

Dear Friends,

The Bible states, *"There is nothing new under the sun"* (Ecclesiastes 1:9). This is so clearly true for today.

In the book of Esther, we celebrate how a simple Jewish woman became the queen of the most powerful empire of that day. God raised her to that position in order to save the nation of Israel from our enemy, Haman, in the land of Persia. Persia is present day Iran, and today, we have the same potential threat that our ancestors experienced thousands of years ago. Every year in Israel, we are commanded to celebrate our victory of life instead of the defeat of annihilation. Nation after nation tried to destroy us, and **EVERYTIME GOD DELIVERS**. (Psalm 124)

Still today, the presence of foreign powers who are the enemies of Israel is becoming stronger right at our border with Syria. We need you to stand in prayer with us for our protection.



Looking at the Persian Empire, Past, Present and Future



Celebrating Purim

Through the obedience of just one person, the entire nation was protected from total destruction.

We can see the same pattern on Passover. One man, Moses, left the riches of a king to follow God and lead our nation out of slavery and into the Promised Land by the power of the outstretched arm of God. Once again, during the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost), we remember Ruth, the gentile Moabite who left her country to become part of Israel, following a bitter Jewish widow. Ruth became the grandmother of King David and thus an ancestor of Yeshua. Each of these individuals changed the history of our nation by their faith-fullness.

It takes just one person to pray, one person to step out in faith, one person to say "yes" to the call of God on their lives. We stand together as a ministry as one, to see our nation return to the God of Israel, to see our friends and family waking up to the truth of our Messiah, Yeshua.

Thank you for standing with us!



Spring is Here, Fellowship Abounds

The warm weather brings out thousands of Israeli families to travel and see the beauty of God's creation. Our Hamaayan family is no exception. **With a full bus and 9 cars following, our congregation traveled to the Judean Hills.** We visited the Good Samaritan's Museum, the Qumran caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and Gilgal, where Yeshua was baptized and the Israelites entered into the Promised Land after leaving Egypt. In Wadi Qelt, the likely place of David's flight from Absalom (2 Sam 15-16), Zedekiah's flight from the Babylonians (2 Kings 25:4), and Yeshua's travels from Jericho to Jerusalem (Luke 19:28), we enjoyed picnicking together.



Although Israel is small, she is blessed with much beautiful scenery. **From the snowcapped mountains of Mt. Herman to the desolate hills of the Judean desert, you can find flora and fauna that speak of His love for this land.** You don't need to travel far to see it. Israel is only 1 hour across and 6 hours long when traveling by car.

Bar Mitzvah

Coming of age in the Jewish faith is one that has been celebrated for thousands of years.

At age 13, a young Jewish boy enters into man-hood by reading the Torah for the first time. Rafi and his wife Dianna celebrated with the rest of the congregation the Bar Mitzvah of Yonatan, their son.



Guest House

Last week, we dedicated **our new guesthouse designed for volunteers** desiring to assist us here at Hamaayan. We are thankful for our dear friends and partners who have rented the place for this purpose.

Centrally located in the city and a walking distance from our building, this apartment can sleep up to 6 adults and will be a vital addition to what God wants to do in our city. If you are interested in interning or volunteering at our congregation, contact Sally : sallyhamaayan@gmail.com

Our next **Taglit Hamaayan program (in English)** starts **May 26 - June 4**. You are invited to join in a time of touring, training, intercession & celebrating God's purposes and promises for Israel. For information and reservations, please contact sallyhamaayan@gmail.com by April 10

Prayer Needs

- The raising of more elders & home group leaders for the congregation.
- Salvation of the seekers and guests visiting our congregation.
- Our media upgrade, video recording system & sound equipment
- The children's ministry & the planning of the summer program
- Fresh anointing and guidance upon our prayer-room ministry team and worship team
- Provision for the "Betsel-El" creativity & healing ministry

Thank you !

Tony and Orna Sperandeo and Hamaayan team