



Connecting the Church with Israel for over 40 years

From its very beginnings in 1980, the ICEJ has embarked upon a journey of giving comfort to Israel. This journey has involved deeds of compassion impacting virtually every town, village and city in some way through benevolence ministry.



Help in Time of Need

Corona Response

In the midst of the raging COVID-19 pandemic and many strict lockdowns in Israel, the ICEJ was able to provide assistance to many different communities because of partners like you! Below are some of the highlights of our corona response efforts:

- Served **55,440 meals** to elderly people and needy families in the greater Jerusalem area.
- Gave out **19,515 hygiene kits and medical supplies** to elderly people, Holocaust Survivors, and emergency response teams at the Gaza border.
- Distributed **2,851 emergency and Passover food baskets** to Holocaust Survivors, single parent families, and other disadvantaged families.
- Provided **483 gift cards** to new immigrants and single parent families.
- Purchased **109 computers** for immigrant students and disadvantaged families for distance learning due to the lockdown.



2020 Ministry Report

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"I want to thank the dear donors, our friends at this time of need, on behalf of the citizens and the Regional Council Sha'ar HaNegev... We received sanitizing gels, protective goggles, clothing, and masks. The supply of all this equipment isn't a given during these difficult days, while the whole country is fighting the coronavirus. We would like to say once again: Thank you very, very much!"

- Amnon Ziv, Security Chief Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council, Israel

Home for Holocaust Survivors

When the coronavirus hit Israel, Holocaust Survivors were suddenly in complete isolation. The ICEJ aid team had to change the way they took care of the residents of the Haifa Home of Holocaust Survivors. In 2020 we:

- Moved a team of ICEJ staff into the Home to isolate along with the Survivors in order to visit every resident daily, bring them three meals per day, and monitor their health.
- Opened a new activity center in the midst of the coronavirus shut down. This activity center was used by small groups practicing social distancing to celebrate birthdays and, in the fall, to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.
- Received 635 letters from donors who had adopted Survivors. This had such an impact on the residents in the midst of the shutdown and one Survivor named Mania said, "do people send letters even now? It touches me so deeply that they are thinking of me and remember me and go to all this trouble of writing me this beautiful letter."

Aliyah

2020 was an unprecedented year for our Aliyah ministry. We saw an influx of Jewish immigrants and were able to assist over 3,000 Jews to make Aliyah. On top of that, in December the Israeli government made the decision to start the return of 2,000 Ethiopian Jews who have been waiting for years to make Aliyah. We will be sponsoring their flights throughout 2021.

- A mentoring program where we helped **55 families** to find suitable employment, assisted with financial needs, and helped new immigrants integrate into life in Israel.
- Vocational training and recertification programs helped **107 immigrants**.
- Educational enrichment, social and cultural assistance was provided for **40 immigrant kids**.
- Afterschool programs and academic assistance for Ethiopian youth immigrants impacted **a number of Ethiopian immigrant students** struggling to keep up with their Israeli counterparts and in danger of falling behind.

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Feast of Tabernacles

"Next year in Jerusalem"

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ICEJ hosted an online Global Feast of Tabernacles and as a result over 7000 people from around the world were able to join for a festive and unique online celebration live from Jerusalem. In 2021 we hope to be able to celebrate this event in Jerusalem again. See how you can join us in Israel this year at www.icejusa.org/feast-tour

ICEJ USA

Prayer Gatherings and Webinars

In March, of 2020 we started our weekly Global Prayer Call from Jerusalem that broadcasted over the entire world and thousands of Christians joined us in prayer for Israel, the nations and the pandemic.

In September, we began broadcasting podcasts and videos to reach a new generation with ICEJ teachings on new platforms.

In November, the ICEJ's network of American Christian Leaders for Israel (ACLI) organized a 4-part webinar series to start a dialogue regarding the growth of anti-Semitism in the USA and around the world. Over 400 American pastors and Christian leaders joined us for this impactful dialogue.