



## A Way where there is no way

This April, we led Messianic Passover Seder celebrations across Canada. They were beautiful! We've included photos from them in this issue.

In the *seder* meal, we celebrate God's faithfulness to His people. Each item on the seder plate represents an aspect of Israel's plight in Egypt and her deliverance by the Lord.

Even when it looked like everything else was against the Children of Israel, Adonai made a way where there was no way.

Right now, modern-day Israel is fighting to survive. Though survival strategies are a basic part of life in Israel, the situation has escalated, putting tremendous pressure on people. Please pray for our missionaries: they report that sirens warning people to run to bomb shelters (where available) sound up to a dozen times per day.

What do we do when the odds seem stacked against us?

We remember the One Who truly sustains us and put our trust in Him, not in our circumstances or perceived ability to overcome them. Only He is safety. He is the Way.

Right now, Jewish people worldwide are in the "in-between" time—the weeks leading from Passover to *Shavuot*/The Feast of Weeks in May. Each day, we count the *omer* and each blessing from the Lord until we celebrate the giving of the Torah.

Followers of Messiah Jesus also count the days from Passover and the resurrection of Yeshua, to the giving of *Ruach HaKodesh* (Holy Spirit) at Pentecost. Let's take stock of our blessings from the Lord, our Saviour, Protector, Comforter, and Deliverer!

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Experiencing Messiah in the Passover

Our missionaries led Messianic Passover Seder celebrations across Canada this month. In Toronto, our Messianic Passover Seder was sold out a week in advance.

“Messiah in the Passover” presentations with Q&A are a blessing to participants, Jewish and Gentile. A common reaction is, “There’s so much **meaning** in this!” ♥



## Join us for Shabbat services

Join us at one of our Messianic congregations in Toronto, Hamilton, and Winnipeg for Shabbat services.

- 10:30 am at Kehillat Eytz Chaim  
225 Bridgeland Avenue, North York, ON
- 10:30 am at Kehilat Kumi Ori  
465 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton, ON
- 10:30 am at Kehilat HaTikvah  
450 Lilac Street, Winnipeg, MB

# STORIES OF IMPACT

## God answers prayers across decades

Anna Bortsova, a missionary for Chosen People Ministries in Canada, recently shared a testimony of the Lord’s faithfulness across decades.

When Anna and her husband Vladimir were newlyweds, she was at university. A fellow student named Leah\* was being harassed and abused by other students, simply for being Jewish. Anna and Vladimir came to her defense, and Leah and Anna became good friends.

They lost contact with each other after university. Meanwhile, Anna and Vladimir became followers of Jesus with a heart for Jewish people. They came alongside and mentored a Jewish

teenager named Ruth\*, who grew into a passionate evangelist. Ruth is now a grown woman living in Israel, where she leads prayer and women’s groups.

On one of Anna’s many missionary trips to Israel, she introduced Ruth and Leah, who live near each other. They’re now friends. Ruth is able to offer care and support to Leah, especially during this challenging time of war.

When the war broke out between Israel and Iran, Anna prayed a prayer asking the Lord, “How can I help?” Soon after, she learned that Ruth was stranded in New York, unable to get back home to Israel. Anna invited Ruth to



stay with her and Vladimir. Ruth was distraught because her sons were about to be deployed with the IDF, and she wanted to see them. Anna and her grandson, plus the whole team of Canadian staff, prayed for Ruth’s return and—she got the last seat on the last flight to Israel, direct, just in time to see her sons before their deployment.

Isn’t it amazing how the Lord weaves these threads together, across dozens of years? And there’s more to this story—to be continued!

\* Names changed to protect identities. Image is AI-generated.



**Michael Zinn**  
JERUSALEM

## WARTIME UPDATE FROM ISRAEL

### The Zinn family

The days are very difficult and intense here in Israel. Our reality has changed dramatically as the war continues to escalate. We are experiencing daily—even hourly—missile attacks from Iran, Lebanon, and Yemen. Our apartment was recently damaged during one of these attacks. By God’s mercy, we were not in the flat at that time.

Because of the situation, we were forced to postpone meaningful events like the wedding of our daughter Ariela.

We continue to share the Gospel wherever possible. God opens doors for witnessing—even in bomb shelters. Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with a rabbi about faith and the promises of God as we took refuge in Arad. His light continues to shine even in darkness.

Thank you for your support. Your prayers and financial partnership mean more to us now than ever before!

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## Hebrew word of the month

Our word this month is *zikaron* ("zee-kah-RONE"). This word comes from the root ז-כ-ר that gives us the verb "to remember" (לִזְכֹּר).



This month, Israel celebrates *Yom HaZikaron* (Day of Remembrance) to honour those who gave their lives to establish the State of Israel and all military personnel who have died in active service in Israel's armed forces.

The words Jesus spoke at the Passover meal before His crucifixion are shown on many a communion table: "Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

Jewish people say to the loved ones of the recently deceased, "May his memory be a blessing" or "May her memory be a blessing", The same word *zikaron* is used here. This phrase of comfort is abbreviated as Z" L (ז"ל).

Like the Passover seder, this type of remembrance is more like a tangible reenactment than a simple mental recalling of past events. It's proclamation of the present reality of salvation in Jesus.

## Staff Anniversary

Staff member Marilou Wilson recently reached her 30th anniversary at the mission. We celebrated her amazing dedication and service with food and fun.



You may be acquainted with Marilou, who not only makes sure our donors are well cared for, but also faithfully prays for all our supporters.

Give her a word of appreciation!

Pictured: Marilou Wilson (r) with Lean Cangrejo (l), 2026 Messianic Passover Seder.

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