

June 2025

Dear reader,

The month of June has been a challenging and difficult month.

Almost 2 weeks long we were forced to run to safe rooms and bomb shelters, day and night.

The Israeli government decided to preemptively thwart the existential threat that to our country posed by Iran. This threat is not new. It is being communicated for years by the Iranian government and their proxies.

The Israeli Air Force (IAF) worked 24/7 in order to attack the many military and nuclear locations throughout Iran.

In the beginning of this war there was a strong warning and fear that Iran would use dirty bombs.

The Home Front Command is a special branch of the government responsible for informing civilians about safety directions, locations and recourses. They use government apps to alert and pre warn civilians to prepare to go to the safe rooms and bomb shelters.

This time we needed to be prepared to go more often and for longer times to the bomb shelters. We prepared personal backpacks with practical items and precious belongings.

Many young families and elderly people slept most nights in the bomb shelters.

Shops, schools and non-essential businesses were ordered to close until further notice. Hospitals, elderly people homes and special care locations remained partially open.

The response of Iran, Yemen and their proxies came within hours after the IAF attacked the Iranian air defense systems and nuclear sites.

For years the Iranian government threatened Israel with annihilation and promised that America would be next.

Hundreds of Iranian missiles were fired at Israel in a period of about 2 weeks. Most missiles were intercepted over Iraq, Syria and Jordan. The Israeli air defense systems worked overtime to intercept the ballistic missiles that reached our country.

Unfortunately there were very devastating and destructive impacts. Tel-Aviv, Haifa and Beersheva suffered strong hits. A hospital was attacked, apartment buildings and private homes were destroyed. People lost their homes, suffered injuries and we mourn the loss of multiple lives.

As a nation we stood behind the decision of our government to preemptively attack Iran and America backed us up.

We know that many believers from all over the world prayed for Israel and we believe that by the grace of God and His mighty army we once again witnessed relatively small damages and loss compared to the amount of missiles that were fired at us.

Many miracles were reported and stories shared of strength, resilience and fellowship.

Right now there is a so called cease fire but we all know that we have to stay alert and we are still often run to the bomb shelters because of the missiles that are coming from Yemen. Iran and it's proxies continue to communicate that it is their life mission to annihilate Israel and called out another Jihad against the Jewish people all over the world.

We tried to resume our regular lives after the Home Front Command allowed schools, shops and business to open again but things have changed.

During the war our trauma support center was also closed but we continued to work from home through zoom and video meetings to continue to help as many people as possible.

Many small businesses suffered financially because of the war and were forced to close.

More and more people are asking me to do house calls and zoom meetings. We fully understand their and are honoring their requests.

Since October 7th more than 35 active soldiers and reservists took their own life because of the insufferable trauma's they witnessed and went through.

A young soldier that served with our son took his own life a few weeks ago to escape his pain and the images in his head. The devastation for their families and friends is indescribable. The funerals are hard and painful and leave so many with questions, anger and deep sadness.

Currently we are in close contact with a few soldiers that recently returned from Gaza, many of them are injured. They can contact us day and night. Often it is hard for them to sleep because of the reoccurring nightmares and flashbacks.

The IDF is doing its utmost best to support the fast amount of soldiers who suffer from PTSD but the system is overwhelmed.

Because of the situation we are in right now and the realization of the rising numbers of suicide amongst soldiers, we are working on a new project that hopefully will include to take soldiers in for a while to help them get through the roughest time.

We will keep you updated and would like to ask your specific prayers for the soldiers who return from the battlefield, their loved ones and our plans to find more ways to help them.

Shalom and blessings!