

Why should we encourage elderly people to leave their country and move to Israel, and why should we specifically help elderly immigrants in Israel?

Is there really enough room for all the Jewish people in the Land of Israel?

Is it not too controversial to bring Jews to Israel, with disputes over territory and the threat of terrorist attacks and war? Who does the Land belong to anyway?

The Word of God is our authority -

- Israel is GOD's land - Joel 3:2 says that the nations 'have divided up MY land', and yet GOD gave the land to Abraham -

"for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants FOR EVER"

Genesis 12:7, 13:15; 15:18. This was confirmed to Isaac (Gen 26:3) and Jacob (Gen 35:12) - with NO conditions attached.

- GOD says many times in His Word that He would bring His people back to the land He gave to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is the LORD who has put it in the hearts of His people to go to Israel. There is no other explanation as to why so many elderly people would want to uproot from their environment and move to one far away where they would not know anyone, could not speak the language and were unfamiliar with the culture.
- The Apostle Paul said in Romans 15:27 that it is the duty of Gentiles to minister to the Jewish people in material things, because we are partakers of the spiritual blessings of the Jews - i.e. Jesus was Jewish, and it is through Him that we are blessed.

All that we have is the Lord's, and it is always a privilege to give it back to Him.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH THE JEWISH PEOPLE IS FOR EVER

**He is the Lord our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers His covenant forever,
the word which He commanded,
for a thousand generations,
the covenant which He made with Abraham,
and His oath to Isaac,
and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,
"To you I will give the land of Canaan
as the allotment of your inheritance,"
when they were few in number,
indeed very few, and strangers in it.**

Psalm 105: 7-12



**God said to Abraham,
'I will bless those who bless you'**

Genesis 12:3

All Scriptures are from the New King James Version

We do not ask for finances but are called to make the need known so that others may have the opportunity to partner with us. We believe that when the Lord gives the vision, He will provide all the necessary finances and resources.

We believe God will provide as we earnestly seek Him in prayer for His direction and provision. We have regular supporters and prayer partners who intercede for us, and welcome others who would like to join with us.



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The calling of **Streams in the Desert**

is to provide
"a place to call home"
for elderly Jews in Israel

**'For behold the days are coming,' says the LORD,
'that I will bring back My People, Israel and Judah
and I will cause them to return
to the Land that I gave to their fathers,
and they shall possess it.'**

Jeremiah 30:3



**'Old men
and old women
shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem,
each one with his staff in his hand
because of great age.'**

Zechariah 8:4

THE NEW LIFE CENTRE
A Multi-Purpose Complex
for the Elderly

Streams in the Desert has funded shared housing in Israel for over 100 independent, elderly Russian olim (new immigrants).

This was through our sister organisation in Israel, also called Streams in the Desert but now known as The Open Gateway, and also through another organisation in Jerusalem.



Our aim now is to extend our help to the elderly regardless of their health and mobility status, but still with the desire to give them a “a place to call home”.

A multi-purpose, fully-licensed centre will include independent apartments as well as facilities for assisted living, nursing care and dementia care.

Many elderly Jews in the Diaspora are deterred from making Aliyah (moving to Israel) because they have no relatives to assist them, and the obstacles loom too large in front of them. We want to facilitate their transition by providing an “Open Gateway” to a guaranteed safe, secure and comfortable home in Israel, while encouraging their independence.

New immigrants arriving in Israel can be assessed for their health needs, before moving on to the appropriate place for them. This may be within the complex or even out into the community.



UKRAINE RELIEF PROJECT
Provision of Emergency Accommodation
in Beit Haverim

The war in Ukraine has created a humanitarian crisis with many fleeing to other countries, including Israel.

The Open Gateway has a house, known as Beit Haverim, in Beit Shemesh. It has several rooms available and we want to help.

We provide temporary accommodation for independent Ukrainian refugees, Jews and non-Jews, with priority being given to the elderly.

The staff working in the house made Aliyah from Ukraine, so are familiar with the language and culture of the incoming refugees.

Is this not the fast that I have chosen... that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out? Isaiah 58:7

Our guests can enjoy peace and quiet in their own private room, or commune with other guests in the shared living room. They also have the flexibility to walk to local shops or the neighbouring park or take a bus ride to Jerusalem.

While our guests are staying with us, it is our goal to make them feel safe, secure and at home where they can adjust to their new country, Israel. At the same time, we will help them search for long-term housing. If necessary, we will assist with the funding and equipping of a suitable apartment for them.



We are in contact with local government offices as well as various organisations and individuals who know of, or are providing, help for Ukrainian refugees, whether Jewish or not.

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