

# RESPONDING TO THE FATHER'S CRY

**"OUR HEART HAS NOT  
TURNED BACK, NOR HAVE  
OUR STEPS DEPARTED  
FROM YOUR WAY."**

**PSALM 44:18 ESV**



*A Christian ministry assisting Jewish people moving to Israel*



# DO NOT BE ALARMED

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## 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.

While writing this article, I am watching the devastation and loss of life in the Bahamas from Hurricane Dorian, a historic, category-5 storm. Like countless others, I prayed that Dorian would move quickly out to sea, and that the loss of life would be minimal. Tragically, that did not happen. Please keep in prayer those who have been affected by this horrific storm.

At times like these, I must embrace the Scriptures for answers, hope and direction. God makes it clear in Haggai 2:7, Matthew 24, and Luke 21 that great trials await us, but a greater glory will follow. "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among the nations, bewildered by the roaring of the sea and the surging of the waves. ..." Luke 21:25 BSB

Yet, in that same unsettling chapter of Luke, Jesus talks about the fig tree, which represents Israel. He admonishes us to learn the lesson from the fig tree. To summarize, Jesus relates that as soon as its branches become tender and sprout leaves, you know that summer is near and the Messiah is at the gate. Halleluiah!

These tender leaves represent the new life that signals our redemption is drawing near! Israel is budding and growing, and Her children are returning home.

In the next few pages, please note the young ones (Naale students) and the compelling reasons why they are going to Israel. They are bringing life to Israel. They represent the tender leaves. The wave of summer Aliyah had just finished with thousands returning to Israel. With everyone who makes Aliyah, we at Operation Exodus sense the Lord's joy. Redemption is near!

To our partners, a big thank you! We are humbled and honored that you have chosen to invest in OEUSA. Your prayers and giving are a testimony that you believe in a sovereign God and the profound truth of Scripture.

If you have thought about assisting the Jewish people's return and haven't yet taken action, this is the time to take that step. You can make a difference; you will strengthen Israel and bless the heart of God.



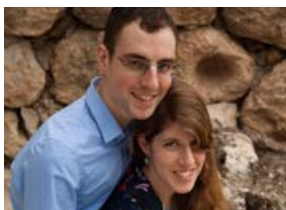
Top: Satellite photo  
Hurricane Dorian

Right: Two young  
Olim celebrating  
their Aliyah arrival at  
Ben Gurion Airport

# FROM VIOLENT ANTI-SEMITISM TO HOME & FUTURE IN ISRAEL

**D**uring a time of increased, violent anti-Semitism, we thank you dear partners for supporting the holy work of Aliyah (immigration to Israel). No one deserves to suffer under ridicule, bullying or attacks. You have cooperated with God in assisting His people to move from suffering to Home.

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## **NATHAN & DAPHNA**

**Anti-Semitism:** "I have been threatened once in the streets and bullied in school because I was Jewish. Daphna was attacked on campus as a college student."

**Hope:** "Together we have been dreaming of our baby being born in Israel and raising our family in our homeland. We'd like our children to grow up in Israel, connected to the land and to their roots."



KATHY ARDINO  
ALIAH DIRECTOR



## **TALIA**

**Anti-Semitism:** "Just yesterday, I was told that "real Jews aren't Zionists. They just try to pose as Jews." Last week, swastikas and slurs were spray painted around my (30% Jewish) town. While these things used to happen to me, or around me, periodically, they are now occurring regularly."

**Hope:** "When I completed high school, I decided to defer college for a year and spend that time in Jerusalem, studying in a religious seminary for women known for its ardent love of Zionism. After a year of intense contemplation, study and prayer, I knew that I was meant to live in Israel and make the land my home."



## **BRANDON**

**Anti-Semitism:** "I experienced ridicule as a child and my wife was harassed violently though elementary and middle school. Our neighborhood is now experiencing periodic violence. Recently I've had negative experiences on the trains with shouts and uncomfortable profiling and my children have experienced harassment on the playground."

**Hope:** "It seems crazy to move to another country and start over....It's a leap of faith and a trust in G-d that this is the path for us as a family....I believe our G-dly mission leads us there. I've thought only to live in Israel from the time I was a child and to help make the Holy Land a place that reflects the glory of His might."

*Thank you for helping them to their hope and a future.*

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ADRIANNE PROSSER  
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***Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37 NIV***

**T**he Jewish population living in Brooklyn and the other boroughs in New York City (NYC) is the largest in the world outside of Israel. NYC has the greatest potential, and it is the epicenter for Aliyah from our nation. Operation Exodus USA is the only Aliyah Christian ministry in this strategic area. We believe the numbers of those making Aliyah will increase swiftly in the coming days.

We have a tremendous responsibility to demonstrate God's unwavering love to our courageous Jewish brothers and sisters. Your commitment to this holy work is vital. Please reconsider and prayerfully ask the LORD about how you can contribute in a deeper way. Let us continue to provoke and motivate one another to greater acts of love and good works. Thank you in advance for your love and obedience unto our God.

The last few months have brought much fruit as we continued to reach out to churches, Jewish communities, and like-minded ministries. The intentional increase in prayer for NYC and other strategic East Coast

states is paramount for the greater Aliyah that is coming. Please see highlights below:

- KIBI (Korean International Bible Institute), NJ — Time of prayer with Dr. Harriet Song and Prayer Group.
- Beth Israel Worship Center, NJ — Rabbi Jonathan Cahn's endorsement subsequent to our visit: *"The Lord promised that He would gather His ancient people from the nations and bring them back to their homeland. We are privileged to be the generation that has witnessed these things take place. But to actually be part of such things is even more amazing. I am blessed to know of Operation Exodus' great work in fulfilling this Biblical mandate. It is not only a work of compassion and love — it is a work of prophecy"*.
- Peniel Tabernacle of God Church, Bronx, NY — First partnering church in the NYC area. Our God is faithful!
- East Coast Waterways Prayer Initiative (ECWPI) Declaration Phase 1, Brooklyn, NY— Aliyah waterways in the NYC region.
- Shepherd's Staff Ministry, NC — Special invitation to share at local churches and prayer groups.

Top: ECWPI Declaration  
with Enrique,  
Shirley, Adrienne &  
John Prosser in NYC.

Left to Right:  
Praying with the KIBI  
Prayer group. Adrienne  
with the Shepherds  
Staff Ministry Team.





# FREEDOM THROUGH PRAYER

***“Come out of her, my people!”***  
***Jer. 51:45a and Rev. 18:4a, NIV.***

**O**n Yom Kippur in September of 2010, an international team of six intercessors buried these words by the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. The next year — 2011 — was fruitful for Aliyah; we assisted more olim (immigrants) in one year than the previous five years combined.

The work in NYC and the entire U.S. is by His Spirit. *“He has sent (us) to proclaim freedom for captives...to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor...to comfort all who mourn...to bestow on them...the oil of joy.”* Isaiah

61:1-3, NIV. By His Spirit, we continue to pray and conduct prayer initiatives such as the recent East Coast Waterways Prayer Initiative that launched from Brooklyn.

OEUSA’s mission and commission have not changed. The LORD is committed to restoring the Jewish people in NYC to their homeland and Himself — see Hosea 11:10-11.

**Join us in securing their release through intercession. NYC Prayer Call: 2nd Monday each month: 7:30-9:00 p.m. Eastern time. 605.562.0400. Code 8652532#**

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QUAY MESSNER  
USA PRAYER  
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## EAST COAST PRAYER INITIATIVE

***“Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from Your way.”*** Psalms 44:18, NKJV

**I**n Jerusalem last year at the Ebenezer Operation Exodus international conference the Lord highlighted the above scripture, to the Operation Exodus team, concerning the need to focus on the US East Coast because this region will be a strategic gate for a great exodus of His people from this nation.

As we sought the Lord during the early part of this year, He helped us organize a prayer initiative commencing in August. It started in White Plains, NY near the border of Connecticut down to Norfolk, Virginia. Our intercession focused on the waterways of New York City, Maryland and Virginia. As we traveled, the Lord also revealed various spiritual strongholds.

God led us to Philadelphia, a very important city where we met with pastoral board members, who pray for the city

transformation, and to a well-known missions school. We shared the teaching of Israel’s restoration and how vital is the duty of the Church for the completion of Aliyah. The East Coast initiative concluded as we proclaimed a Waterways Proclamation at First Landing in Virginia Beach.

**Thank you** for covering this important initiative. We need more prayer to continue from North Carolina to Florida.



ENRIQUE PORRAS  
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# NAALE MITZVAH PROJECT

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SHIRLEY LAWRENSON  
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**N**aale Elite Academy, a free high school program for Jewish students in Israel, has been aiding Aliyah and shaping Jewish identity for teens from around the world for the past twenty-five years. On Sunday, 1 September, I was joined by John and Adrienne Prosser at the Newark Airport in New Jersey, where we were privileged to be part of the farewell for thirty-five Naale students.

Operation Exodus USA has been instrumental again this year in supporting this program, enabling several of the young boys and girls to follow their dream to complete their last three years of high school in Israel. This year, Ravit (one of the directors) told us that in the seven years she has been part of this program, this is the largest group to leave from the United States.

While Aliyah (immigrating to Israel) is not a requirement of the program, more than 85 per cent of students decide to make Aliyah, with more than 70 per cent of their parents joining them in Israel. Naale has been one

of the most successful Aliyah initiatives, bringing many new Olim (immigrants) to Israel. One of the amazing benefits is that the Naale program affords the students a smooth transition into life in Israel.

As part of our NYC Mitzvah Project, we had the opportunity to share a few encouraging words with the students and present them with a small gift that they could take with them. Several parents came to share with us and thank us for supporting the youth of Israel. One of the rabbis who spoke a blessing over the students just before they departed shared the following touching words: *"When you love something or someone, you want to give them the best. We as parents and families love Israel, and for this reason we are sending Israel our best."*

We extend a special **THANK YOU** to all our friends and partners. Your continued support in prayer and giving make it possible for this work to continue. To God be the Glory.



Ravit a Director of Naale  
with OE USA Board Member  
John, Adrienne & Shirley.

# ENCOURAGEMENT SO IMPORTANT

**B**ureaucratic problems beset Gloria's attempt to bring her documents together, but persistence and encouragement paid off. This is her story:

"My grandfather was Jewish but the question of going and living in Israel had never occurred to me. We prayed for Israel regularly as we believed we should and then one day some friends took us there on a holiday. It was a dream come true and, while there, my husband and I both realised we wanted to make aliyah. The only problem was that I had very few documents proving my Jewish heritage.

In January 2017 we sent my mother's birth certificate and grandfather's death certificate to the Israeli Consul. However, he immediately told us we had insufficient documents for our application. It took us another six months to procure some more papers and certificates, but again we were told our proof was inadequate as none of the documents were original. The Consul said we needed at least one original from my late grandfather. We tried

various archives, and even the Red Cross, but all in vain. In some places they could not find anything and, in others, for some reason, the officials were unwilling to release information to either me or my mother.

We did not give up, however, and a year later submitted everything we had again. This time there was a new Consul who seemed more sympathetic, but once more told us that without more documents he wasn't able to grant us Israeli visas. We explained the difficulties we'd had and he suggested that we send him a photograph of my grandfather's birth record from the archive. This gave us hope, as we knew we could get that. We sent it to him and shortly afterwards received permission for aliyah. We were overjoyed!

During all the months of waiting and disappointment it proved so important to have the Ebenezer team encouraging us. These dear people showed us their care and love, and it strengthened our faith to keep going. We are deeply grateful."

RUSSIA



ELYA VASYUKOVA  
MOSCOW LEADER



*Never give up hope: Gloria and her family on their way to Israel.*





# WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

ISRAEL



SHLOMIT FARBEROV  
ISRAEL TEAM

Helping the new olim settle and thrive in Israel is the fulfilment of what I have carried in my heart for so long. My desire is to help them practically and to encourage them not to give up, believing that it is possible to start from the very beginning. From experience, I know that life here is challenging. I received a lot of support and help from the people around me when I came to Israel. *'Kol Israel Haverim'* is the phrase used here to express 'One nation together': we help each other...

*Savlanut* (patience), is the first word we learn in ulpan (Hebrew language class). When I meet with a new immigrant I reassure them with this word. Everything will be good in the end. The potential is enormous in Israel. The level of health care is high, giving many here a second chance at life.

One of my first experiences on the Ebenezer team was greeting a family on arrival at the airport. It was amazing to see them! The weary, happy parents had two children, ten bags weighing 20 kilos each and two electric pianos, all of which had to be crammed into a van for the journey north. We drove to Afula, speaking happily in Russian on the way.

It is difficult for people to begin their life again, like children, without the language, even though they are highly educated professionals. And those who have made aliyah, returned to their original homeland, then come back to

Israel again, receive no further help from the Ministry of Aliyah. But we are able to help.

For new olim, we are able to direct them to the correct government ministries, so they are not neglected. Because of our own experiences we can help others.

We long to see God's promises come to pass for His people. *"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).



Top: A young family arriving at Ben Gurion on route from Moscow to their new life in Israel.

Right: Stanislav and Iryna are both from Ukraine with Mikael, their baby son born in Israel (a Sabra!).



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