

GLOBAL PANDEMIC — GOD'S SEASON TO UPROOT HIS PEOPLE FROM THE NATIONS



PLANTING OF THE LORD



JOHN PROSSER President/Ceo

I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them. Amos 9:15 NIV

peration Exodus USA is privileged to witness God's hand gently uprooting His people from the USA and carrying them with great compassion and care, to plant them in Israel, the Land He gave them as their inheritance.

While working outdoors around our home, I have learned to be extremely careful when uprooting and transplanting plants. I must consider many things for a plant to thrive in its new environment. Some of my transplants haven't worked out well; however, when God transplants His people to Israel, He guarantees they will thrive and grow, never to be uprooted again.

This scripture gives us a beautiful picture of what God has prepared for their home-

coming: "They will come home and sing songs of joy on the heights of Jerusalem... Their life will be like a watered garden, and all their sorrows will be gone."

Jer 31:12 NLT

Today the USA is under siege! Our Judeo-Christian values are being uprooted by a mindset to tear down and destroy. Anarchy is reinforcing

anti-Semitism to dangerously high levels. However, Aliyah is increasing from our nation. Jewish people are looking to their God and to their Promised Land like never before.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created many new difficulties within the Aliyah process, but it has also reinforced the decision of Jewish people to return home. Nefesh B'Nefesh announced that they have secured special Aliyah flights throughout the remainder of this year. We are very encouraged to see reports of the Israeli government increasing its commitment and preparation to support large numbers of new Olim (immigrants) from North America in 2020 and beyond.

We have a unique opportunity to participate with God in the ingathering of His people—the greater exodus that will usher in His miraculous power in signs and wonders.

Friends and partners, I encourage you to pray about sacrificially investing in Aliyah. Your obedience to God will bring rewards with eternal consequences. Thank you for your trust in our ministry. We value

your friendship and partnership. We are eternally grateful for your prayers and giving.

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Yes, I will delight in doing good for them, and with all My heart and all My soul I will in truth plant them in this land. Jeremiah 32:41 TLV

learly, the Olim cannot be planted in the Land until they are uprooted from their nation of exile. Most, if not all, Jewish people in exile have formed a significant root system where they live – this is called "assimilation."

Transplanting a tree is a traumatic experience. Careful preparation and tender care of the root system before, during, and after the transplant are essential for the survival and health of the tree. In God's work of Aliyah, heartfelt, compassionate, and anointed intercession are crucial for a successful transplant.

Some parallels are:

- The root system needs to be well hydrated before the process begins, the three days prior to uprooting being the most important for hydration.

 Spirit-led scriptural prayers for the Olim release the "water" of the Word and Spirit into their hearts, softening the hard ground of assimilation. We are especially attentive the few days prior to departure.
- It is also imperative to water the tree immediately after transplanting.
 Prayer continues as they enter the I and.

- The root ball should be dug out by hand with a shovel, with great care taken not to damage any of the roots.
 This is a hands-on work of the LORD;
 He gives us prayers that facilitate the careful uprooting.
- Once uprooted, the limbs are tied up to prevent breakage during the move; the tree is wrapped in a tarp to protect from wind damage and moisture loss. Our prayers protect the Olim during the entire process.

It is an honor to pray for these precious ones undergoing transplant. Our intercessors confirm:

"I know how much I love my family...
to partner with Him to help His natural
family come back to the Land and
eventually all be saved is a joy to my
heart." M.A., New Orleans

"Interceding for Aliyah with Operation Exodus is a privilege and has become a way of life." N.B., St. Louis

"During the Covid-19 lockdown, I believe the Aliyah highway has been kept open by an army of intercessors, similar to a Gideon's Army." M.B., Indianapolis

Join us – be a part of the great transplant. Sign up online or contact the office by phone.



QUAY MESSNER
NATIONAL PRAYER
COORDINATOR

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SHIRLEY LAWRENSON ALIYAH DIRECTOR USA

e have entered the summer months — usually the busy season for Aliyah. It is no longer news to us that the Jewish people are returning home to Eretz Israel despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

In these very unfamiliar days, Jewish people are making the challenging decision to uproot themselves and move to Israel. Many move back to Israel to be in their own land, which they know is Israel. **The longing to be "next year in Jerusalem" is over!** They are going home NOW. No more delays.

The challenge of this big step of uprooting themselves is motivated by their heart's desire to be home in Eretz Israel. They know that is where they will be most safe.

When we share with the Olim about their decision to move to Israel, most of our Jewish friends agree that making Aliyah is a biblical commandment, based on Numbers 33:53 NIV: Take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

Three times a day, six days a week, Jewish people pray that God will gather all of them in Israel. Many have delayed the decision to go, but now — in these challenging times — we are witnessing more and more Jewish people gathering their courage together and taking steps towards Eretz Israel. God is showing them that this is the time to go home, and they see this as an answer to their prayers.

God's people need comfort today! As they say goodbye to the life they know — as they plan to uproot themselves and take couragous steps to move to Israel — they need to hear the words of comfort that remind them of the plans and promises that God has for them. Our Jewish friends need to hear those words as we bring assistance and prayers to them in their journey home to Eretz Israel.

By being a voice for Aliyah, we are making a difference.

Isaiah 62:1 NIV says, "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, ..."

God is fulfilling His prophetic Word to bring the Jewish people home, and we are part of these modern-day, miraculous events.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Isaiah 40: 1 NIV

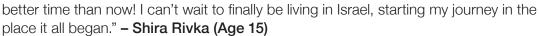
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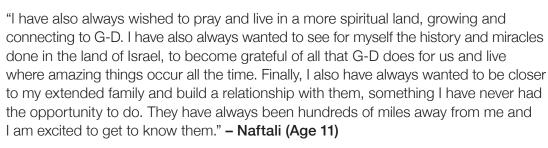
ver the past months Operation Exodus USA has communicated in a variety of ways the urgency that many Jewish people are sensing in making Aliyah. We are honored to share with you the thoughts of this one family that we are assisting. Their special words give us a glimpse into the window of what many Jewish families are talking about in these days:

Ben – Father: "Over the last few months, we've spent more time together than ever before. Such provided us with the unique opportunity to evaluate our priorities and goals, individually and as a family. In doing so, we began to ask ourselves if we felt we were doing the most we could for the world, for the community and for ourselves. We felt that while we've enjoyed the last decade of community service and volunteerism in Florida, for our next quantum growth, spiritually and inter-personally, we'd need to tap into a higher source of spirituality. We believe that if we wish to continue inspiring others and be a light onto a nation, we must also invest in our own wellbeing and growth. To that end, there is no better place to rejuvenate and redefine ourselves than in the holy land of Israel."



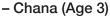
"Ever since I could remember, Israel has always been a big priority in our family. It was never a question of "are we going to move to Israel" but "when are we going to move to Israel." Personally, I have always felt a connection to Israel. From our extended family living there to the fact this was the exact place that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob walked. I want to be where my Jewish history is alive and part of everyday life. And today, with all that's going on? There is no



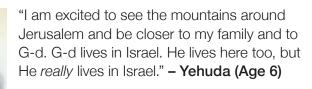




"The food is yummy and I can eat with my Gramma and Grandpa."









L to R: Shira, Ben, Naftali, Yehuda, Mother, Chana





IRIS GOLDMAN EBENEZER OPERATION EXODUS ISRAEL

I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them, says the Lord your God. Amos 9:15 NKJV

liyah — the return of the Jewish people to the land that God has given them — is the first step in a miraculous journey that we are privileged not only to witness, but also to assist through prayer and practical help.

The second step is called *klitah*, which in Hebrew means "absorption" or "integration." In the words of God, it signifies that His people will be planted and no longer pulled up from Israel.

Here in the Land, Ebenezer Operation Exodus Israel assists new Olim (Jewish immigrants) facing many challenges. Olim need to learn Hebrew, find employment

and housing, and do much more to get settled. During the current pandemic, there are even more challenges.

We co-labor with God by providing new Olim with comfort and encouragement, as well as advice and practical assistance, including supplying food shopping cards and paying utility bills. We help Olim from the former Soviet Union and other countries, including the United States.

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Aliyah — the return of

Our Jerusalem office was contacted by N., whom Operation Exodus USA (OEUSA) assisted to make Aliyah from Florida. She married a native-born Israeli, and they were blessed with a baby girl. This struggling young family in Ashkelon needed food but could not travel to our office with the baby—especially with concerns about coronavirus infection—so we mailed food shopping cards, as we have done for other new Olim.

OEUSA also assisted A., S., and their two young sons to make Aliyah from New York. The family was blessed with a baby girl here. A. encountered difficulties starting up a business, and S. needed to find employment, so we sent food shopping cards to their home in Haifa, and we e-mailed employment information for S.

We now operate Haifa House, which can accommodate new Olim for short-term

stays. E., a lady from Florida, is our first referral from OEUSA.

Please join us in praying for the successful "planting" of all Jewish people returning to their land.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.



Here I was with Katie Stucken, **Ebenezer Operation Exodus Interna**tional Volunteer Coordinator, talking about her 18-month experience in Israel in 2018-2019.

Q: How did your journey start?

A: The Lord gave me the word "unrooted" in 2012. Shortly afterward, I gave up my established life in Australia. After years of preparation, I left home and went to Israel in 2018.

Q: I imagine you had several experiences that Olim can relate to. Could you share some of them?

A: There were many challenges:

- 1. Getting connected within a community took a while. After I had gone to a youth group for three weeks, someone finally shared a chat and invited me for coffee! She actually was an Olah from the USA.
- 2. Having to let go of familiar things and opportunities, and step into the unknown.
- 3. The language barrier. No one spoke English, and I needed to know how to get a bus pass.
- 4. Culture shock! I now empathize with Olim from the USA and Australia. In Israel you really need hutzpah (audacity) to get through the day.

- 1. Have a foundation to stand on. The Olim know their foundation: their calling to the Land.
- 2. Recognize that you are brave. Don't be discouraged when things are hard. Reach out for help and make a connection. You made the brave decision to leave your comfort zone and dive into deep, cold water, but the more you swim, the warmer you'll get. Keep going!



PRISCILLA PORRAS-LAUREANO NEXT-GENERATION LEADER. PRAYER TEAM SUPPORT

Q: Finally, could you share about The Promise Project?

A: After the Lord gave me the song Time to Favour Zion for the Ebenezer Conference in 2018, I received very encouraging feedback, and we realized the Lord wanted to increase worship for Aliyah. So, a group of us will produce an album called The Promise and release it to the

nations. We also invited Karen Davisworship leader at Kehiliat HaCarmel, a community of Messianic believers located on Mt. Carmel in the city of Haifa, Israelto be part of this project!

My response to Katie: Truly, The Promise album is fruit from your time in Israel; it will bear much more fruit. Imagine intercessors bringing intercessory worship into each nation!



To order a CD and support this project. http://tiny.cc/ThePromiseProject or email: tpp@ebenezer-ef.org

LET'S JOIN OUR HANDS TOGETHER TO DO THE WORK OF THE LORD



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And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good....
And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. Nehemiah 2:18 ESV

e are living in unprecedented times—in our nation and around the world. This global pandemic has brought such fear and uncertainty to our lives. As believers, we have great hope because we see what is taking place through the lens of God's redemptive plan for the full restoration of Israel. It gives us courage and clear direction for the *good work* that God is doing now.

Operation Exodus USA has a call from God to assist His people moving to Israel, and to encourage the Church to partner with Him in this holy work. The LORD is uprooting His people from all nations to restore them to Himself and to their Land. The plight of the Jewish people cannot be compared to that of any other peoples on the face of the earth. Against all odds, the nation of Israel is stronger today than ever before because of God's

unbreakable covenant and unwavering faithfulness.

Yes, I say, you will find me, and I will restore you to your land. I will gather you from every country and from every place to which I have scattered you, and I will bring you back to the land from which I had sent you away into exile. I, the LORD, have spoken. Jer 29:14 GNT

Please join us. Help us build the awareness of Aliyah within Jewish communities and local churches. The build-up for the greater Aliyah is taking place right now from our nation. It will only continue to build momentum in the coming days.

Is the LORD calling you to rise up, to pray and support this holy work? Jewish people are preparing to make Aliyah during these very difficult times, and they need our encouragement and support. This is indeed a good work that God is doing for His Holy Name's Sake. As we work together, He will cause us to have great success. We deeply appreciate your prayers and the giving of your finances.

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