

Newsletter August 2025

Dear news reader,

Due to an unfortunate situation on our website we were not able to place our latest information on our website. We apologize for the delay.

The war with Iran has had a big impact on the citizens and on the land of Israel.

When the government decided to preemptively attack Iran, we were ordered to prepare to go for a longer period of time to the bomb shelters and safe rooms.

Iran has been threatening to erase Israel from the map for decades and by producing more and more nuclear weapons, the threat grew strongly in the recent months.

The Home Command Front is a special department from the government that is responsible to inform and help civilians prepare for war and disasters. We have a special Apps on our phones where the Home Front Command sends us specific updates and directions about what to do.

When the war started we were informed that the IDF expected a probable nuclear response from Iran. The bomb shelters were prepared with water, mattresses, toilet paper and wifi.

For 2 weeks, day and night, we ran many times to the underground bomb shelter next to our house.

Businesses, schools, shops and other non-essential organizations were ordered to close. Hospitals stayed open and partially relocated to basements.

It was a hard period for all of us. Young families and elderly people stayed the nights in the bomb shelters but all of us lost a lot of sleep.

We understood the actions of our government and were absolutely amazed by what the IAF (Israeli Air Force) was able to do. The missiles that Iran fired at Israel were extremely powerful and the Iron Dome worked day and night to intercept the missiles. Most of the missiles were intercepted but a few cities were hit hard. Tel Aviv, because they aimed at Ben Gurion Airport and our government, Haifa because they wanted to destroy the harbor and oil and gas industry, BeerSheva, because they wanted to destroy our nuclear facilities in the south.

Despite our amazing air defense systems, we mourn the loss of civilian lives. Apartment buildings, houses, roads and a hospital were heavily damaged. Some missiles caused nature fires, mainly in the center of the country.

Yemen choose to attack Israel as well and send many missiles and suicide drones. Hezbollah who is still active in Lebanon tried to join but the IDF was able to thwart all of their attempts.

And in Gaza the IDF was and is still fighting a war against the terror group Hamas.

We are so grateful for all of your prayers and friendly words during this time! God miraculously helped us through, once again.

Our trauma support center had to be closed for 2 weeks as well.

We were able to help a lot of people by zoom and phone calls. We spoke to soldiers and other people who were trying to deal with the stress. When possible we visited people in their homes to support them.

After about 13 days the Home Front Command allowed businesses, schools and organizations to reopen. The first 2 weeks after the cease fire with Iran not many people dared to go outside besides to get the necessary things done. Many shops and small businesses suffered and struggled financially.

Our second hand shop wasn't able to generate income for about 3/4 weeks.

The cease fire is a sensitive subject because we all feel and understand that the war is not over. Iran keeps declaring; "death to Israel and America".

We are grateful with the support from America but our trust is in God.

In the last months we are under constant threat from Yemen, not only by the daily missiles and suicide drones but also because of their attacks on container ships that are somehow connected to Israel. It is a hard blow for the world trade. Yemen is one of the proxies of Iran with the assignment to distract and disturb us.

In recent days Israel attacked Yemen powerfully with a clear message that their attacks are not going to be unanswered.

Every day there is are air alarms activated in different places in Israel and people need to seek shelter.

We are doing more and more house calls and are speaking to soldiers who returned from Gaza, most of them wounded.

It is very hard to see that the suicide numbers are rising. Some of the soldiers who returned from the war in Lebanon, Gaza or in Judea and Samaria and Nova festival survivors are so mentally wounded that they don't see any other way then to end their life. So many families suffer the loss of a loved one.

In October there will be a few conferences where soldiers and families are invited to come and meet each other, talk, get professional help, spiritual help, share stories and participate in creative workshops. It is a powerful and good way to meet a lot of people who suffer with PTSD and a quicker way to organize help. I was invited to come and offer professional support.

In order for us to help more people and also offer them a temporary place to stay and recover, we are busy with finding new place in the north of Israel to make this happen. The location in Nahariya will close in December this year and the project and the people we are helping will move with us to a new location where we can offer more extensive support.

We would like to ask your prayer specifically for the conferences in October and for our search for a new and suitable location.

Thank you for reading our newsletter and thank you for your support!

Blessing and shalom.