



# HOPE FOR ISRAEL

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*"O Israel put your hope in the LORD..."*  
- Psalm 130:7

## WORD FROM MORAN

*"But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;"*

-2 Timothy 3:1-4

### *Shalom from Jerusalem!*

May the grace of our God strengthen you and give you peace in Messiah Yeshua until the day of His return. As I was praying about what to write in this edition of our Newsletter, I asked God to give me both a word of exhortation and a word of encouragement. Indeed, we need both in the day in which we are living!

We see what Paul spoke of in 2 Timothy 3:1-4 coming to fruition in our day and age. More and more, people are becoming lovers of self, a strong rebellious spirit manifests in almost every area of society today, and sexual immorality is encouraged and even celebrated before our very eyes! Nowadays, smart-phones and social media give us platforms to glorify "self"...we have "selfie" pictures littering social media accounts, people post non-stop about themselves, and there is less room for

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## Blessings from Israel



*"... and in you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*  
- Genesis 12:3b

Israel's call is irrevocable... it has never changed, nor will it. Israel is called to be a witness of God Almighty, and to be a people set apart for Him (Deuteronomy 7:6; Isaiah 43:10-11). Our (Israel's) ultimate calling is to bring salvation to the entire world, as Yeshua said, "salvation comes from the Jews." While Israel has not yet fulfilled her calling collectively as a nation,

there are many areas in which Israel today is indeed blessing "all the families of the earth" and bringing glory to the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob.

One of the areas Israel blesses the nations is through the immense humanitarian aid it offers to nations in times of crisis and also to third-world countries who do not have resources to

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support their population. The concept of “tikkun olam” (repairing the world) is very much at the center of the Jewish conscience, and even Yeshua Himself taught on this extensively. Through many different NGOs and government-sponsored organizations, Israel provides international aid to *all* nations, regardless of their political stances vis-à-vis Israel, religion, or the kind of government that is in place.

We at Hope for Israel (HFI) have had the great privilege to work with Lior Sperandeo, a talented young Israeli photojournalist, cinematographer, and documentary filmmaker.

Lior has traveled the world documenting Israeli aid responses to various crises for over the past year. He has worked with different Israeli organizations such as *Save a Child's Heart*, which provides life-saving heart surgeries to children from all over the world, including the Palestinian territories; *Innovation Africa*, which brings innovative Israeli solar and water technologies to remote African villages; *IsraAid*, which provides life-saving disaster relief and long term support to countries all over the world; and *Fighters for Life*, which takes young post-army Israelis to parts of India, Ethiopia,

and South America in order to educate and bless the people of those countries. It is important to note that the staff and volunteers of many of these organizations are comprised of both Jewish and Arab Israelis, thus representing Israel's diverse population.

I sat down with Lior over a cup of good Israeli coffee at a cafe in the pastoral region between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. He described his relatively newfound passion for using his talent for film and photography as a voice for those suffering from tragedy, to tell *their* story. Lior first traveled to Nepal in April 2015 to document the Israeli

humanitarian response to the devastating earthquake, and discovered for the first time the immense impact that the Israeli aid made. Not only that, but he also discovered how much the work impacted *him*.

He describes his initial surprise there, not only from the devastation, but also from the IsraAid delegation: *“In Nepal, Israel brought the highest amount of volunteers. Nations with triple the amount of resources sent maybe 20; Israel sent 400.”* This left a strong impression on Lior. He also recalls a touching incident where the Israeli volunteers were working at a collapsed

building. Five days had passed since it crumbled and there was very little hope of rescuing anyone alive; efforts were focused on recovery at that point. *“A girl who lived in the building but had managed to get out alive kept saying she had a feeling someone was still alive. No one paid attention to her except the Israelis. They believed her and checked the ruins for any sign of life. After 10 hours of digging, they found someone alive! The Israelis exhibited a hope that no one else had.”* Indeed, the sanctity of life is very central to our psyche, as Scripture teaches that we are all made in God's image.



When I asked Lior about people's initial reaction to the Israeli volunteers, he said that in general, people in third-world countries do not know much about Israel, so they have a fairly neutral view. However, when aiding people from Arab countries, such as Syrian migrants, the response is very different. Because of growing up with propaganda against Israel, many Syrian migrants are fearful and deeply mistrusting of the Israeli volunteers. But this changes quickly. *"In Greece where the Syrian migrants arrive in their boats, they are initially mostly confused from dehydration, exhaustion,*

*and hypothermia. I remember one time when an elderly Syrian man refused treatment from an Israeli Jewish doctor. An Israeli Arab nurse told the man that she would in turn refuse to treat him if he refused the Jewish doctor."* After the man was treated by the doctor, *"there was a visible change in [his] eyes."* And this is something Lior witnessed over and over again.

On how this has impacted his perspective as an Israeli, he said, *"I grew up being encouraged to be a good person, but without much emphasis on action. I had an initial embarrassment of why I didn't do more growing up, but I was encouraged*

*to start."* Indeed, faith without works is dead, and Lior has been encouraged to be more active as a voice for the voiceless. *"Every time I post something (online) I see results. It's a bit scary because people form their opinions, or change their perspectives based on what I do. People need to SEE what's going on. It's a very powerful tool and a big responsibility."*

When asked about how he envisions his future, Lior said, *"I am very attracted to those who do not have a voice. I get to create a voice for them. What I do brings hope to people; it's addicting and gets your adrenaline pumping\_ nothing*

*compares to saving lives."*

Indeed, Israel is changing the world every day. And that is something we can all be proud of. 🌍

*\*For more information on Lior and his work, please visit [www.liorsperandeo.com](http://www.liorsperandeo.com)*

# ISRAEL: START-UP NATION

How *you* benefit from Israel's technology everyday...

*Did you know that you most likely come into contact with at least one Israeli invention every single day? Not only does Israel produce more technology per capita than any other developed nation in the world, but it also shares much of this technology with other countries in order to better the quality of life for millions of people!*

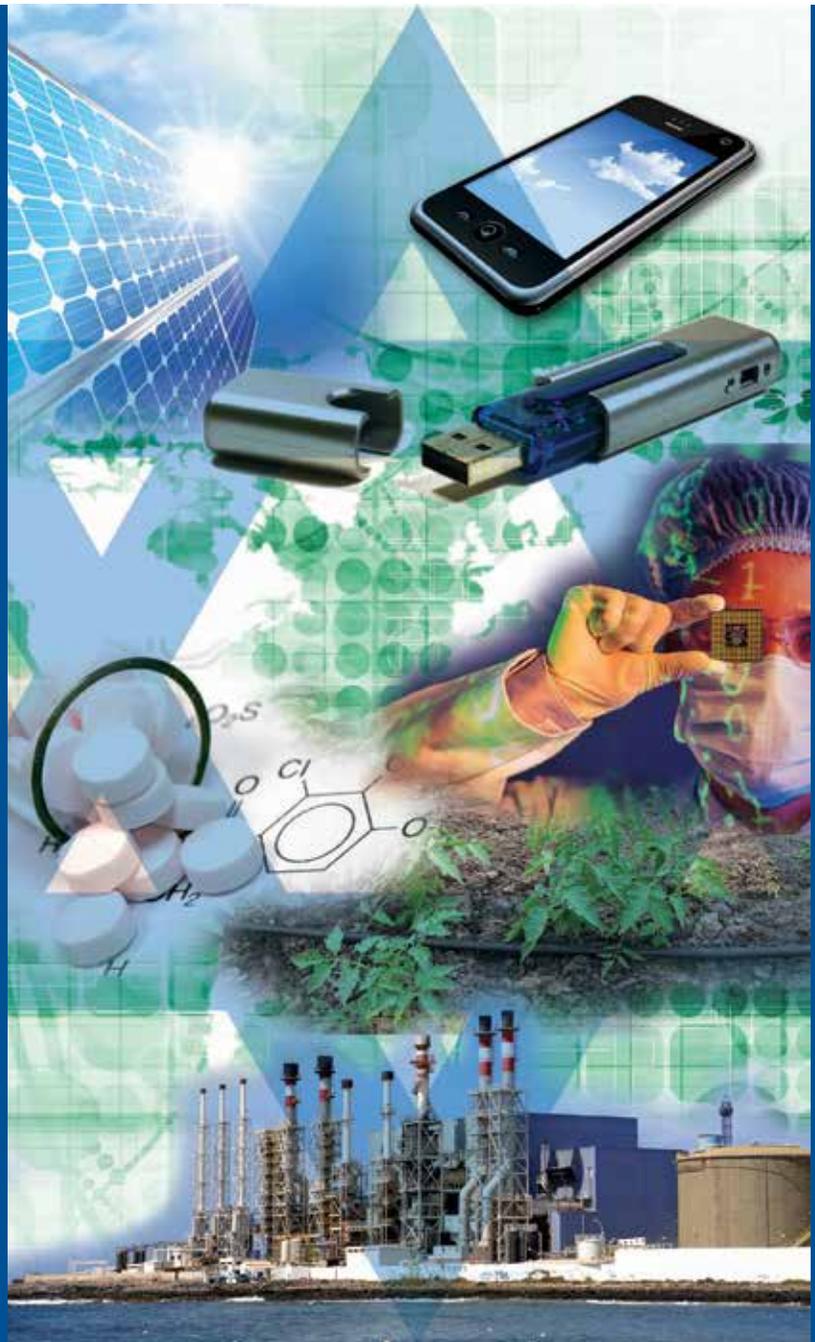
*Israel has made striking contributions in areas of computer technology, environment technology, and biotechnology. Below are some examples of amazing Israeli inventions and groundbreaking methods that are changing the world:*

The USB flash drive, the Intel Chip, "MobilEye" driver assistance technology, and Waze, (a GPS that uses real time traffic reports to plan your route in order to get you to your destination faster) are technologies that were developed in Israel! Israeli technology also laid the foundation for mobile phones, which have absolutely revolutionized the way we live.

Israel has developed groundbreaking desalination techniques that are helping millions ease water shortage crises by making saltwater useable for drinking, bathing, and irrigation. California is one such place that is working closely with Israeli companies to desalinate saltwater during their intense drought. "Netafim" is an innovative Israeli water technology that utilizes drip irrigation to conserve water in agriculture. This technology is being used throughout the Middle East and third-world countries to save crops!

Israel is a leader in developing solar technology as well! An Israeli company recently invented a floating solar plant, the first of its kind in the world. Israeli farmers have also perfected a non-chemical pest control technique called "BioBee", which controls harmful pests by introducing certain beneficial insects and mites to fields and greenhouses.

Israel's biotechnology is perhaps one of the most significant contributions to humankind. New immunotherapy drugs, such as Keytruda (to which President Carter attributes his successful battle with brain cancer) are significantly impacting the war on cancer. Other significant Israeli medications are Copaxone to treat MS, and Azilect to treat Parkinson's. The SniffPhone detects certain disease on the breath, allowing for early detection, which increases chances of survival. The "Wound Clot" is a revolutionary highly absorbent gauze made from regenerated cellulose, that becomes a gel-like membrane when applied to a deep wound, stopping bleeding within minutes; this has life-saving implications for many situations, from war to emergency medicine, to disaster relief. 🌍



*Israel is blessing the nations in so many ways...just as the LORD foretold that it would!*

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others today.

We also see the sad reality that truth is becoming an irrelevant term. The truth does not matter much, and feelings or perceived reality have trumped fact. People are quick to post and share rumors before checking the source, double-checking that what they say is in fact true. On most occasions, when the truth does

come forth, it doesn't matter anymore, since the damage is already done. Countless lives have been destroyed because of this sad fact.

What grieves me most is that this has also crept into the Body of Messiah. As followers of Messiah, we are not as careful as we need to be to guard ourselves from this end-times prophecy becoming us! We must stop for a moment from our daily routine, and look in the mirror so to speak, and admit the ways we have become this. I want to encourage each of us to search our hearts and if there is anything that we need to repent of, to do so today; let's ensure we don't allow the world

with its lies to influence us, but rather that we will influence the world with the truth of Messiah.

This brings me to the purpose of this edition of our Newsletter...some good, encouraging news from Israel! On most occasions, the news coming out of Israel is bad news. Sadly, most people are looking for the bad news... the latest war or rumor of war, the latest gossip, etc. Can you imagine a newspaper or TV station that only brings good news of what people are doing in a positive way? Unfortunately, this kind of media probably wouldn't last long! It saddens me that the media likes to feed people with bad news;

bad news sells more newspapers and garners more viewers, I suppose.

But I believe that we must fight the lies with the truth; I believe that the way to fight evil is by doing good; I believe that the best way to fight the things of the world is by keeping our minds on the things of God.

***"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."***  
Romans 12:2

And so, we bring you some good and encouraging news from Israel. Not so much about our country, but

what the people of Israel are doing to bring hope to the hopeless and suffering people throughout the world. As an Israeli, born and bred, I am very proud of my fellow countrymen as I see them fulfilling in many ways part of what Israel was called for, which is to be a light and a blessing to the nations.

May we followers of Yeshua remember that our call is to bring His light into the world and bless others through our actions; may we make a lasting difference in both word and deed.

In His service,

*Moran*

## Project Update COUNTER BDS CAMPAIGN



**BDS** (Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions) is a movement quickly gaining ground throughout North America and Europe. It claims to be a "pro-Palestinian" movement, but in essence, it is an anti-Semitic, anti-Israel movement predicated on false facts that seek to demonize and delegitimize Israel throughout the world. Because everyone wants to be on the side of the "underdog", BDS paints the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict through a false narrative that is totally historically incorrect. While we at Hope for Israel understand that these things happen under God's watchful eye, and are indeed part of His plan in the latter days, we are also responsible to be "watchmen on the wall" and loudly denounce falsehood against Israel. To that end, we have been working tirelessly over the last year on combating BDS from its very foundational assertions, and also equipping people in how to come against it in the truth. Our website holds a great deal of resources to help you, our reader, educate yourself with historical facts, as well as how we as believers can equip ourselves to defend Israel in the truth. A quick visit to [www.hope4israel.org](http://www.hope4israel.org) and typing in "BDS" in the search section of the site will get you started! 



### WHAT'S NEW AT HFI?

We are undergoing some exciting changes in the ministry! Our new "look", from the logo to the newsletter (coming soon to our website), are some of these great changes. Because Israel is of central importance to God's plan for these unique times, we are equipping lovers of the truth and those who want to grow in their understanding of Israel from a biblical perspective. This has led us to expand our reach as an online resource for the many areas affecting Israel and the Body of Messiah today! Our website is a user-friendly, easy way to access our articles, prayer alerts, news updates, and Moran's weekly blog. You can also connect with us on social media...Facebook, Twitter, Goggle+, LinkedIn and Vimeo. Stay tuned for more as we continue to build our resources to equip and bless *you!*

**EXPERIENCE  
ISRAEL  
TOUR**

**February 25 -  
March 12  
2017**

*Join Moran Rosenblit for a life-changing experience in Israel! Walk in the footsteps of the Messiah, discover ancient and modern Israel, and gain a new perspective of the Word in the place where it all began ...you will never be the same!*

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**Pastors'  
Solidarity  
Tour**

**February 6 -13, 2017**

*"I have studied the Bible as a student and a pastor for 30 years but have never experienced the Bible like I did on the tour with Hope for Israel Ministries. They know how to bring the Bible to life by what you see and read. I did not go to prove anything but the trip authenticated everything. Every preacher should go to Israel, it will change the way you preach and live. Thank you Hope for Israel Ministries."*

*- Pastor Russell*

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