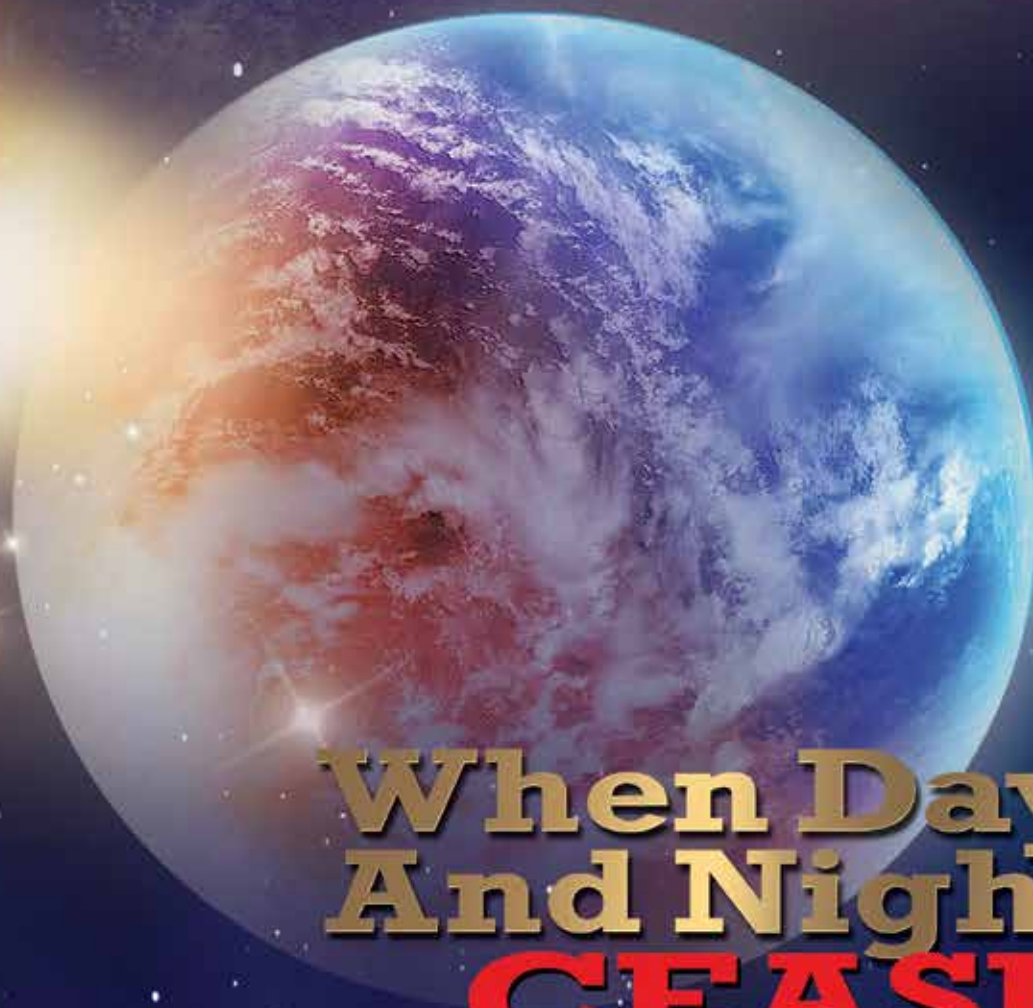


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*"This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar – the LORD Almighty is his name: 'only if these decrees vanish from my sight, declares the LORD 'will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me.'" Jeremiah 31:35-36*



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And Night  
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# Shalom from Jerusalem

## Welcome Christian Friends Far and Near

**You will arise and have mercy on Zion;  
for the time to favor her, yes,  
the set time, has come. Psalm 102:13**

**Truly**, we are in days of increasing unfolding of the Lord's many promises to restore the nation of Israel. The word of the LORD through Isaiah asked, "Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children" (Isaiah 66:8). Just think of all that has happened in one lifetime since 1948. And yet, this is not an end but a beginning; there is still so much more fullness of mercy to be outpoured. Not one of His promises found in the scriptures will fall to the ground. Sometimes He may not fulfill His prophecies in the manner people expect, and many will miss the wondrous fulfillments because they were looking for something else. Yet He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He is a promise keeper and will fulfill all that He has ordained in His word – even the bits people don't like, don't understand, or don't care to remember. Just like with each of us, what He starts He brings to a beautiful finish. And we can be "confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Yeshua Messiah" (Philippians 1:6).

## JOIN US - VISIT US - TOUR WITH US!

You, too, can join us in many different ways as we seek to become some small part of this great favor of the Lord at this time, after so many centuries of the Jewish people being cut off from their Homeland. Some of our CFI national offices have organized tours for 2023. In Jerusalem, we have also organized a tour in May next year to allow the favor of the Lord on this Land to be experienced in a very personal way (**see back page for our new upcoming CFI Land Tour in 2023**).



**Tristan Hall**

International Executive Director

**A warm welcome awaits you at CFI!**



# When Day And Night CEASE

## The Eternal Significance of Israel

*“It is important to understand that the Jews did not choose to be God’s people. It was the Lord who chose them. I believe that every choice God makes is the right choice. No matter how contrary things may appear, the Lord did the right thing. He will not forsake His people—not because they deserve His faithfulness, but for His great name’s sake. God is committed to Israel; His honor is at stake.” Derek Prince*

**My colleague Pastor Robbie**, in an unmistakably concerned way, approached me recently and said, “Do you know what a widely known Bible teacher is saying about Israel on YouTube? I said, “No.” He responded with unease. He is now teaching “When Israel will Be No More” and subsequent teachings on the same subject. I was in utter unbelief and sat shocked to the core!” Why would anyone want to broadcast to all the nations that Israel will be no more needed in the future heavenly New Jerusalem?

When as believers in Yeshua, the Jewish Messiah, we are waiting for His Return, a thousand-year reign in Jerusalem, Israel, I would think we would be concentrating and also preparing for the Lord’s return rather than telling the world, “Israel will be no more!” in the New Jerusalem. I believe the man has changed directions and is headed the wrong way. *“I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him. That which has already been, and what is to be has already been; and God requires an account of what is past”* (Ecclesiastes 3:14-15; Jeremiah 33:23-26).

In 1983, Ramon Bennet wrote a book entitled “When Day and Night Cease” (1992-1993 Shekinah Books, Arm of Salvation). I will refer-

ence him in this study of God’s Word. In some places, there is a famine of the Word. Hunger abounds in the hearts of many believers who are hungry to receive *“meat in due season”* (**Matthew 24:45**) to satisfy their inner needs for growth in the Lord Jesus (**Psalms 145:15**). The New Testament confirms everything the Old Testament speaks about as we listen to the voices of Jeremiah, Haggai, Joel, and Isaiah. This article is a scriptural rebuttal to the latest statements being propagated by a traveling false teacher. An untruth must be exposed and, like a fire, must be quenched.

### Supporting Israel is Vital

The teacher in question can be found on all social media speaking in many Christian church sanctuaries teaching this error. *“The Christian*

*God Forgive Us for Neglect of Your People*





**The church needs to concentrate on the coming Kingdom to earth and the Second Coming of Jesus.**

**God has a Divine plan for Israel and the nations of The world.**

*doctrine concerning Israel and the Jewish people is vast” (Ramon Bennett). I totally agree that when it comes to the Chosen People, most people in the choir have no clue what the church’s responsibility is to Israel. In many of our churches, the spiritual leaders have on “blind-ers” regarding the Jewish people. While it owes a great debt to Israel, it continues as if Israel does not matter and their role in the future coming of the King of Israel to this chosen city of Jerusalem is no longer valid. This is an end-time deception poisoning the hearts and minds of many who just do not study the scriptures (**2 Timothy 2:15**). Many will be lost at sea if they do not awaken and allow God to unlock their misunderstanding of Israel.*

Will Israel one day be no more? Is Israel a part of the eternity of God’s Universe? “*Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love” (Jeremiah 31:3; Revelation 3:9)*. What is the meaning of Everlasting? It is eternal, immortal, perpetual, timeless, and unending love.

God governs every detail of the moon and the stars, even tsunamis that disturb the sea and the waves which roar in high sea storms. If these astronomical bodies were destroyed, what would be the result? “*Without the moon, a day on earth would last only 6 to 12 hours. If the sun disappeared for 5 seconds, 8 minutes later it would*

*take 5 second nights...complete and total darkness...” (www.insidescience.org). The repercussions on earth would be devastating. If these ordinances (**Jeremiah 31:36**) depart from the Lord, then (and only then) Israel will end. Only “then”! In God’s plan for mankind and the world, there is no casting off or ending the nation. Even in the Book of Joshua, we hear his voice proclaiming that the sun and the moon stood still for one whole day to preserve Israel (**Joshua 10:12-14**). God has established Israel “...forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away” (**Psalms 148:6**).*

### **An Everlasting Promise**

God never made a covenant for a generation or two but made an everlasting promise to Israel (**2 Samuel 23:5**). The erroneous teacher teaches that when the moon turns to blood (**Joel 2:31, 3:15; Matthew 24:29, Revelation 6:12**), there will be a new Heavens, a New Earth, and no need for an Israel anymore! Wrong! “*For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me, says the Lord, so shall your descendants and your name remain” (Isaiah 6:22)*. **Revelation 21** reveals that the names of Israel will be engraved for eternity in the New Jerusalem (**Revelation 21:12-16**). The names of the twelve tribes will be written on the gates of Heaven. The foundational walls will

have the twelve Jewish apostles. The city foursquare is 144,000 furlongs, the exact number of the sealed tribes of Israel who will take the everlasting gospel to the world (**Revelation 14:6**). Even the colors in Heaven also match the very colors of the ephod of the High Priest of Israel (**Revelation 21:17-20**).

Scripture stands on its own, and God repeats in **Psalm 89:20, 28, 29**, “...my covenant shall stand firm with him, His seed I will make to endure forever....” What happens when people teach these errors? They end up despising God’s People (**vs. 24**)? It is a lie that God will finish with Israel. In the book of Romans, Shaul (Paul) deals with this question being raised to all humanity. God has not, will not, and cannot cast away His People, not in the past rebellions, nor current rabble nor in the future (**Romans 11:1-4; 1Kings 11:39; Psalm 102:28**). Eternity is God’s years which have no end (**Psalm 102:27**). Even if Israel rebels God tells the Sons of Jacob, “*For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore, you are not consumed...and all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful Land, says the Lord of Hosts*” (**Malachi 3:12**).



**Moses was supposed to appreciate the great potential of this people.**

May any Christian leader standing before congregations never belittle nor spit on the leaders of Israel as this man did. This, too, ends up cursing Israel, and this is forbidden. We may often not agree with Israeli politics, but this is not for us to judge but to pray for leaders (**1Timothy 2:1-7**). God will do the disciplining and judging. If we do not love the Jewish people mercifully, then we will take a chance of being “cut off” from the Kingdom (**Romans 11:22**). There also will be no one who practices or “believes a lie” (**Revelation 22:15**) in God’s Coming Kingdom. Please lovingly warn those who are following Replacement Theology.

Lastly, we learn the short-sidedness and immaturity of people who teach Israel will disappear as they have no regard for the chosen people. We have entered a stage of history with Israel on the map, and we will exit the last stage of history with Israel still on the map. The Jewish people taught the world to believe in One God. They comprise about 0.2 percent of the world’s population, yet nearly four billion people practice a faith that derives directly from the faith of Abraham. There is an attempt by Lucifer today to set up a kingdom of his own; we see it every-



**The moon, the sun and stars stand as faithful witnesses forever for Israel.**

**God is Faithful for He watches over His word to perform it and it is irrevocable.**

**Pray for God to awaken the health and soundness through returning to her spiritual foundations.**



When man interferes with God's divine plans, he will always fail in the end. The Jewish prophet Haggai records God's Everlasting promises to the People of Israel. "According to the Word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so MY SPIRIT remains among you; do not fear" **(Haggai 2:5)**. The "shaking of all nations" has begun. **Haggai 2:7**: "...for thus says the Lord of Hosts...I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the desire of all the nations, and I will fill this Temple with Glory, says the Lord of Hosts."

where we turn. Jerusalem is the choice of God for His Kingdom on this planet. The battle is raging even now to destroy Israel. The throne of God will be established during the 1000-year reign from Jerusalem. Beware and watch for error and the twisting of scripture. A counterfeit kingdom is being formed. Be diligent in the study of God's Word. Let His Words be engraved on our hearts. May the Spirit of the Living God keep us from falling for personalities, celebrities, and famous people who will catch our ear if we are not faithful to KNOW and LIVE God's Word and be informed about Israel and the nations.

The bottom line is only "if" day and night cease will also the sons of Jacob (Israel) be consumed and cease from being a nation. The church desperately needs to learn more truth about its spiritual heritage. Following Bible prophecy is one of the most intelligent things a believer can do. Praying fervently for Israel and supporting the work of the Lord among the Jewish people will



assure that we have done all we could to bring a blessing to the LORD for His Choice of Israel—for His Great Name's Sake.

**Sharon Sanders**



## The Healing Value of a Beautiful Quilt

**In America**, there are beautiful quilts available at Walmart. We often receive handmade quilts from Europe. Wherever these blankets of love come from, they are prayed over. Prayers that the recipient will feel the love of God and that He will wrap His Arms around them to comfort and to heal them of their wounds of the past. Various departments at CFI can always use these material objects of faith. Feel free to send and tell others about our need. **Please send to CFI, Post Office Box 1813, Jerusalem, 91015. Your concern for the Jewish people and past hurts can help heal a heart.**

# Why Support Israel in the 21st Century?



***“The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you...”*** (Isaiah 60:5)

**The Promised Land** is a testimony to God’s promises and His name—a modern-day miracle. The prophets foretold a time of restoration after having been desolate for nearly 2000 years: *“I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel and will rebuild them as they were at first”* (Jeremiah 33:7). Israel is not a third-world country, but a blessing to all because of the return of God’s favor (Genesis 12:2). As one of the world’s most technologically advanced nations, why should one respond with financial gifts?

Israel is a nation of immigrants. More than one-third of the current population of nine and a half million people have immigrated from around the world since 1948. In the early years, most came with nothing but determination. God set the time to gather the family back into their Homeland. *“The time to favor her; the appointed time has come”* (Psalm 102:13 ESV).

Hope renewed in God’s love for His people



## Many Poor in Israel are in Need

Twenty-one percent of Israelis live below the poverty line. The poorest among them are the Ethiopian community, as unemployment is higher among them. The elderly are also vulnerable. However, poverty should not be the only motivation for giving.

At first, Israel was like a forsaken infant. God designated the nations to comfort and nurture *“as though you were a child nursing at the breast of a queen”* (Isaiah 60:16 NLT). In the beginning, few answered when God called forth farmers, builders, and vine dressers to come alongside the Jewish people. Today, many organizations are active in the Land. All prophecies are either fulfilled or are in the process (Isaiah 60:10; 61:5). Since her rebirth, she has faced daily obstacles that include constant terrorist attacks, little to no natural petroleum, seven months of no rain, and enemies on all sides that require a large portion of her budget to be spent on security.

The Biblical mandate to bless Israel—to share our time, prayer, and financial gifts extend even into the Millennial reign of the Lord. *“For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste”* (Isaiah 60:12). To only address poverty or security would fall short of the full call of God. *“The Lord has built up Zion”* (Psalm 102:16), and people in the nations are called to partner with **His plan**. Yes, even in the 21st century, we



support Israel not only because many are poor but because they are preparing for the coming Kingdom.

**Pastor Robbie Coleman**  
Director of International  
Development / Churches for Israel



# STEPPING STONES!

## OUR NEWEST OUTREACH

**Our new outreach Stepping Stones** replaces David's Shield. It is so exciting to see how CFI is entering into new phases of ministry outreach which is the "heart" of the ministry. CFI is a "people" ministry building deep and long lasting Jewish-Christian relationships. It's inspiring to be welcomed by farmers in the agricultural-farming areas of Israel. There are many small farms utilizing supplemental and sole-source lighting in urban crop production environments - Produce Grower being cultivated, as God commanded the Jewish people to do with the Land when they returned home. Many young Israeli families have signed up to build their lives on a small farm. It is also energizing to see how hard they work and how simply they live just to be able to till the ground and raise sheep. Those who do follow the commands of the Word of God. *"The desolate Land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by"* (Ezekiel 36:34).



What a privilege to touch their lives and encourage them from God's word. Many need security lighting on their farms and CFI has begun to help in this area of need along with appliances needed for various communities. Stepping Stones is a path we are building and a road that is being cleared of past antisemitism. It is a privilege to represent the Lord Jesus as Christians in the right way to the Jewish people. Soon we hope to encourage Christian soldiers who have come alongside the IDF to serve in the Israeli army. Volunteer servers in Jerusalem have approached us to provide Walkie-Talkies (no, not military equipment nor hardware)! Walkie-Talkies keep people safer as they walk the streets. Retired IDF Generals are assisting young recruits to know "why" God called them to this Land and why it is important to defend it for God. **Thank you for your continued support and prayers. "To the world you may be just one person but to the one person you may be the world."**



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*"...there shall again be a dwelling place of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down."* Jeremiah 33:12



## God's Appointed Time for New First Fruits Leadership



### Royal Mounties Coming to CFI

Rudy and Sharon Friesen are Canadians, to which Israel is no stranger. They have made multiple trips to Israel over the last 10 years. Sharon was born

and raised in Toronto, Canada. She graduated with a BSc degree in Nursing, followed by her Master of Divinity. Serving in other nations has always been at her heart. Rudy was born on a farm in Manitoba, Canada. He served in Aviation technical support for a Christian organization.

### Being a Blessing to Israel

God drew us them together in 38 years of marriage with a united heart to serve in church planting and overseas with pastors and leaders. Why live and serve in Israel? It is central to God's Covenant with His Chosen People. Rich in Biblical history it will be profitable spiritually to explore. Being in the Land of Israel will allow us to connect with and bring blessings from the Christian world to the Jewish people in accordance with Romans 15:27). Being in the last days of Biblical history, we unite our hearts with God to serve in Israel. It is our honor and privilege. We want to redeem the time on this earth and for us, we feel God's Call to make the most of our days. We believe that is in Israel.

# First Fruits

**First Fruits** for Christian Friends of Israel means that we bear fruits that will remain. We work hard to meet the many needs which the Body of Christ has in Israel today. There are so many congregations, fellowships, individuals of faith who have a multitude of needs. Because we are Believers, we serve one another. We began building relationships with brothers and sisters across the Land many years ago. We felt it was our Heart's cry to help wherever possible and there were hardships. We have had multitudes of requests for help from musical instruments for worship and praise, to rent being overdue and medical emergencies, Transport vehicles and much, much more, we thank each and every one who supports are care, compassion and concern for our brethren.

Our First Fruits outreach project helps many ministries in Israel who are already established but needing help. We are grateful to God that they have a place they can call and turn to in times of need. Please pray about supporting our very much appreciated help to the Christian faith communities in Israel today. We are simply helping hands for their personal needs hoping that our help can bring joy and praise to God for His Care.

### Rudy and Sharon Friesen

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**Pomegranates:  
Biblical Fruit of  
the Month**



“...distributing to the needs of the saints...” Romans 12:13



# His Name Will Not be Forgotten!

Karen Solomon, Swiss leadership with survivor and CFI Tanya Team Member



**Not only the present, but also the past is important. As a team in Jerusalem, we have the privilege to be your feet and hands when we visit precious Holocaust Survivors. You, in return, become our mouthpiece when sharing these stories we encounter from the last living witnesses of tremendous atrocities. Zina never met her little brother Gersh, but she feels burdened to share his story, with you, so that his name is never forgotten! We promised to help Zina keep a little angel's memory and share what she shared from her heart.**

## Gersh's Story

In the autumn of 1941, the German Nazis drove all the Jews of the Rishkany district of Moldova to the Vinnytsia region in Ukraine. The walk was accompanied by barking dogs and the shouts of SS guards. It lasted for a few weeks. The first of Zina's family to die was her grandfather. He was thrown down from the bridge into the Dniester River.

The ghetto was established in the village of Obodovka. That hellish place became forever home for 75 family members and relatives, including Zina's grandparents and little brother Gersh, whom she had never met. Ghetto prisoners lived in abandoned houses without glass in the windows, some without doors. They starved.

## Escaped to get Food

Once, during the raid, Romanian guards did not find Zina's father, who escaped the ghetto to get some food for his family. Mother was punished in public, forced to say where her husband was. A Romanian officer grabbed her and dragged her along the ground. Mother lost not only her hair but also the skin on her head. Many years later, she recalled the incident and said, "If I knew where your father was hiding, I probably would have betrayed him." The children also were not up to games. Once Gersh, who softly was called Arshaly, found a piece of glass and hammered it with a stone. He then "extracted" salt, without which they suffered no less than from hunger.

*"Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people. When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble." Psalm 9:11-12*

It was said that Arshaly was of indescribable beauty. Curly blond hair and huge blue eyes. Many said he looked like an angel. Once, the Italian allies of the Germans visited the ghetto. One of the officers exclaimed, "This child is an angel," and gave Arshaly a chocolate bar. When the chocolate was divided between family members, the little boy wanted to be sure that everyone got a piece and only then took his share. Many Jews died of starvation when finally, the ghetto was liberated by Soviet troops in the spring of 1944. No one had anything left to trade. A woman from a neighboring village liked her mother's skirt, so her mother immediately took it off her, remaining in her undershirt. When one woman looked at Arshaly, she said, "He looks like an angel. They usually don't live long."

## Arshaly Died

Mother was so pleased to receive a jar of yogurt in exchange for her skirt that she did not pay attention to these words. She was looking forward to a feast, but the day turned into grief. Having some yogurt after a week of starvation, Arshaly died of ruptured intestines. He was only four. Gersh, your name will not be forgotten!

**Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for Holocaust Survivors and our team here. The Lord never forgets the cry of the humble. Let us be faithful in our calling to comfort His people and not forget His inheritance as we represent the Lord in the right way.**

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## Myth-Busting Tabernacles *And the Fall Feasts*

**WHAT A BLESSING** to be in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, known here as Succot, where we just recently partook of the joy that flows both inside and outside of the little booths that spring up everywhere like so many tents in the wilderness.

“But,” I have heard Christians object, “that’s all Old Testament,” the words spoken with not a little disdain, as if referring to yesterday’s newspaper; out-of-date and redundant, its only remaining use being to wrap up the fish & chips. “It’s all been fulfilled already in Jesus,” they say sweepingly, some of the more tenacious, then going on to cite Matthew 5:17. But....has Tabernacles indeed already been fulfilled?

### **MYTH 1: THE “JEWISH FEASTS” HAVE ALL BEEN FULFILLED**

God’s appointed times, or *moedim*, are described in Leviticus 23. Notice in verse 2 that they were not referred to as “Jewish Feasts” but rather the “Feasts of the LORD” and even, “My Feasts.” A calendar of seven occasions, being foreshadowing of seven prophetic events, are set out in a very precise order and timing. Four occur in the spring and three in the fall; two visitations, if you will. It would seem uncontentious to say that most Christians would understand that the first three, i.e., Passover and the Feasts of Unleav-

ened Bread and First Fruits, were fulfilled by Yeshua’s sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection. Furthermore, many Christians perceive that Pentecost (in Hebrew, *Shavuot*) was fulfilled by the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2.

But what of the Fall Feasts? What of the Day of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles? Bearing in mind the very precise order and timings within the calendar of the year in which the 7 Appointed Times were laid out by God, at which occasions in history can any of these 3 latter prophetic events be said to have been fulfilled? To my certain knowledge, Yeshua has not yet returned, and some of us continue to cry, *Maranatha*, until He does. Tabernacles speaks of that glorious time to come when we will tabernacle once again with Yeshua here on earth, the millennial reign spoken of in Revelation 20:1-6. Of course it is no longer trendy to speak of such verses, let alone preach them, or to express the *blessed hope* of Titus 2:13, within many churches. Sadly, many have stopped believing He will ever return, and indeed no longer believe they need Yeshua to return, because they think “The Church” is going to rise up and create a utopia on earth. It doesn’t seem to be doing a very good job so far. God help us!



**Tristan Hall**

*To be continued in the next edition.*



## A People Truly Needing Help!

**We kindly ask** that you remember the Ethiopian Jews who have suffered so very much on their way home to Jerusalem. Mostly every family has experienced persecution, torture and near death experiences on their way from Ethiopia. Many did not know that the temple was no longer here, but they came expecting to see it. Many have a deep faith in the God of Israel and are very special people. So many of the youth have so many problems adjusting; however, a substantial number are educated and working in medical and scientific fields, graduating from special schooling such as a legal field or medicine.

CFI has been able to help a good number of these immigrants to find a job as many realize it was GOD who has helped them. The Ethiopians are a shy people who do not demand anything but when presented with the love of God and unconditional help, they realize how someone is watching over them. Our Ethiopian Learning Center will soon receive a new leader from the US. She has a heart for Ethiopian Jewry, and we need to fill her project with love and care. Won't you consider helping us with the new sewing center and computer classroom? Someone is just waiting to know that you care.

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# ETHIOPIAN LEARNING CENTER FOR THEIR FUTURE

**“Let everything you do be done in love.”**

**1 Corinthians 16:4**

# CARING FOR DECADES

**On June 29**, a group of Israelis who were children during World War II went on their first excursion since the Covid pandemic. CFI sponsored the tour as a sign of friendship and respect for these elderly people. Four of CFI volunteers were able to join this special event.

## We visited Kibbutz Givat Chaim

After 9:00 am, we all got on a big bus, which brought us from Jerusalem to a Kibbutz called Givat Chaim (Village of Life). The travel took more than 2 hours, including one coffee break. Our tour guide did a good job. In an hour, this younger Jewish man explained the history of Jewish people from Genesis until today. Most of the participants were born in the previous Soviet Union, so they grew up without any knowledge of the Word of God. Our guide gave them some information about their roots and about God. While traveling, there was a chance for us to talk to the war veterans about CFI, too.

In Givat Chaim, we visited a very interesting museum called “Beit Terezin.” This place is devoted to the memory of the Ghetto Theresienstadt, which was one unique example of the darkness and cruelty of the antisemitism during the Second World War. We heard many real stories about life in the little town, which the Nazis made a prison for the Jewish people. Different individuals used their drawing talents to express what happened in the Ghetto in those days. These pieces of art were saved and collected. Now they available to everybody who is interested in knowing the story of Theresienstadt.

Also some items from the different buildings of the Ghetto are kept in the museum. The lady who works in the museum spoke English, and a woman from our group translated everything to Russian. We all got an understanding about the life and the suffering of the Jews, who were brought to that Ghetto. There were different buildings

for men, for women, for elderly people, and for teenagers. Once in a while a large group of them were taken by train to death camps.

## A Picnic in Kfar Haroa

A Picnic in Kfar Haroa after visiting the museum, we had a picnic in a village called Kfar Haroa which has a large dairy farm. We visited the village shop and purchased some products. The travel back to Jerusalem took about 1.5 hours. Our elderly seemed pleased with the possibility of going out of Jerusalem, seeing and hearing something new. They expressed with their heart what it meant to them for CFI to sponsor their excursion. The tour guide told everyone on the bus that often Jews think that no one loves them. Then he said, “But it is not true! There are Christians who have been taking care for us for decades. When I made *Aliyah* many years ago, I received help from the Christian Friends of Israel Distribution Center.” We believe this tour was also proof of showing God’s love and caring hearts we offer to the Jewish nation.

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Boarding the bus ready to go

Tiina speaking to the veterans



Veterans and CFI staff enjoying the picnic



# GREATER *Love* HAS NO MAN...

**“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13, NKJV**

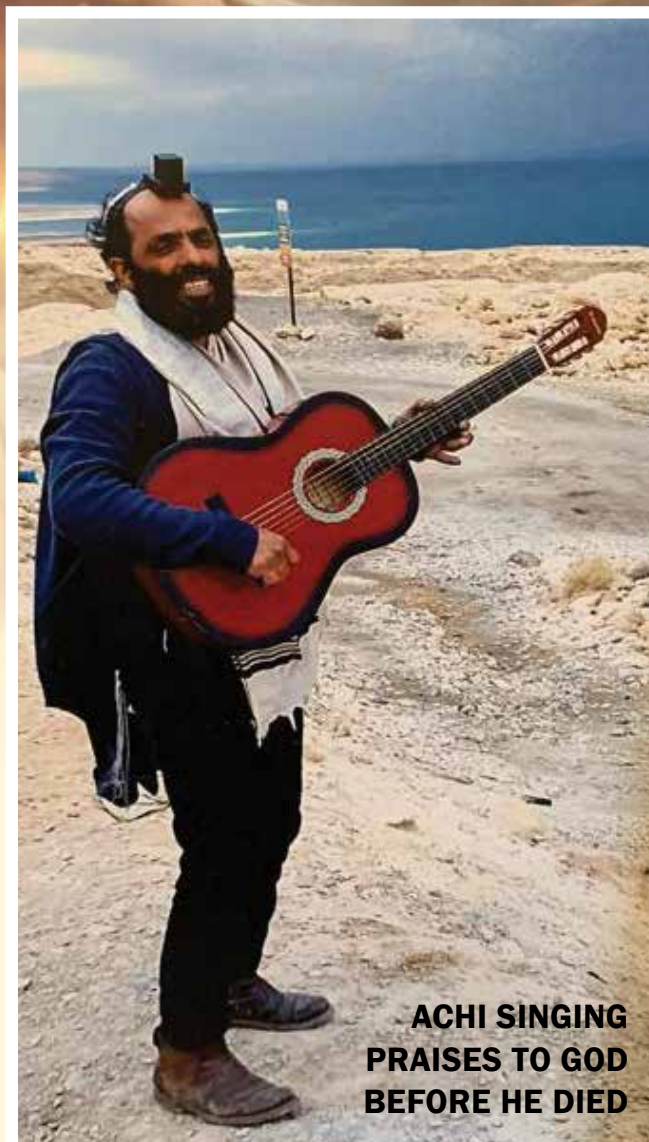
**God had led** us to the very religious city of Elad after we heard of the horrific terror attack event that had taken place on Israel Independence Day. In the beginning, our team was not even sure where to go or who to speak with, and we asked the Lord to direct our paths and He did guide our steps. He took us directly to the spot where the murders had taken place. Miraculously we met someone who trusted us enough to tell us where to go to find the family of one of the murdered men. We knew it was God working on our behalf.

“Achi” Jonatan Havakuk and two other Jewish men, Boaz Gol and Oren Ben Yitfah, were killed by Palestinian terrorists on May 5, 2022, the day of Israel Independence celebrations. “Achi” valiantly fought against axe-wielding terrorists who came violently to kill—and defended the lives of many children to include that of his own son Josef, before he succumbed to his wounds. **He actively fought for the lives of others.**

## Meeting Achi’s Wife

The next week we returned to meet Limor, the wife and widow of “Achi” - in Hebrew ‘my brother’ - Havakuk. He was affectionately known as “Achi,” as he reached out to EVERYONE, especially the conflicted teenagers in the city. He would routinely fill up a van and take the young people away from the city to enjoy the ocean or nature. Achi and the others were murdered at a child’s park, where Achi had just given a young man 600 shekels and told him to go buy rides for all the children who could not afford to ride. This was the spirit of the man we came to honor—a man of compassion and generosity.

Continuing with God’s guidance, we were able to meet and speak with Achi’s wife, Limor and visited with her on three different occasions. She is also a warrior. We ask that you pray for God to continue to give her the grace and strength to carry on with



**ACHI SINGING  
PRAISES TO GOD  
BEFORE HE DIED**

her five children who are still deeply mourning their beloved father and especially little brave Yosef, who witnessed his father’s last moments on earth. Just as their earthly abba gave his life for his child and the children of others, may this precious family know their Heavenly Father and his Son, the One who gave His life for them and indeed for all mankind.

**“You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror.” Psalm 10: 17-18**

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# WALKING IN THE STEPS ASSIGNED BY GOD

*"Every place the sole of your foot treads will be yours. Your territory will extend from the wilderness to Lebanon and from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea."*  
Deuteronomy 1:24

Prayer Team Worshipping on Mr. Arbel

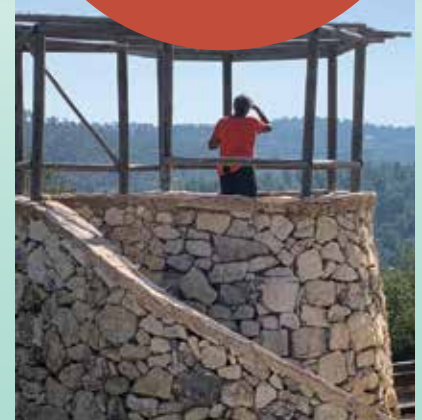
**God's promise** of the land of Israel to the Jewish people is fascinating. When the Lord spoke to Moses and Joshua about the territory He assigned them, He said every place they put the soles of their feet would become theirs. God then set boundaries where they should tread. They could not conquer Canaan until they stepped onto the land. Miracles happened as they walked in the name of the Lord of Hosts. At the Jordan River, God directed Joshua to have the priests carry the Ark into the water. When the soles of their feet touched the water, it stood up like a wall, making a walkway for them to cross (**See Joshua 3:13**). When they stepped out of the riverbed onto the other side, the water flowed back into its course. When the scriptures speak about putting something "under one's foot" or "treading on" something, this usually refers to conquering or exercising authority. God's strategy for Israel conquering Jericho included walking in circles. The Israelites still had to fight their enemies once they entered the land, but obeying God's instruction by marching around the city, was essential for their victory.

Prayer walking is a valuable tool. When you step into an area to pray, the Holy Spirit can allow you to see things that prompt your prayers. You often end up interceding for situations you would not have known had you not been there. This is referred to as "praying onsite with insight." Prayer walking is among my preferred methods of praying, although it is not the only method.

## Treading the Ground in the Spirit of Prayer

Each week our prayer team members go to locations throughout Israel, praying concerning issues and events we have read, heard by listening to the Holy Spirit, or observed as we walk. We have trod the ground inside and around many government buildings, interceding for the nation's leaders. The Lord has directed our steps to various cities, towns, and prayer houses, where we pray the promises of God. Prayer warriors from across the world come to join us in intercession for Israel and the alignment of their nations with Israel. Our prayer teams have worshipped and prayed from mountain tops, overlooks, walls, and watch towers, declaring the sovereignty of God over the borders of Israel, the land where He placed His name and presence. **Psalms 37:23 (TLB)** says, *"The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they take."* We will continue to pray, following the steps God has assigned to us. **We invite you to join us our worldwide Wall of Prayer meetings! Thank you so much for praying for us.**

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Linda McMurray standing in Yad HaShmona lookout



Prayer Team praying at Garden Tomb



US Team praying for Middle East at Jerusalem Prayer Center



Prayer team walking on rampart walls

# Finding the Will of the Lord *For Your Life's Journey*

**Hundreds of God-called** and anointed volunteer staff have worked at Christian Friends of Israel Jerusalem since 1986. Many write to us and share with us that their days with us in Israel were the best years of their lives. Such are the experiences of those truly called to work and live among the Jewish people.

When searching for God's Will for your life, trusting Him is the first step. Allowing Him to direct your pathway is the next step. One item is certain: it must be a call from God for "only the call of God will keep you" (Archie Graber). Would you be one of the chosen ones to join His Chosen Ones? **The following positions remain open at this time:**

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Executive Administrative Assistant

Decorating the Succah

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path." Proverbs 3:5-6



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# History Made Daily

**“Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.” Ezekiel 11:17**



Victoria sharing at the CFI store

Victoria and Irina picked their gifts

Theodore from Moscow choosing towels

Irina visits us

**Working with** new immigrants is challenging. So many have deep scars and nightmarish memories of what they left behind, wishing they were reunited with relatives in Ukraine. As they find their way to CFI in Jerusalem, we hear heartfelt, sad stories. This is the time when God’s comfort flows from our hearts. Tears often come, and when they do, we taste those tears. Thank you for your ongoing support for this significant outreach. We will continue to make a difference in devastated lives with your support and prayers.

Victoria came to Israel on the 19th of May, 2022. She and her mother had traveled twelve days from Mariupol, Ukraine, where they had experienced considerable stress under the constant threat of death. They lived for two months without electricity and running water on the first floor of a student’s hostel not far away from their home. With a group of about thirty people, they survived by making food outside on the bonfire using destroyed doors and window frames of the building as firewood.

Victoria’s son, who has lived seven years in Israel already, did not have any information about his family for more than a month. Only in April could he make a phone call to his future mother-in-law, who lives in Moscow. The son contacted an organized group of volunteers who were transporting people out from the city of Mariupol. They found Victoria and her parents in the hostel at the beginning of May and gave them

one day to prepare for the travel. She was afraid of not knowing any of those people, but after hearing the names of the local Jews, who had already gotten to Israel, she decided to trust the volunteers and leave Mariupol. There were both Jews and Christians taking care of Victoria and her mother, Irina, during the trip through different regions of Ukraine to Moldova and finally to Israel. Currently, they are living in an absorption center and learning Hebrew. Irina wants to find a job as a nurse, which is her profession. May the Lord open the right doors for her and give His peace to all of the family.

The new immigrants from Russia have not only experienced the war’s physical terror, but they are also in emotional pain because of the situation. Many of them lost their property when they came to Israel. Theodore is one of them. This young man wrote in our guest book these words: “A great thankfulness for the support at the beginning of the new life in the Holy Land! I left Moscow, the war, and the depression. I gave up all my previous life! I am sincerely grateful for your generous (Christian) help!” **This is our shining hour as Christians to be a real blessing in the lives of many individuals. Let the light of our Lord shine through us and make a difference here in His Land!**

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# Lending to the Lord

## Tiina encouraging Mara

**Israel broke** a two-decade *Aliyah* record with 64,000 new immigrants arriving by this year's end. It is the highest number since 1999. "A record number of newcomers are moving to the Jewish state amid regional conflict and *Aliyah* efforts, in a trend that Israeli officials expect is more likely to accelerate than reverse." (The Algemeiner Staff)

When the door opens in the morning at the CFI Distribution Center each face has a story to tell us. Every person has special needs such as the one you will read about below. Thank you. It is because of YOU, we are able to meet so many needs of God's People.

## In Search of a Bed

Often we meet and assist people who have suffered so much. Many of us take prosperity in our nations for granted when many struggle with so little. One of the latest visitors at our Distribution Center was Mara from Kharkiv, Ukraine. She had been working in the municipality of the city and living in her own flat. Her daughter, Evgeniya, made *Aliyah* to Israel about 8 years ago. Evgeniya's grandmother from her father's side is Jewish.

When the war started at the end of February, 2022, the Mayor of Kharkiv requested that all women and children leave the city. The lives of civilians were in great danger because of the constant bombing. Mara waited. She tried to work from home. During that time her daughter in Jerusalem was so worried that she couldn't sleep. Evgeniya asked her mother to leave Ukraine. Mara understood that she has to leave. She travelled to Poland. Each place was crowded with refugees (trains, railway stations and border crossing points). Evgeniya then flew to Poland. She found her mother in a refugee center. What a God Given moment—they came together to Israel.

The dilemma is that Evgeniya's mother (Mara) is not Jewish. She cannot obtain legal status to stay in Israel for a long time. She is blessed with a tourist visa, which



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. We cannot help everyone, but everyone can help someone."  
Ronald Reagan

## CFI purchased a folding bed and mattress for Mara

is extended by the government of Israel every month because of the situation in Ukraine. Mara does not have any social support. Her daughter works as a physical therapist-massager. Her salary which is meager is the only income that they receive. Mara came to our CFI Distribution Center and asked for help. She had only one desire. She needed a bed to sleep in. For five months they have been sharing one bed, with her daughter, in a very small room.

CFI purchased a comfortable small folding bed (cot) with a new mattress from a shop in Jerusalem. It was a great blessing to her. She was so very grateful to God and to our ministry. It is a blessing to be used by God doing His commandments from His Word with the people we meet with so many needs.

**"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." Proverbs 19:17**

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# CFI HONORED WITH *Bridgebuilders Award*



**Mr. Bob Odell, Rabbi Yehuda Glick, Jewish friends, Sharon Sanders and Mr. Steve Wearp**

## Loving His Way

**At a recent Awards** ceremony in Jerusalem, the Ninth of Av Repentance Conference leadership under the direction of Gidon Ariel and Bob O'Dell of Bridge Builders, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sanders, on behalf of Christian Friends of Israel, received the Bridgebuilders 2020 Award at the Begin Heritage Center in the presence of many distinguished guests. As CFI builds deeper relationships between Jews and Christians, trust begins to develop where suspicion, mistrust, and lack of communication were present over many centuries of Christian antisemitism. Your prayers for this healing to continue are requested.

Thank you for your continued support of the outreach efforts of Christian Friends of Israel. We continue to strive to encourage those in need and to offer practical assistance during times of struggle. During these times, relationships can be formed that please God and allow us to show Compassion to those who need it the most and have possibly never experienced it before. We intend to represent Jesus in the right way after so many centuries of distorting who He really is. During this time of the global pandemic, we continue to offer assistance as we are able, and as each passing day may allow for additional hardships, we know the God whom we serve. He is more than able to protect, provide and heal the Jewish people's hearts from wrong treatment by the historical church for 2000 years. We are willing to represent Him properly to the people of Israel.

### Sharon Sanders

**"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17**



**Rabbi Yehuda Glick presenting Sharon Sanders with the Bridgebuilders Award**



**Giving Glory to God**

# God's Timing

**“Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7**

**In our CFI Bridal Salon**, we continue to see how God takes care of the needs of brides-to-be. A wedding gown is a costly thing, especially in Israel. After trying other options, our clients often express gratitude to the Lord when we help them find the right dress in our CFI Bridal Salon. We can see how God's hand works in perfect timing. This year, I witnessed times when our Heavenly Father sent just the right dress at the right time.

A beautiful wedding gown arrived from Greece. A previous CFI volunteer gave our phone number to her friend, who visited Israel in May. Gabrielle contacted us and asked if we are interested in having her wedding dress in our Salon. We met in Jerusalem, and she presented to us her gown. It was a beautiful dress. I already saw in my mind how somebody would be thrilled to find it in our Salon. I just could not imagine that it would happen so quickly.

## God's Care for Our Brides

Only three days later, we had an appointment with **Susan**, who was getting married in a month and a half. The first dress she chose to try on was the one we had just received from Greece. Susan loved the dress, which fit her as if it was made for her. She tried other options but already knew which dress was the one. When she stepped into her chosen dress, she knew Father God had prepared everything for the coming wedding day celebration.

**Roni** came to us with her mother, sister, and future sister-in-law. We found many beautiful gowns to select from and took many photos. However, Roni was still unsure which one she wanted to wear for her wedding. On the same day, I had one dress at my home, which I had just received. Alina had decided to give her dress as a blessing for the brides of Israel. I saw that the size of that dress would fit Roni.

While the mother and the sisters were choosing evening dresses, I showed Roni a picture of Alina's wedding gown. Immediately she got excited! When Roni returned the next day to the Salon, it was ready to be borrowed. The appointment became a celebration! The dress was a perfect fit. It was precisely what Roni wanted. **This time she brought more people with her**, including the future mother-in-law. **We all rejoiced together and thanked the Lord for His goodness and love.** Alina's beautiful gown became an answer to a prayer in one week. **God uses our gifts for His ministry in amazing ways.**

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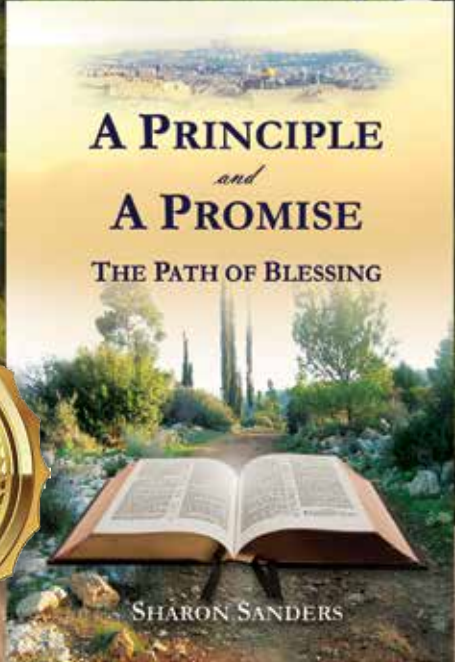
Roni trying on a gown  
Susan with her chosen gown





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CFI Swiss Conference at 'Valee de Joux' Le Pont, Switzerland

A CFI conference was held recently in the Jura mountains of Switzerland. It is there that many Jewish people were saved during the holocaust years as it was close to a spectacular border crossing. Mr. Philippe Rochat was a Guest Speaker. Mr. Rochat spoke about the history of the Resistance during WWII in the Vale'e de Jox and the joy of helping the Jewish people to safety.

The auditorium was filled with enthusiastic CFI supporters and eager to hear more about Israel.

Thank you to our wonderful Swiss Representatives, Erika and Walter, Karen Solomon key team member and the many volunteers who made this successful conference possible. Contact: **Erika Mathys at [ew.mathys@bluewin.ch](mailto:ew.mathys@bluewin.ch)**



## CFI SWITZERLAND

**“For He will protect me in His tabernacle in the day of trouble; He will hide me in the shelter of His tent; He will raise me up on a rock.” Psalm 27:5**

A meeting of the CAI-Switzerland was organized June 25, 2022, in the magnificent Grand Hôtel au Pont overlooking Lake de Joux. The conference hall in this beautiful building built at the end of the 18th century was a large audience eagerly awaiting the meeting to begin. Speaker Philippe Rochat spoke about the historical links created by the people of the Valley and the destiny of many Jewish people during WWII. The location of the hotel near the French border was favorable for discreet crossings.

During the conference participants learned about the “Righteous of the Nations” honored by Yad Vashem, how the people gave all of themselves to save the Jews. CFI Switzerland gives glory to the Lord all who obeyed the Lord rather than the



laws that ought the destruction of His people. Our prayers is also that the history of Shoah will not be repeated and that Switzerland will have the wisdom and courage to be places of refuge. Many visitors, faithful friends and supporters wanted to say world-wide:

“See you next year in Jerusalem!” CAI-Suisse (Chretiens Amis d’Israel)

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Left: Ambassador Ra Yaakoby invited CFI New Zealand to host the meeting. His warm greetings and thank you letter reflected his cordial appreciation of CFI. Right: Dennis McLeod



## CFI FRANCE

### New French CFI Magazine Presentation

Mr. and Mrs. Andre' et Helene Van Nieuwenhuysse, our French Representatives have produced a new look for CFI France. Excellent feedback from supporters has come in. It is their prayer that the church of France be challenged by Israel. If you are not receiving your French addition of Chrétiens Amis d'Israël go to the French web-site at: [www.caifrance.fr](http://www.caifrance.fr). Congratulations CFI France on a job really well done! May our French supporters continue to recognize our Hebraic foundations.



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## CFI NEW ZEALAND

### CFI New Zealand receives Honorable Ambassador to Israel

A very special and successful night was held just recently in New Zealand at the request of the Ambassador to Israel. Along with guests from the Jewish community, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. As the evening began with the blowing of the shofar and speeches were made, feedback was excitement and sincere interest in Israel. **Plans are in the making for a CFI New Zealand Celebration Night for Israel's 75th Jubilee.**

For booking 'Next Year in Jerusalem'

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Seth and Ariel blowing shofars



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