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A Christian ministry assisting Jewish people moving to Israel



Chaim & Ayelet: "We are a young couple without children yet, and we pray that we will be blessed to build our family in the Holy Land.

Our decision to move to Israel is deeply rooted in our ideological and spiritual convictions. We are committed to settling the Land with holiness and strength, and to contribute to Am Yisrael during these challenging times—bringing support, light, and a stronger connection to Hashem wherever we can.

That said, the process of making *Aliyah* comes with many logistical and financial challenges. We are reaching out with hope and gratitude to request financial assistance ...to help us ease the burden of this transition and allow us to focus on building our life and mission in Eretz Yisrael."

DISCERNING GOD'S TIMING

BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT, OPERATION EXODUS USA

. . .For I will bring them back to this land [Israel] that I gave their ancestors.
Jeremiah 16:15 NLT

There is a powerful stirring of faith among those who love and stand with Israel—those who are answering the call to pray, give, and support Jewish people as they return to their God-given homeland, Israel.

In Jeremiah 16:14-15, the LORD declares that the days are coming when Israel's deliverance from Egypt will no longer be the defining remembrance of God's faithfulness. Instead, His people will say:

THE LORD DECLARES *THAT THE DAYS ARE COMING*

'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where he had driven them.'

As a ministry serving Jewish people who are making *Aliyah*, these Scriptures give us a reason to watch and pray with expectation. At the same time, we are witnessing a grave reality of rising anti-Semitism in our nation. The American Jewish Committee reported that, in its 2025 survey, 31% of American Jews said they had personally experienced anti-Semitism. The Jewish Agency for Israel also reported a survey for last year identifying anti-Semitism as a major concern for many Jews in North America.

Jewish people respond to these realities in diverse ways. Some are discerning that this may be the time to return to Israel. Others are increasing security within their communities, relocating to another state, or considering other ways to respond to the challenges they face. There is no single response; each family and individual must consider their own response before God.

At Operation Exodus USA, we believe there will be multiple significant waves of *Aliyah* before the culmination of the second exodus. We fully expect to witness the future departure of millions of Jewish people from our nation—but that event remains in the LORD's hands and will unfold according to His perfect timing.

What an extraordinary display of God's power it will be as He orchestrates the final exodus of His people from America and the nations!

We cannot predict God's timetable or know with certainty what any event means within His prophetic purposes. Scripture establishes an important boundary. Jesus Himself said: ***"The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know."*** Acts 1:7 NLT

Our mission before the LORD, therefore, is not to make predictions, but to remain vigilant—to watch what He is doing, trust His Word, and faithfully participate wherever He gives us opportunity to serve in the gathering of His people.

Thank you for joining us as we pray for those who are currently making the challenging journey home. Let us ask God to open doors, make provision, protect, and establish His people in the Land. We pray that Jews in the diaspora would come to know and experience God's love and faithfulness—that He is calling them home and will faithfully accomplish His purposes for them.

This is one of the great privileges of our generation—we may not know exactly when God will fulfill every promise, but we can faithfully participate in what He is doing before our eyes.

Let us continue watching with hope, praying with perseverance, and serving with joy—confident that the God who made the promise is faithful to fulfill it in His appointed time.

Johannes Barthel: "The Jews coming to Israel are not refugees; they are coming home, 'going up'—that is what *Aliyah* means....

Our French team has been receiving increasing requests to assist *Olim* before their flights. We appreciate all the support in prayer and donations for the French *Aliyah*."

Watch *Aliyah* stories from France & Germany. (Episodes 80, 87, & 90)
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A TIME TO RETURN: THE GROWING URGENCY OF *ALIYAH* IN EUROPE

BY JOHANNES BARTHEL, REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR EUROPE, FSU, AND ISRAEL, EBENEZER OPERATION EXODUS INTERNATIONAL

Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the LORD, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.
Jeremiah 16:16 ESV

Over 20 years ago, the famous Israeli Chief Rabbi Meir Lau said that European Jewry was nearing its end and that the remaining communities should move to Israel. In a statement released in Germany, he said, *"I see the end of the Diaspora of Jews in Europe,"* and called on Israel *"to prepare for a new phase of the spiritual and physical absorption of European Jewry before they consider emigrating to the United States or Australia."*

Now, in 2026, we see an unprecedented rise in anti-Semitism all over Europe. In Germany in 2025, there were 8,725 anti-Semitic incidents. That means 24 per day! Insiders tell us that these numbers are only the tip of the iceberg!

While worldwide *Aliyah* is lower compared to earlier years, mainly due to the war in Israel, European *Aliyah* saw a 33% increase in 2025, and in 2026, a similar increase is expected. For thousands of Jews, it feels safer to live in Israel under war conditions than to walk the streets of Berlin, Paris, or London. In France and the UK, Jewish people have been murdered just because they are Jewish!

In 2025, 8,000 French Jews filled out applications to make *Aliyah*, which is a record number, surpassing any other nation. Our national team in France just asked us to send financial help to cover the increasing costs for their support of *Aliyah*. Among other forms of help, we provide secure transportation to the airport. Our contracts with Jewish taxi companies help us make sure the *Olim* feel safe.

Another important project is support in preparing for *Aliyah*. We work very closely with the Global *Aliyah* Center in Jerusalem, which provides help for the *Olim* from the moment they apply until their arrival in Israel.

MAY WE BE AN INSTRUMENT TO HELP MANY MORE JEWISH FAMILIES ARRIVE IN ISRAEL SOON

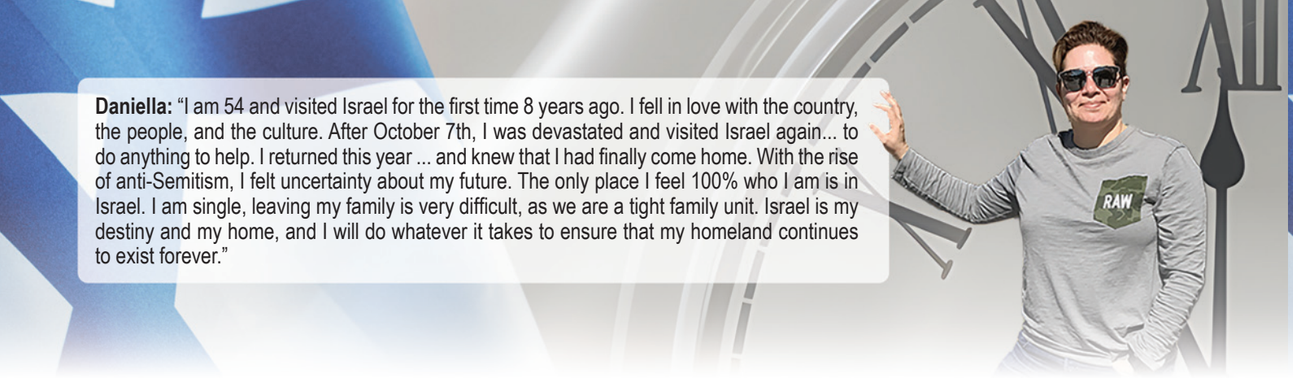
More and more Jewish and Christian leaders see parallels to the rise of the Nazis back in the 1930s. We do not want to wait until history repeats itself.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our national teams in Europe, specifically in France, the UK, and Germany. May we be an instrument to help many more Jewish families arrive in Israel soon, rather than waiting until more deadly incidents cause them to flee.



Operation Exodus USA is affiliated with **Ebenezer Operation Exodus**, a ministry supported by Christians in over fifty-five countries around the world. We have been assisting Jewish people to return to Israel from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere since 1991. To learn more, visit: **https://ebenezer-oe.org/**.

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Daniella: "I am 54 and visited Israel for the first time 8 years ago. I fell in love with the country, the people, and the culture. After October 7th, I was devastated and visited Israel again... to do anything to help. I returned this year ... and knew that I had finally come home. With the rise of anti-Semitism, I felt uncertainty about my future. The only place I feel 100% who I am is in Israel. I am single, leaving my family is very difficult, as we are a tight family unit. Israel is my destiny and my home, and I will do whatever it takes to ensure that my homeland continues to exist forever."

UNDERSTANDING THE SEASON OF *ALIYAH*

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSON, *ALIYAH* DIRECTOR, OEUSA

Set up signs and mark the road; find again the way by which you left. Come back, people of Israel, come home to the towns you left.
Jeremiah 31:21 GNT

Understand the Times! Expect the fulfillment of God's promises, because His promises remain the same. We are in days when we need to understand the deeply challenging times for the Jewish people in the USA and the nations. We need awareness, revelation, and discernment to recognize the urgent timing of *Aliyah* in these days.

EXPECT THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES

One way that we can achieve this is through intercession—to seek the Lord for wisdom and discernment on how to continue to stand with the Jewish people and assist them on their journey Home to Eretz Israel.

The word *understanding* in Hebrew is ***binah*** (*bee-NAH*), which means to have insight and discernment. When we share with the Jewish people and listen to their needs, their concerns, their testimonies, and their desire to make *Aliyah*, it deepens our understanding and enables us to continue to bring assistance, support, comfort, and prayers.

We are witnessing evidence of God's continued fulfillment and provision through the work of *Aliyah*. We are witnessing the answer to prayer as the Lord continues to open the hearts of His people to understand the timing of *Aliyah* for them. God's timing is always perfect.

God has called and equipped Operation Exodus USA to understand and assist the Jewish people with the important prophetic task of making *Aliyah*.

Making *Aliyah* is not only a dream being fulfilled; it is also trusting the God of Israel to go before them as they recognize His appointed time for their *Aliyah*.

We understand the urgency to stand with the Jewish people and pray for all of them to have insight into God's prophetic timing for their *Aliyah*. The support, encouragement, and comfort we provide make a difference.

We understand the power and encouragement that prayer brings to each *Oleh* who makes the journey Home to Eretz Israel. Together with the Jewish people, we are God's witnesses, and we can trust His Word completely because He keeps His promises. We witness those prayers being answered every day.

At OEUSA, we understand that we could not serve the work of *Aliyah* without you. The support that each one of you provides—practically, financially, and most importantly through prayer and intercession—is the key to witnessing more and more Jewish people going Home to Eretz Israel and understanding the times we are in.

You're invited to be a vital part of our ministry by joining our Prayer Intercessory Network. Sign up by visiting our website at:
https://operationexodususa.org/pray/



Simon and Family: "We visited my wife's grandmother in Israel in January of 2023. When we flew from Cleveland to New Jersey, I wore a baseball cap to hide my religion, my kippah. When we got to the gate and we realized that the only people there were Jews (it was an El Al flight), we didn't need to hide it anymore. For the next week, we did not need to be worried about showing our religion in public.

When we got back on the plane to return to the US, my wife turned to me and said, "It was time to move."

...Since the war started, we realized that we would feel safer living in Israel than living in the US with all the attacks and anti-Semitism. My colleague was wearing a kippah walking across the college campus where he teaches, he is an assistant professor, and was attacked, beaten, and suffered broken ribs. This all has solidified our decision that it was the right decision to move."

FROM HOPE TO HOME

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.'
Jeremiah 31:10 ESV

Matthew and his family have looked to the past as they consider where they'd like to be in the future. Now, he and his wife are taking their own steps toward *Aliyah* with their young family.

NOW, HE AND HIS WIFE ARE TAKING THEIR OWN STEPS TOWARD *ALIYAH*

Not only do families like Matthew's need encouragement—they need practical help as they make the move to Israel. Your support helps us provide financial assistance for their needs along the way.

Will you help Operation Exodus USA continue to walk alongside our Jewish friends as they make their journey from *hope to home*?

As we partner with the Lord in His holy work of *Aliyah*, we are blessed to know that we have the support of friends like you. Thank you for your fervent prayers and support of the Jewish people and their *Aliyah*.



MY NAME IS ZION is a series of Bible-based stories told by Mount Zion herself. Written by Quay Messner, National Prayer Coordinator for Operation Exodus USA, the book is suitable for all ages, especially children ages 8–12.
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Matthew and Family: "My family history only goes back two generations because my grandparents and my wife's grandparents were Holocaust survivors. My grandfather was in yeshiva [Orthodox religious school] in Poland as a young boy and my grandmother was from Czechoslovakia. Their parents and siblings were completely wiped out. It was always hard to get information from them about the war, and they said we are looking forward, not backwards.

They fled to America quickly after liberation and began a life as Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn, NY. They had 3 boys and a daughter, my aunts and uncles, and now I have lots of cousins all over the US with a few in Israel.

My journey began in Long Island, New York, where my parents raised me. I attended an Orthodox Jewish school in Long Beach, NY where I learned to read, write and speak Hebrew. I was there from kindergarten to grade 12. After high school, I hopped on a plane and spent 2 years diving into the Torah in a yeshiva in Bet Shemesh, Israel. My love for the land of Israel flourished, bringing everything I learned in school to LIFE. Seeing all the history of my ancestors and what Israel means to the Jews who suffered anti-Semitism around the globe. All the pieces from my childhood felt like they were all coming together at the same time.

I met my wife a few years later back in NY, and I've been telling my wife since we met that I'll be ready to move when she's ready. She is now ready! Seeing the rise in anti-Semitism over the last couple of years, and considering the age of our young children, got us seriously thinking about a move there and after slowly dipping our toes into the process, we quickly decided this was the time."



Ariella and Family: "My husband and I have always had the shared value and dream of living in Israel. ...we made a '5-year plan' to help ... take this big leap. I am so excited that summer will be 5 years since our wedding, and we are seeing our dreams come to life....We now have the opportunity to further our grandparents' unimaginable dreams in moving to the holy land of Israel.

THE LESSON OF THE FIG TREE

BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR, OEUSA

"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near."
Matthew 24:32 NKJV

Our Lord employed the fig tree to teach about discerning the times. Israel was an agricultural community. Sadly, most of modern society in the USA is distanced from agriculture. We must "stop and smell the roses" to appreciate and apply the parable. Jesus's original audience was finely attuned to the cycle of the fig tree. What would they have comprehended from this analogy that we may miss without looking deeper?

We do understand the basic order of fruit tree production. Winter, with its bare branches, transitions to early spring, when leaf and buds appear. The buds flower in late spring, bringing forth the fruit, which grows through the summer. In late summer or early fall the ripened fruit is ready for harvest. Winter comes again and the whole cycle repeats the next year.

For the fig tree, the order, of course, is the same. But the fig tree goes through the spring, summer, and harvest stages two times each year. The branch becomes tender and "puts forth leaves" in late winter or very early spring. Summer is coming. The harvest is ready in June. This is the first harvest of figs. Simultaneously with the first harvest, a second cycle begins. The branches become tender again and put forth new buds. The second harvest is ready in September, but it can be as late as November, sometimes even extending into the winter months. The second harvest is more abundant than the first.

Our Lord taught the lesson in relation to His Second Coming, but the message also applies beautifully to His work of *Aliyah*. The first budding of modern *Aliyah* began in the mid-nineteenth century, even before the establishment of the State of Israel. It has gone through periods of strong waves contrasted with smaller trickles, but it has never stopped. We are still "harvesting fruit" from the early cycle—these are the *Olim* we are currently assisting. *Aliyah* will not stop. At the same time, currently unseen, the LORD is producing new growth on the same branch. At the right time, the second budding will burst forth with the more abundant harvest.

WE ARE STILL "HARVESTING FRUIT" FROM THE EARLY CYCLE—THESE ARE THE *OLIM* WE ARE CURRENTLY ASSISTING.

We have discerned the season of *Aliyah*. The branch became tender and began producing, close to two centuries ago when Jewish people returned to live in Israel again. Summer is here. We are happily gathering in this first harvest. Let us never lose our joy of serving during the first cycle of summer. The fig tree reminds us that as surely as summer has come and remains, so also the fall will come with a second and more abundant harvest! The LORD is watching over His work of *Aliyah*. He is not slack. He is in season. Summer will last as long as He ordains. His faithful ones will continue with steady work in the *Aliyah* field. At exactly the right time, as surely as the summer has come, fall will follow.

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."
Galatians 6:9 NKJV



Elijah: "I visited Israel for the first time in the summer of 2023, and I fell in love with it. I had grown up going to Jewish schools and naturally cared for Israel as it is the homeland of the Jewish people. I didn't feel the strong connection I feel now until having finally gone there. Finishing up University, I decided I want to make *Aliyah* and move to Israel as it is the best time in life to do it (at my age). It's, I would say, a once in a lifetime opportunity I can't pass up."

WHEN THE LORD ROARS

BY ADRIANNE PROSSER, OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, OEUSA

"For someday the people will follow me. I, the LORD, will roar like a lion. And when I roar, my people will return trembling from the west."
Hosea 11:10

We are living in a significant season of the gathering of the LORD. In Hosea, we are given a remarkable prophetic picture of the Lord calling His people home—and specifically of their return from the west. Could we be witnessing developments that deserve our attention in this present season?

Recent *Aliyah* statistics from Western nations are striking, particularly those from the United States. According to Israel's Ministry of *Aliyah* and Integration, from September 2025 through September 2026, 3,333 Jews made *Aliyah* from the United States. Even more significant is the increase in those beginning the process. During that same period, 6,725 *Aliyah* files were opened in the United States—an increase of 17.1 percent from the previous year.

We should remain humble when speaking about God's prophetic timing. Scripture calls us to discern the times without presuming to know the precise hour. Yet the pattern emerging is difficult to overlook.

Across the Western world, thousands are not merely discussing Israel—they are taking tangible steps toward moving to Israel. *Aliyah* organizations are reporting substantial increases in applications and inquiries from several Western nations. Whatever conclusions we may draw from these developments, they are worthy of our attention and prayer.

Hosea's language is powerful: ***"I, the LORD, will roar like a lion."*** The initiative belongs to God. The return of His people is presented not merely as a demographic movement, a political development, or a response to changing circumstances, but as something God Himself will initiate and accomplish.

We do not need to know when God will fulfill the fullness of His promises to participate faithfully in what He is doing today. God's purposes are greater than any single event or generation. His prophetic purposes encompass not only the physical gathering of His people, but also spiritual restoration: cleansing, a new heart, unity, and His presence dwelling among them (Ezekiel 36:25–28; 37:21–28).

GOD'S PURPOSES ARE GREATER THAN ANY SINGLE EVENT OR GENERATION.

Our responsibility in this season is to pray and declare the promises of God. We leave the timing in God's hands and faithfully respond to what He has placed before us today.

When the Lord roars, His people will hear His voice. And when He calls them home, they will come. There is also a greater day yet to come—a day when the Messiah Himself will roar from Zion.

"The LORD's voice will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth will shake. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a strong fortress for the people of Israel." Joel 3:16

The LORD is gathering His people home! Our posture must be one of worship, intercession, and unwavering trust in God's faithfulness to fulfill the initiative that was birthed in His heart to bring His people home. May we remain watchful, faithful, and ready to do our part when He roars!

*Unless noted, all scriptures in this article are written in the New Living Translation (NLT)



Ava: "I love the country of Israel and the way it enables me, and others, to practice our beliefs. I believe in the Jewish identity of the state and want to support it as a place where Jews can go to be accepted and protected in the region. I'm proud of its strong relationship with the USA and hope to contribute to this relationship and the general success of the state of Israel and Jewish people."

LEAVING A LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

"You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come... Let this be recorded for generations to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord."
Psalm 102:13, 18 ESV

The Gathering of the LORD—He is bringing His people home to Zion for He has desired it for His dwelling place forever!

As we witness Jewish people returning to Israel, we recognize that God's purposes do not stop with this generation. What He is doing today invites us to prayerfully consider how we take part—not only through what we give now, but through what we set in place for the years ahead.

GOD'S PURPOSES DO NOT STOP WITH THIS GENERATION

A planned gift to Operation Exodus USA can help provide financial assistance, encouragement, and practical support to Jewish people making *Aliyah* long after today's gifts are given.

Ava, one of our *Olim*, shared her gratitude:

"Many thanks to the incredible Operation Exodus Team & donors. These funds are critical to me as I make the journey of Aliyah, and I am eternally grateful for this support. Thank you for the enduring friendship between Jews and Christians. I wish many blessings for us all and safety, peace, and prosperity for Israel and the USA."

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Through thoughtful planning, you can be part of what God is doing as He continues to bring His people home.

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