



A Christian ministry assisting Jewish people moving to Israel



# FROM HOPE TO HOME

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# Israel Celebrates 70 Years

*Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them,  
and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.*

*Jeremiah 23:3 ESV*

**PRAYER**

*The Heartbeat of Operation Exodus USA*



# Israel is 70 & Growing Stronger



**Coast to Coast** with  
**Debra Minotti**  
President  
Operation Exodus USA

*“And give Him no rest  
until He establishes  
and makes Jerusalem  
a praise in the earth.”*  
Isaiah 62:7 NASB

It was a great honor for Operation Exodus USA to co-sponsor *Israel 70 and Strong*, a three-day celebration in Washington, D.C. this May! Our team, including OE international and U.S. board member Gary Kah, rejoiced at this historic event at our nation’s capital, where President Trump had recently acknowledged that Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Israel, and decided to relocate the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem.

The celebration was charged with excitement; the atmosphere was electric! Hundreds crowded together to thank God for His mercy toward Jerusalem and the U.S.A. The Lord has again shown favor to Jerusalem, the eternal city where He chose to display His greatness and put His name (**I Kings 11:36**), and where our Savior will soon dwell as King of all the earth!

That night, guests from Israeli, Jewish and Christian communities were honored during the celebration, but surprisingly, severe weather alerts rang out on cell phones just prior to Vice President Pence’s speech. Hailstones fell, tornados struck, and thousands of trees were uprooted. Something miraculous occurred in the unseen realm. Undoubtedly, we all were witnesses to manifestations of God’s power. God was certainly watching over His word to perform it.

I believe Operation Exodus USA is turning a corner, and waves of *Aliyah* (Jewish immigration to Israel) from America will soon follow. As evidence, the numbers of Jewish Americans requesting assistance to immigrate to Israel has doubled from last year. This is exciting news and more than a sign; this is a shout from heaven!

May we be like men and women of Issachar, who had *“the understanding of the times”* (**1 Chron. 12:32**). May we know what we *“ought to do”* to help strengthen and bless Israel!



**Debra Minotti & Malcolm Hedding (International Christian Embassy Jerusalem)**

Operation Exodus USA is affiliated with Ebenezer Operation Exodus International, a ministry with representatives in over 55 countries around the world. Together, we have assisted over 170,000 Jewish people with their return to Israel from many different nations.



# 3,000 & Counting!



Last May, with your help, Operation Exodus USA assisted the 3,000th Jewish person with making *Aliyah*! This significant milestone adds to the astonishing 170,000 immigrants worldwide. To God be ALL the Glory! Thank you for helping our Jewish friends, for we are indebted to minister to them with blessings.

*“They were pleased to do it, but the fact is that they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared with the Jews in spiritual matters, then the Gentiles clearly have a duty to help the Jews in material matters.”* **Romans 15:27 CJB**

And yet, the blessings keep coming back to us. Jessica is one of those 3,000 Jewish immigrants. When she requested assistance with her moving costs, we could not have expected to receive such blessings in return. You see, the Word of God says we ought to assist our Jewish brothers and sisters practically because we have received such spiritual blessings from them. We would not know faith if not for our Judeo roots!

## **Before Aliyah**

Jessica: *“I’m making Aliyah to fulfill the promise given by God to the children of Israel. The land is our inheritance. I fully believe that part of my life mission is to support my brothers and sisters living in Israel. I want to fulfill the mitzvah of putting all of my resources, time, energy, and talent into the land and people of Israel to serve G-d by serving my people and country.”*

## **After Aliyah**

Jessica: *“A heartfelt prayer of gratitude has been offered at the Kotel (Wailing/Western Wall), for those generous patrons and sponsors who helped make my Aliyah dream a reality! Thank you so much for being a vessel of G-d by contributing to this scripturally significant blessing of helping the people of Israel return to our land! May G-d bless and prosper you a thousandfold for what you’ve given to me! All the best, in peace and gratitude!”*

Our Jewish friends are blessing us from Zion! Jessica states, *“for those generous patrons and sponsors!”* That’s you! Thank you for assisting Jessica and thousands like her!

Applications for grants have doubled since last year, and we need your continued help. We never want to have to say “no” to anyone due to our lack of finances. Anything you can send in beyond your regular giving would be deeply appreciated.



**Kathy Ardino**  
Aliyah Director  
Operation Exodus USA



# 70 Years – A Future & A Hope

“Seventy years!” We can imagine faithful Daniel, at 80 years of age, exclaim as he read the prophet Jeremiah’s scroll and understood the times. **Daniel 9:1-2, Jeremiah 29:10.** He read about God’s plans for Israel – plans of shalom (peace in Hebrew), a future and hopes to be restored to their homeland. What to do now? He read on, “Then you will call on Me, and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.” **Jeremiah 29:12.** And so, he did what he read. “...I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications...” **Daniel 9:3** was a divine prophecy that became historical fact through intercession, and it still works that way today.

Seventy years is a special biblical time mark, especially when connected to the destiny of a nation. See the example in **Isaiah 23:15** regarding Tyre. Concerning the restoration from Babylon, seventy years is a marker of release from captivity! The psalmist expressed the joy experienced in return—a reality that seemed like a dream. **Psalms 126:1.**

Now we celebrate seventy years of life for the miraculously reborn nation! It felt like a dream when plans to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem were announced in November of 2017—70 years from the day the UN voted to recognize the state of modern Israel. Our mouths overflowed with laughter on May 14, 2018, when the relocated U.S. embassy opened on Israel’s 70th birthday.

“Then they said among the nations, “ADONAI has done great things for them.” **Psalms 126:2.** Intercessors arise! Like Daniel, let us give our attention to the Lord through prayer. God has plans for shalom, a future and a hope for the *Olim* (Jewish immigrants) who return home! Let us pray holy prophecy into historical fact! Let us pray for our nation and all the nations to declare, “ADONAI has done great things for them!”



**Quay Messner**  
National Prayer Coordinator  
Operation Exodus USA



## Brooklyn Anti-Semitism

What do we do; what do we say? Do we walk away? These are the questions I pondered just weeks ago. Not far from the Operation Exodus office in Brooklyn, I witnessed the unprovoked, sad, and ugly act of anti-Semitism towards our Jewish friends in my neighborhood and unfortunately, it happens everywhere.

Witnessing an act of anti-Semitism made me feel powerless. I did not watch it on the television, read an article in the newspaper, or hear about it from someone. I watched it happen with my own eyes, and it shocked me. I viewed two young Jewish men walking down the road, minding their own business, get called out for the way they uniquely dressed and looked.

What thoughts and emotions would run through your mind and heart if you heard these hurtful remarks and people laughing at you as you walked innocently down the street because of your nationality, ethnicity, religion, or because you were Jewish. I’m sure they

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**Shirley Lawrenson**  
NYC Hub Director  
Operation Exodus USA

# Aliyah from the Americas!



**Priscilla Porras**

Next-Generation Leader  
Operation Exodus USA

The Lord is watching over His Word to perform it! Glory to God for the privilege of being able to see the fruit of many prayer initiatives and proclamations. Such preparation has brought revelation to the Church and strengthened OEUSA's relationship with the Jewish community of Latin America. During our trip to Ecuador and Paraguay, the Lord gave us practical and spiritual understanding about Isaiah 62. God is removing the stones and opening doors to the next generation of Christians by imparting His love and *Aliyah* promise for Israel, and by preparing their hearts for the return of Christ.

In Paraguay, we learned of the urgency for *Aliyah* from a Venezuelan Jewish family who told us that many airlines are avoiding direct flights to Israel. Pastors in Colombia, a nation of refuge, received this family with joy, and we sense that OEUSA will help bridge the gap and facilitate *Aliyah* in times ahead. We also witnessed the peace God has poured upon Paraguay, which is also a refugee nation for the largest countries

*The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north."*

Jeremiah 1:13 ESV

in South America. Argentina's monetary inflation keeps increasing alongside violence and unemployment in Brazil. Argentina already has a humanitarian aid base for Jewish families, so they are prepared for more *Aliyah*. Let's keep our eyes on Christ to see God's plan for *Aliyah* unfold throughout the Americas.



**Next-Generation Group**

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were proud to be Jewish because they just kept walking, ignoring the name-calling, cruel jokes and angry words thrown at them.

I stood silent. Do I say something? Do I defend our Jewish friends or do I quietly pray for their protection and the Lord's comfort upon their hearts through the pain?

I went away praying aloud that the Lord would give us the courage to continue standing with our persecuted Jewish friends as God calls them home to Israel.

# OEUSA is hosting its 1st Symposium!



We're presenting our beloved **STEVE LIGHTLE!**

Yes, Steve Lightle is coming back to Buffalo with a fresh Word from God.

SAVE THE DATE

**October 4-6, 2018**

**Special Guest Speaker: Paul Wilbur**

More details are coming soon...

**For more information about Operation Exodus USA, our Purpose, Vision, Values, and History, visit our website.**

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### GET INVOLVED!

- I am excited about what the Lord is doing at OEUSA! Send me the OE Awareness Kit to share with others:
  - OE Book
  - Bundle of Newsletters
  - Scripture Brochures
  - Spanish Materials
- Go online **operationexodususa.org/awareness** for a complete set of easy-to-use social media shareable online content
- Call us if you would like to join our family of intercessors or start a prayer group in your area
- Call us if you would like an OE representative to come and share at your church or local gathering

### Estate Planning/Legacy Gifts

Please contact us if you are prayerfully considering a legacy gift to help us assist Jewish people making *Aliyah*. We will connect you with someone who can explain your options.

- Leave a Legacy Gift** (e.g., donation of any amount, designated through your will or living trust). For more information, please call 716.681.6300.



My Will

- Give online: **OperationExodusUSA.org** or for our initiatives **OperationExodusUSA.org/ForHisNamesake**
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