblical prophecies."



Kendall: "I am now taking the leap to take a risk and follow my heart to a place that has given me so much."



Ari & Lanie: "We are a family of 6 that has always loved the Land of Israel..., and want to live among our people and for life to revolve around Judaism rather than needing Judaism to revolve around American life."

USA



SHIRLEY LAWRENSON
NYC ALIYAH
DIRECTOR

ALIYAH AND OPERATIONS – THE HOLY AND THE PRACTICAL

Aliyah – Holy and Practical

We are called in Isaiah 40:1 NIV to "Comfort, comfort My people..." What a privilege it is for me to direct and oversee the Aliyah from the USA. In a practical way, I am responsible to create, update, adhere to, report on, and execute policies and procedures on the practicalities of a Holy work with a Holy calling. It is our Lord's work. What a privilege it is to comfort, meet, pray for, and encourage our Jewish friends during a major life event—their immigration to Israel.

Operations – Holy and Practical

OEUSA exists to obey the LORD's call to help support Aliyah. My focus is to ensure that the essential functions continue to be performed during a wide range of emergencies, that little or no disruption occurs, and that all critical infrastructure services flow as normally as possible during any and all emergencies. Your prayers, wise counsel and seeking the Lord are a must.



KATHY ARDINO
OPERATIONS
DIRECTOR

STANDING AT OUR POST

USA



QUAY MESSNER
NATIONAL PRAYER
COORDINATOR

*King David's
watch tower
and old city
walls Jerusalem*

Fire is to be kept burning on the altar continually—it must not go out.”
Leviticus 6:6 TLV. “Pray Constantly.”
1Thessalonians 5:17 TLV. We envision a fiery “furnace of prayer” from within and surrounding New York City (NYC). From across the nation the LORD is gathering His intercessory watchmen in NYC. In person—via telephone conference lines, video conferences, and phone text groups—the depth and breadth of intercession needed to facilitate the fulfillment of God’s Aliyah promises are being established.

“Upon the watch tower, ADONAI, I stand continually in the daytime and stay at my post every night.” Isaiah 21:8 TLV. As each one takes up their part, a continual watch will be in place. The Holy Spirit moves in, upon and through us.

“Another angel came and stood at the altar... He was given much incense to offer up along with the prayers of all the saints...”

Revelation 8:3 TLV. We expect much angelic involvement in both the intercession and the answers to the intercession.

*“To Him be the glory forever!
Amen!” Romans 11:36 TLV*



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During 2018 Ebenezer Colombia was involved with the return of the Venezuelan Jews to Israel and by the grace of God seven families were supported by our ministry. Venezuela has been a focus of global attention due to the political and critical social crises embroiling it.

Each of the families we helped suffered their own traumas, including material dispossession, persecution and hunger. Some encountered numerous last-minute legal obstacles before they were able to fly out of the country, but through the power of God they overcame them. Others travelling long distance by road encountered numerous police checkpoints and robbers who wanted any valuable item or cash from them. Journeys for these brave families usually started at night and took 18-20 hours to reach a safe point for departure to Israel.

Thousands of Venezuelan citizens seek to escape over border crossings and this means that Colombian immigration controls are

very strict. Some of the Jewish families who have gone overland have told us that during the day the immigration authorities have specific opening hours for the crossings and such times have become like a stampede to leave Venezuela. In the chaos families are separated from one side to the other, suitcases rolling on the ground fly open, leaving their few belongings scattered around and identification documents damaged.

But once each Jewish family is safely in Colombia they are able to renew their passports and days later can be at the airport waiting for their flight to Israel. Everyone has something in common to say, like God has sent angels to make this miracle come true. Those angels, as they call us, are all those in the world who have joined Ebenezer to help fulfil what was prophesied by the prophets come true.

Please pray for our team as they give their time and energy to help the Jewish people safely reach Israel, their true homeland.

VENEZUELA



RODOLFO BLANCO
NATIONAL
COORDINATOR
OF COLOMBIA



Three of the families who have braved the dangers to go to Israel.



LEARN FROM THE FIG TREE

USA



PRISCILLA PORRAS
NEXT GENERATION LEADER

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near... Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.” Matt. 24:32-34 ESV

When we read the complete chapter in Matthew, we come to understand that Jesus is speaking of fulfillment of prophecy—from the destruction of the temple to His glorious coming.

This is it— the return of the Jewish people to Israel and the Gospel! We are living in times when we see the fig tree turning green for summer. How should

we respond to Jesus words: *“Truly... this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.”? Matt. 24:34 ESV*

You and I have been given a supreme revelation (Hebrews 1:1-4) in Messiah to understand that in our faith we have been appointed heirs of the Father with Jesus. We have a responsibility to live a life with His purpose, not ours. Therefore, let our generation see and participate in all “these things taking place” so that we, too, are counted for His righteousness.

If you are interested in our young adults efforts in NYC and Israel, among other places, please contact us.

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Warrior representing the next generation as intercessor

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