

Dear Friends,

Once again, we are blessed with all that the Lord has done in our lives, personally and as a congregation.

We invite you to join us in celebrating His goodness and faithfulness. Here is a summary in pictures of this past year, reviewing 2016 and all God's blessings.



Presenting the first fruits of the womb at the feast of Shavuot



Our youth leading worship during the feast of Hanukkah



Rejoicing with the Torah during the Feast of Succot



Outreach in Tel-Aviv with our Indian congregation, distributing food and literature in the street



Celebrating Hanukkah and honoring Yeshua, the Light of the World



Praying and fasting during Kippur, The Day of Atonement



Sending support to the orphans and needy families in the Ukraine



Tony ministering to the lepers in India



Tony visiting the orphanage that we are supporting in India



Learning and praying at the Temple Mount, during our Taglit Hamaayan course



Presenting Tony's two new books in the US



Rafi leading the Youth Group in their visit at the children hospital



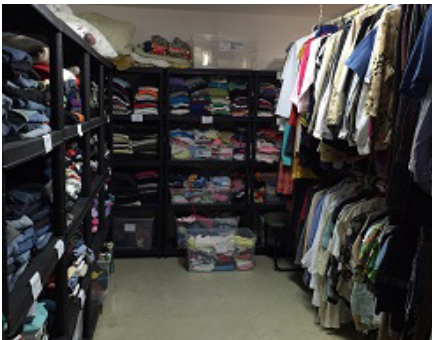
Our children enjoying special summer program on the rooftop of our building



Hosting the annual French speaking conference : discovering and interceding for the Land and its people



Studying the Word of God and learning how to forgive



Blessing the widows, orphans and needy families in Kfar Saba through our distribution center



Dancing and praising during the feast of the Lord



Our Youth group studying the Word of God together

Prayer requests

- The new year and the vision that God has in store for us
- Smooth process of the paperwork to purchase our basement (bomb shelter and youth center)
- That God would increase our leadership team, including youth and home-group leaders
- That God would defend two of our members who are in current court cases
- To protect us against acts of terror that could occur on a daily basis

God has done so much in our lives this year as you can see. We pray that God will continue throughout 2017 with even greater blessing and direction in our lives as well as yours. Please pray that we, with humble hearts will seek His direction, stay under His protection, and be a light to this nation.

Thank you for your faithfulness both last year and the years to come!

Tony and Orna Sperandeo and Hamaayan team

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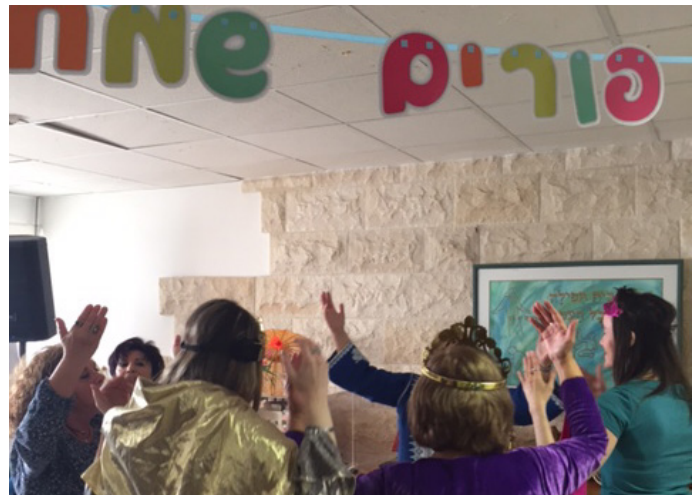
The Bible states, *"There is nothing new under the sun"* (Ecclesiastes 1:9). This is so clearly true for today.

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 !

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Dear friends, Shalom from Israel!

We want to share with you some blessings and memories of this spring as well as our prayer requests.



Our youth (ages 13-18) were excited and surprised with their **newly remodeled larger meeting room**. We are so grateful for the family who blessed us with this renovation for our growing youth group.



With over 60 people, we celebrated together **Passover**, as we remembered how God brought us out of slavery with His mighty hand and outstretched arm. We are thankful for Yeshua, the real perfect Lamb of Passover, who takes away the sins of the world.



Before celebrating **Israel Independence Day** we remembered the 23,544 soldiers and citizens killed while defending Israel. Keeping with the biblical example of turning mourning into dancing, the next day after **Memorial Day**, we celebrated Israel's 69th birthday. We have a saying here, Israel; 3000 years old, and 69 years young! (Come and visit us next year for our 70th!)



On our wall in our sanctuary, we have the verse : Our house will be a house of prayer. It is encouraging to see how God is transforming our congregation into just that. **Our prayer meetings** have become stronger, with more prayer groups being added during the week.



During our members meeting, we each had a **puzzle piece** and together we almost completed a puzzle. The missing pieces symbolized to us those who no longer follow Yeshua, and our family and friends yet to know Him. We prayed that they will soon join us too.

Our monthly testimony (starting this month, we will highlight a member's testimony)



Meet Inna.

She is a single mother who **oversees our distribution center as well as “handy-woman” around our congregation.** Inna has been a faithful member of Hamaayan Congregation for the past 14 years. She is invaluable to our office and families, and is always there to say yes to the impossible.

About 5 years ago, while visiting her home country Ukraine, she visited a hospital where “thrown away” babies are kept. These hospitals are of the poorest of conditions, where the babies are kept in cribs until the age of four and then put in orphanages. Some volunteers are coming to change and feed them, holding them in their arms for just a short time every day. As Inna discovered more and more about these hospitals and their conditions, her heart broke for these babies so she started to send supplies to them. She also started **to volunteer in the pro-life organization in the Ukraine** where she succeeded in saving babies from abortion as well as supporting the young mothers until this day. Through her practical demonstration of God's love, some of these women became believers in Yeshua.

Inna continue to visit the Ukraine 3 times a year, **bringing essential needs for the orphaned babies as well as needy families.** Last time she took with her 1300lbs (600 kilos in 14 huge packages).

Inna, is a single mother with 2 children and an ailing mother, barely makes rent in her 2-bedroom apartment. She has a car that is over 21 years old. It breaks down every few days and is expensive to repair.



We recognize her heart and call which directly reflects our mandate at Hamaayan Congregation : **To be the light to the nations and help those who cannot speak for themselves.** We feel that this ministry is a gift from God with eternal effects, both here on earth and above. We are so honored to have Inna in our congregation, and grateful to you for keeping her in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

- Our children are about to enjoy the summer break and attend **youth camps.** Please pray for a revelation from Yeshua for their salvation and a deeper relationship with Him. If you want to sponsor a needy child for summer camp, the cost is \$140.
- We are hopefully coming closer to finally **purchasing our basement.** We thank God for exposing the former corruption as He has been working on our behalf. Please pray for a final speedy process.
- Pray for the **safety and security** of our land and people, and for more people to see the truth of God's promises to Israel.
- Pray for the **safety of our soldiers** as they defend us against the enemies that are within and surround our nation.
- Pray for **our leadership** to make wise decisions for this coming year, for God to enlarge our leadership team, including youth leaders and elders.

Thank you for all your prayers, support, and financial gifts.

May God bless you greatly as you have blessed us.

Hamaayan Team

Dear friends, Shalom from Israel!

The summer is passed and a new year is beginning in our Jewish calendar. We had a wonderful summer, especially for our youth (ages 13-18). For 3 days, they enjoyed a camp out in the north of Israel. Along with fun and fellowship, they learned how to hear the voice of God and how to have an intimate time with the Lord. This is how Daniel, one of our youth summarized it: « *During the youth camp, I practically learned how to hear God's voice and discern who is speaking. I adopted this teaching into my life and my walk with God.* »



At the youth camp : study and creativity time

From bottles to cars and new-found family

A few years ago, we highlighted Moriel and her mother Bracha. By just saving empty cans and bottles, at about \$ 0.8 at a time, they managed to save enough money to buy a car for Moriel. Bracha came to Israel as a young child. As an orphan, life was extremely difficult for her. With only knowledge of a brother she had to take care of, and as a child herself, Bracha went from foster family to foster family. Learning to live on what little she had, Bracha learned how to navigate the hard Israeli life in the new nation. Widowed at an early age, she took care of her 2 young girls. Hard work and stringent saving, became the lifestyle that still lives on today, and now to the next generation.

Bracha and Moriel have been stable, consistent members of Hamaayan for over 2 decades. Always there, taking pictures of monumental moments in our congregation. They have catalogs of our lives and families that match a doting mother, yet she herself had no family to speak of. Hamaayan became and is their family.



As Moriel got older, the need to find extended family became important to her. Bracha, who just turned 70, still had the hole in her heart to find her roots. Moriel's began looking for relatives in Germany, Bracha's former nation & slowly fond long-lost relatives! This next Hanukkah/Christmas season, both Bracha and Moriel will be going to Germany to their first family reunion... and how are they paying for this trip of a lifetime? You guessed it, saving bottles \$ 0.8 at a time. Well done Bracha and Moriel!

What's happening in Israel?

As we watch from the other side of the world the anarchy that is taking place in other countries, along with terrorist activities in Barcelona and Charlottesville, **we remain vigilant in prayer for God's protection over our land.** This month is Elul in our Jewish calendar. It's during this month that the Jewish nation prepares their hearts for **our fall holidays; The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashana), Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) and the Feast of the Ingathering (Sukkot).** It is during these holidays that we as a nation fast and pray for God to change our hearts and bring us closer to Him, and of course for the salvation of those who don't know Yeshua yet.

In addition, we ask God for **the safety and protection from our enemies.** If you recall, in 2014, Israel was at war with Hamas at the Gaza strip. It was during this war, that Israel discovered 31 tunnels 18-25 meters (62-80 feet) underground, along with a detailed plan to use these tunnels on Rosh Hashana to attack Israel, killing innocent men, women, and children. We know that the enemy has plans and is always about trying to destroy us. But we are confident that God is our protector, our defender, the One who watches over us. We know that God is giving signs to awaken the believers. To us, our signs are the preparation of the imminent harvest of our nation.

Between September 20 and September 30 (Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur) our congregation will be having nightly prayer meetings for our nation, congregation and families. If you are interested in joining us, let us know by responding back, and we can send you our specific prayer points.

Volunteering at Hamaayan

Are you interested in being an intern or volunteer for our congregation? We are now taking applications for interns and volunteers for 2018. If you feel that God has called you for an extended time to help us here at Hamaayan, please write sallyhamaayan@gmail.com, and she can give you more details.

Taglit Hamaayan 2018

We are planning a two-week adventure here in Israel for those of you wanting to come over and see Israel, serve in our congregation, and learn about our nation through God's eyes. You will be learning in the morning from our teachers, various aspects of Israel and her people, and then either serve in the call that God has for you, or visit the various historical sites of the Land. Together you will discover why God calls Israel His Promised Land. You will learn about her history, her miracles, and years of revealing God's love for His people. You will also find out how crucial your role is, in this time in history.

Our dates in 2018 are: **March 9-18, May 3-14, Oct 5-15.**

If you or your church are interested, contact sallyhamaayan@gmail.com.



Praying for the children, beginning their school year

Thank you for your prayers and your support. It is

Pray needs

- **Wisdom and direction** for our leadership and elders as we enter into our new year.
 - **For our children and their new school year.** That they would be strong and the light to their classmates.
 - To equip our congregation to receive **the upcoming harvest.**
 - For the **paperwork** to be completed for the purchase our bomb shelter/distribution center.
 - Safety and protection of our **soldiers.**
 - **Wisdom** for our government to handle our enemies and to rely on God for His guidance.
- always a great encouragement and means a lot!

We wish you a blessed and joyful New Year 5778.

Hamaayan Team

Dear Friends and Partners,

During these joyful winter holidays, we are grateful for your love and prayers for us throughout this past year. We have had such a flourishing year and are reminded of God's promise in Isaiah 12 : 2-3 : « *Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and will not be afraid. For the Lord my God is my strength and song, He is become my salvation. Therefore, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.* »

It is from these wells of salvation, that we share with you the praises of 2017.



Celebrating the Jewish New Year (Feast of Trumpets) by dipping apple in honey for a sweet year



24 hours prayer & fasting during Kippur (Day of Atonement)



Celebrating Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacle) on our rooftop



Banner's workshop & learning how to use them in worship & intercession



Healing through Creativity. Watching our members & community touched by God through art & creativity



Discipleship Course
God has blessed us with numerous new believers who are participating in our new discipleship class



Praying for our next generation



Praying for one of our youth at his Bar Mitsva celebration



Our youth group Activity in the forest



Praying together in the park before starting the outreach



Praying for the homeless during an outreach in Tel Aviv



Distributing food & sharing the Gospel during a street outreach in Tel Aviv



Leading new people to the Lord after street outreach



Sending humanitarian aid to the orphans & needy in Ukraine & India



Teaching a group from Pacific Islands - the utmost part of the earth...



Taglit program - studying about the Land & its people in Samaria



Concert with the Mikedem band on our rooftop



Worship during our Shabbat meeting

Prayer requests

With the announcement of the U.S.A recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, we are watching prophetic events take place before our very eyes. It is time for us to be active in intercessory prayer for our nation and people.

- Pray that the enemy will be defeated in the spirit by our prayers rather than encountering a war on the ground.
- Pray for the safety of our leaders, our soldiers, and our citizens in Israel and across the world, not only the Jewish people, but all the believers in Yeshua.

As dark clouds are becoming darker around Israel, it is affecting not only our neighbor countries, such as Egypt, Syria and Lebanon, but also our own stability as a nation. We are challenged by political, social and judicial scandals, yet our *God is mighty to save*. We are experiencing a wave of salvations and growth through discipleship and home groups.

- Pray for these new believers and their growth in the Lord
- Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into the harvest field
- Pray for God to raise up leaders, elders, pastors and teachers to feed and care for the flock
- Pray for the growth and protection of our youth
- Pray for our protection from corruption concerning the final purchase of our basement

May you be blessed in this coming year 2018

Hamaayan team