



Operation Exodus USA
From Hope to Home

THE GATHERING OF THE LORD

LIFELONG DREAMS BECOMING A REALITY



*THE LORD GOD, WHO GATHERS THE DISPERSED OF
ISRAEL, DECLARES, "YET OTHERS I WILL GATHER TO
THEM, TO THOSE ALREADY GATHERED."*

ISAIAH 56:8 NASB 1995

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A Christian ministry assisting Jewish people moving to Israel



STANDING FIRM

BY GARY KAH, AUTHOR AND BOARD MEMBER

*...they are loved on account of the patriarchs,
for God's gifts and His call are irrevocable.*
Romans 11:28b—29 NIV

While traveling home from our son's wedding not too long ago, my wife and I met a shopkeeper near Boone, North Carolina. Sensing that he was Jewish, we started a conversation with Leo, even mentioning our efforts as Christians to help his people make *Aliyah* (immigrate to Israel). Feeling comfortable with us, he opened up and shared some of his story — a story that unfortunately is being repeated all across America.

Leo, a politically conservative Jew, told us that he and his family had lived just north of the Bay Area in California, where they began noticing an uptick in anti-Jewish sentiment in their community a few years ago. Then last year they encountered some “real heat,” to the point where they realized they needed to relocate to a more Jewish-friendly part of the country for safety reasons. They chose South Florida for the time being. Leo just happened to be in North Carolina on business, allowing our paths


to cross. (I call it a divine appointment!)

He shared that people in northern California, as a whole, had become radically pro-Palestinian, viewing Israel and the Jewish people as the main culprits in destabilizing the Middle East, and hence the world. Jews were being blamed for other societal ills as well. The environment had become so toxic that it left his family no choice but to move.

MAKING ALIYAH TO THEIR PROMISED LAND MAY SOON BECOME THEIR ONLY OPTION.

This anti-Semitic worldview has gained significant traction in the most liberal regions of the US, from California and Washington on the west coast, to Minnesota and Michigan in the heartland, and to parts of New York and New England in the east. In July, Ben and Jerry's, the Vermont ice cream company known for its left-wing views, announced its support of a boycott

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A Nation at War...Almost

By Gary H. Kah

The anticipation and anxiety leading up to this fall's historic election is intensifying by the day as Republicans and Democrats desperately jockey for position. Who will garner the most votes on November 3rd? Will we be led forward by Donald Trump and Mike Pence, or will it be Joe Biden and Kamala Harris?

Unlike most previous elections of our generation where there hasn't been a huge difference between



Freedom versus Socialism. No matter what obstacles you may face.

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against Israel, refusing to sell their treats in “occupied areas” of the Jewish nation. This is only the latest example coming from the growing anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement spreading through corporate America.

I wish I could say that the climate for Jews in our country will improve; however, it’s bound to get worse, with more hostilities and crimes against the Jewish community. The primary cause of this is the unprecedented amount of resources and propaganda committed to the anti-Jewish/anti-Israel narrative. Most of our mainstream media, universities, liberal politicians, and religious leaders are now squarely in the pro-Palestinian camp (with some of them even favoring Hamas’ efforts against Israel). They have dug in their heels and are ready for a fight, confident they will win.

THIS ANTI-SEMITIC WORLDVIEW HAS GAINED SIGNIFICANT TRACTION...

So, what does this sobering reality mean for those of us who, as Christians, love the Jewish people and recognize their end-time prophetic role? We must begin by praying for them and helping them in whatever way God directs. As we assist and comfort His ancient, covenant people, we must let our light shine brightly for Jesus as a reflection of His enduring love for them. We need to stand firm in our support and be willing to suffer alongside them if necessary.

Like Leo and his family, many Jews are considering their next move. Making *Aliyah* may soon become their only option. As the son of a Croatian father who fled first from the Communists, then from the Nazis, and a

German mother who survived Hitler’s regime, I pledge — with God’s help — to stand with the Jewish people and against those seeking to destroy them. What will you do?

Before parting ways with Leo, I went out to the car and retrieved a copy of my book, which I signed and gave to him. He emailed me just the other day to let me know he’d begun reading it with great interest. We’ll see where this goes. Pray that Leo will be sensitive to God’s leading!

Prayer Points

- **"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy... Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith..."** 1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT. Let us resolve in our hearts to stand firm with God against every enemy for the life and welfare of His *Olim* (Jewish immigrants) no matter the cost.
- **"...they will still remember me in distant lands...and return again to Israel."** Zechariah 10:9 NLT. Pray for Leo specifically and many others to “remember Him,” be sensitive, and obey His leading them to make *Aliyah*.
- **"strengthen...encourage...Be strong and do not fear...for I am with you..."** Isaiah 35:3-4; 41:10 NLT. Ask God for divine appointments with Jewish people; for wisdom, sensitivity, compassion, and encouragement engaging in conversation with them.

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prayer today, visit us at
operationexodususa.org/
pray*





STAND YOUR GROUND WITH COURAGE AND BOLDNESS

BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT & CEO

For this reason take up all the armor that God supplies. Then you will be able to take a stand during these evil days...

Ephesians 6:13 GWT

Today we are witnesses of an incredible phenomenon of God taking place amid gross darkness, lawlessness, and evil plans conceived in the hearts of wicked men. This occurrence is the modern-day miracle of *Aliyah* — The Gathering of the LORD! God's divine plan in action is bringing about the fulfillment of His prophetic Word to gather all His chosen people back to the Land He gave them as an inheritance. God is reuniting His family, saving and protecting His children from the destruction of the enemy.

WE MUST SERVE OUR GOD IN GREAT HUMILITY AND WITH THE FEAR OF THE LORD...

Unfortunately, the work of *Aliyah* is taking place in almost total obscurity within the majority of the Christian churches in our nation. Operation Exodus USA is unwavering in our commitment to chip away diligently at this particular obstacle on the *Aliyah* highway. Our outreach and development teams are actively communicating with local churches in New York State and on the east coast. Simultaneously, we are reaching out to Jewish communities in strategic regions to bring awareness of *Aliyah*. We believe the LORD is going before us, preparing the hearts of His people to make *Aliyah* now rather than later.

Making *Aliyah* from the USA was a fairly easy process before the pandemic and government leadership changes in the USA and Israel. However, this year many are encountering

roadblocks in their *Aliyah* process. *Aliyah* from the USA seems to be slow-walked on purpose, creating many unexpected challenges and discouragement for the *Olim*. In recent times, I have read very alarming reports that the American Jewry is experiencing anti-Semitism like never before in the USA. I am confident that greater numbers of Jewish people will soon realize that the opportunity to leave with their silver and gold is diminishing rapidly, and I expect an influx of inquiries for *Aliyah* assistance.

As darkness and lawlessness increase, God's perfect will for Operation Exodus USA has never been more clear. The LORD has highlighted the importance of strengthening the infrastructure of our ministry, specifically our National Office in Buffalo, NY. He has made provisions and positioned our ministry to be ready to assist the greater numbers of *Olim*. The uncertainty and present dangers we face will most likely bring new challenges and opportunities for us to encourage and help our Jewish brothers and sisters make their journey home.

We are solely relying on the power of God and the light of His Word to dispel the gross darkness of today. Now is the time to STAND OUR GROUND with great courage and boldness. We must serve our God in great humility and with the fear of the LORD, carrying His love and compassion to His people.

"In fear of the LORD, there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge." Proverbs 14:26 GW

Please pray with us for the *Olim*, that the Lord will guide them and protect them as they plan to make *Aliyah*, and that OEUSA can continue to carry out our mission to bless God's chosen people and the Land. I am grateful for all of you, our dear friends and partners. It is my privilege to be serving God with you by our side!



DECISION TIME

ANTI-SEMITISM FORCES CHOICES

BY DR. SUSANNA KOKKONEN, INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER & AUTHOR

Anti-Semitism is a specific prejudice against the Jews. It is an idea or behavior hostile towards a person or group just because they are Jewish. The hate may be expressed in speech, in writing, or visually. Depending on local legislation, it may be considered criminal if it progresses to hate crimes, such as vandalism and violence. All these forms are now present in Western society.

For the past ten years, anti-Semitism has been growing in the very nations that once fought the Nazis. Incidents of this are too numerous to list. On university campuses the situation is dire. Jewish students are reportedly hiding their identities. Student groups, as well as faculty, may be prejudiced. With apartheid being the heaviest accusation in their arsenal, Israel Apartheid Week is routine on many campuses.

While criticizing Israel is not always anti-Semitic, we cannot be naive. Criticism is often just a mask for anti-Semitism. In May we witnessed a conflict between Israel and Hamas. Pro-Palestinian demonstrations took place, and much of the international reporting tended to be slanted against Israel. However, in countries surrounding Israel such criticism is avoided, even though human rights are routinely abused.

Almost every nation-state in Europe is seeing an increase in the frequency and severity of anti-Semitic incidents. Vandalism has progressed to terror. The USA was previously thought to be immune to this virus. In a 2020 survey, however, sixty-three per cent of Jews reported increasing anti-Semitism in the past ten years. Fifty-four per cent had witnessed actual anti-Semitic attacks.

It is beyond tragic that seventy-five years after the liberation of Auschwitz, younger Jewish generations may be facing the same choices their ancestors faced. The Israel I know is a wonderful, miraculous country. Moving there out of a deep desire is one thing, but escaping

from rising anti-Semitism is quite another. Based on biblical accounts, the consequences of allowing hostile anti-Semitism in our societies will be disastrous to ourselves. Throughout history, the blessings of God have left areas where this ancient hatred was allowed to reign.

In terms of our Jewish communities, it is likely that *Aliyah* awareness will soon increase. Anti-Semitism may force choices that otherwise could be postponed. At the time of this writing, several European Jewish leaders recently expressed their worry that the fight against anti-Semitism may already be lost. We can no longer feel certain that the USA is any different. In our increasingly complex world, it may be only Israel that rests on a secure footing.

Prayer Points

- **"I want you to understand this mystery...so that you will not feel proud about yourselves."**
Romans 11:25 NLT. We begin with us, the Church. Humbly pray God will remove the blindness of those in His Church ignorant of, apathetic to, or condoning of Anti-Semitism.
- **"...See how my enemies torment me...Save me so I can praise You...at Jerusalem's gates..."**
Psalm 9:13-14 NLT. Pray for The LORD to deliver His people completely from the plans of the enemy through anti-Semitism.

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Moving to Israel was a dream that crystallized during the pandemic. As a family, we were able to see that this would be the right next step for our family. We are beyond excited to make the journey and begin our new lives with our people.

Nathan & Family



I came to Israel after college and immediately fell in love with the country. We are so excited to return to our homeland and put down roots for our children and children's children. And we are so grateful to supporters like you for helping to make the Jewish dream a reality!

Manya & Husband



In Israel, I don't have to hide myself or my religion for the sake of my safety and well-being. I want to make *Aliyah* in order to be closer to my family, my friends, and in the end, myself.

Amit

Aliyah

Summer 2021

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSON, ALIYAH DIRECTOR

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Psalm 126:1-3 NIV

When God gathers His people back to Israel, the world takes notice. For our Jewish friends, making *Aliyah* is filled with stepping stones towards the fulfillment of their dreams. Their love for Israel unites them and encourages them to continue to dream for the day they can make *Aliyah* and go from Hope to Home.

THEY ARE CLIMBING THE STEPPING STONES ONE-BY-ONE...

When our Jewish friends decide to follow their lifelong dream to make *Aliyah*, they first encounter several stumbling blocks they must overcome to get the process going. Their entire focus soon becomes following and holding on to their dreams; they turn these stumbling blocks into stepping stones that make going home to Israel easier. Your faithful support and prayers are a big part of those stepping stones that make their journey from Hope to Home easier.

Often *Olim* share with us that they believe if your dreams are big enough, you will have stepping stones of success along the way. Some have shared with us that every step they take towards departing for Israel is a step closer to the dream of going home, at last,



STEPPING STONES TO DREAMS BEING FULFILLED

being fulfilled. There is joy, expectation, and excitement in every step. Young and old dream to enter Israel as their new homeland, and making *Aliyah* is the answer to their prayers.


Making *Aliyah* is not a small step to take for anyone at any time. Taking this step often means leaving family and friends behind, pulling up roots from the known, and setting roots in a foreign land thousands of miles away.

Despite these challenges — and others presented by the pandemic over the past year — many *Olim* are busy fulfilling their dream of setting down roots in Eretz Israel. They are climbing the stepping stones one-by-one home.

Prayer Points


- **"When they walk through the Valley of Weeping it will become a place of refreshing springs."** Psalm 84:6 NLT. Praise God for giving the *Olim* committed hearts to overcome every obstacle. Pray for their hearts to remain strong.
- **"...Clear away the rocks and stone so my people can return from captivity."** Isaiah 57:14 NLT. Pray that God will remove the obstacles and help pave the highway with smooth stepping stones.

Please consider getting more involved with the work of OEUSA. Your prayers and support are vital to the work of *Aliyah*. To get involved today, visit us at operationexodususa.org/get-involved




I love Israel. I think it is the only place in the world where Jews can freely practice their religion without worrying about anti-Semitism or assimilation.

Reuben



Wanting to move to Israel is not a new, sudden response to any recent events. Rather, it has been a lifelong dream for both my husband Josh and I, and we are thrilled to finally be in a place in our lives where we can make it a reality. We are thrilled and nervous to finally be acting on our dream to move to Israel!

Julia & Family



We cannot be more committed to seeing this dream become a reality. It has been my husband's dream to make *Aliyah*.

Lillian & Family

G O D H A S A P L A N

THE PURPOSE OF GOD WILL STAND

BY PASTOR MARK ROBERSON, PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand..."
Isaiah 14:24 NKJV

The purpose of God, His intent for a matter, is connected to His will; and we're able to find out God's will in His Word.

Part of the purpose of God is the fulfillment of *Aliyah*. Another part of the purpose of God is the fulfillment of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. No man came up with any of this; it is God's heartbeat. All of this originated in the heart and mind of God. God's purpose will overcome, override, and overturn anything and everything that tries to come against His will. We saw this fulfilled amid a worldwide pandemic. It could not stop God's purpose from being fulfilled; it could not stop *Aliyah*!

As the Partnership Development Specialist for OEUSA, I am responsible to be a liaison between the local pastors and churches here in

Buffalo, NY, and the surrounding area. I build and establish relationships so that OEUSA and local churches can partner together to fulfill the purpose of God in our generation. I have been blessed to be part of the local Buffalo Pastors' prayer group, which meets weekly, and represent OEUSA at two local conferences that took place this past May and July. Although for a while it seemed like I was producing no fruit at all, God's purpose began breaking through the resistance, and we have started to see the fruit produced through our efforts.

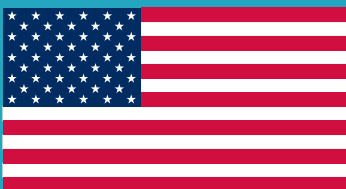
I ask you to continue to pray for us as we work to fulfill God's purpose in our relationships with the pastors and spiritual leaders in Buffalo, NY, and the surrounding area.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28 NKJV

Prayer Points

- **"We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will..."** Colossians 1:9 NLT. Thank God for Mark and his service to the regional pastors and churches. Ask God to continue to give him the grace and anointing to share His will regarding *Aliyah*.
- Ask God to give pastors and church leaders a heart to recognize His will through His word, ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, and a heart to respond and obey.
- **"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches."** John 15:5 NLT. May the LORD's work through Mark produce a living connection between the regional pastors and leaders that produces much fruit.
- **"all the people assembled with a unified purpose"** Nehemiah 8:1 NLT. Pray for great success in unifying God's regional church leadership in His purpose for *Aliyah*.



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