

# Israel

## PASSPORT



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**Operation Exodus**  
*A Ministry of Ebenezer Emergency Food USA*

*Helping the Jewish People return to Israel*

# Ebenezer Operation Exodus

## The Call

Ebenezer Operation Exodus was born in 1991 during the first Gulf War. With Scud missiles flying, a small group of people gathered in Jerusalem to pray for Israel. In this turbulent moment, God said, "Now is the time" to help more Jewish people come home. Since then, Ebenezer has assisted approximately 130,000 people, primarily from the former Soviet Union, return home to Israel.

## The Opportunity

The phenomenon of immigration (or aliyah) to Israel from the nations continues. More than eight million Jewish people reside in Western nations with approximately six million living in the US. Realizing the magnitude of the number of candidates for aliyah, the Knesset Lobby for Western Aliyah was formed in March 2008 to identify areas of legislation needed in order to remove obstacles for those desiring to immigrate to Israel.

Ebenezer Operation Exodus, working in a concerted effort with the Jewish Agency\*, is advancing its mission to include assist-

ing Jewish people from America who want to make Israel their home. Ebenezer's strategy is to establish resource hubs in urban centers which have large Jewish populations. The hubs will provide logistical and financial support to assist Jewish people who want to re-locate to their ancient homeland.

\*The Jewish Agency is the official channel which determines a Jewish person's eligibility to move to Israel and it oversees the absorption process.



*Elie & Aliza grateful to be in Israel. They made aliyah with Ebenezer's assistance from the US in Sept, 2008.*

*God is rebuilding Israel, just as He promised – and you can be a part of the miracle*

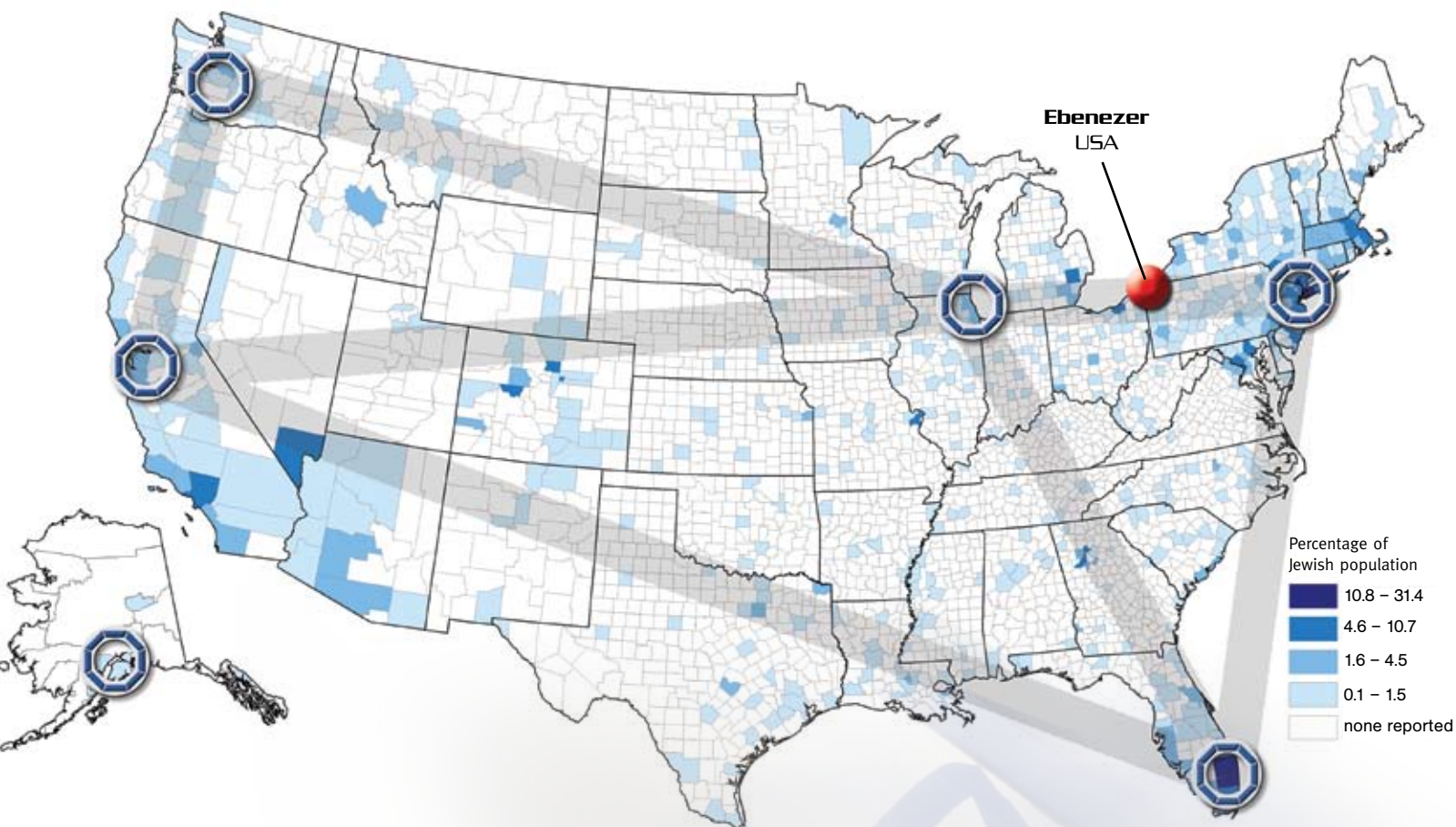
*"Therefore behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when it will no longer be said, 'As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but, 'As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north [Russia] and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.*

*Jeremiah 16:14-15 NASB*

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# Development of Regional Hubs

*resource centers across the USA*



## Purpose and mission of Ebenezer Hubs:

- Raise awareness among American Christians as to what the Bible says regarding Jewish people returning to Israel resulting in an increase in prayer, finances, and volunteers for this effort.
- Facilitate partnerships with the Jewish Agency, churches, businesses, Jewish organizations and other non-profits to help provide practical support to Jewish people who want to move to Israel from America.

*The Jewish Agency (JA) has approached Ebenezer to collaborate in a two-year concerted, unprecedented effort to bring Jewish people to Israel from America.*

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# Making a Difference

## You can help by:

Providing funds to help Jewish people with moving expenses

**\$2000** helps a family in need move to Israel.

A 2002 study of Jewish poverty conducted by the UJA-Federation of New York found that of the 643,000 Jewish households in the New York City area, 103,000 households (representing 20% of the total Jewish population ) live in poverty. Other urban areas, such as Chicago, demonstrate similar levels of poverty among Jewish populations.

*Ukeles, Jacob B., & Grossman, David A. (Jan, 2004). Report on Jewish Poverty, pp 25-39.*

Since 2005, an ever increasing number of Jewish people from the US with financial needs have made applications to Ebenezer for help with moving expenses.



**“Whoever saves a single soul, it is as if he had saved the whole world.”** – Inscription on medals awarded to “Righteous Gentile” World War II era rescuers.



*Mike, Karinne and family*

“We are humbled – it’s difficult for us to express our appreciation of your offer for financial help, but we hope you realize what it means to us.

*G-d puts people in each other’s path for a reason. To us and our children, our only ways to repay your kindness will be to succeed in settling the land, keep you close to our hearts and keep in touch throughout the years. We hope to maintain a lifelong friendship with you.*

*It would give us great joy to meet. Our home will always be open to you.*

*Please pass on our sincere thanks to all the others that have made your assistance possible.”*

**Mike and Karinne**

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# Responding to the Call

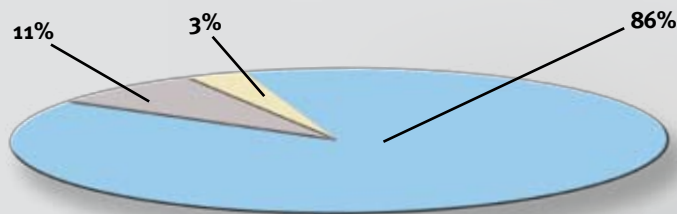
**Worldwide anti-Semitism** is on the rise and global economic uncertainty is rapidly increasing. In answering this challenge, Ebenezer Operation Exodus is committed to continue assisting Jewish people throughout the world to return home.

**Funding Ebenezer Operation Exodus USA** — For more information on program specifics or to make a contribution, contact **Debra Minotti, National Coordinator**, at [debra@ebenezerusa.org](mailto:debra@ebenezerusa.org) or by phone at (716) 681-6300. You may donate online via our secure PayPal account at [www.ebenezerusa.org/donations](http://www.ebenezerusa.org/donations).



## 2007 Annual Expenses

(as represented on Ebenezer USA IRS Form 990)



- Program Services
- Management & General
- Fundraising

*The audited financial statements of Ebenezer for all operational years have received unqualified opinions from the auditors which is the highest level of assurance given by auditors for financial accountability and reliability.*

*“I will beckon to the Gentiles, they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.”*

*Isaiah 49:22 NIV*

*“For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews’ spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.”*

*Romans 15:27 NIV*

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