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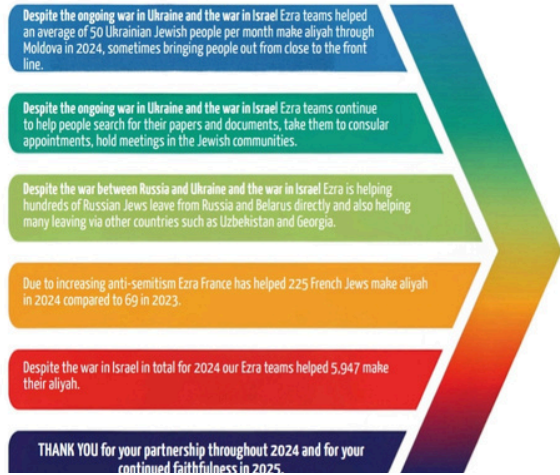
"Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders."

Isaiah 49:22

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Ezra International (USA Headquarters) release yearly statistics that we wish to highlight in this February issue. To date, Ezra World Wide has helped over 120'000 Jews to return to Israel and access their citizenship there. The 2024 review is full of 'despite' statements, highlighting that through all difficulties, God is faithful!

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2024 Year In Review

PAT IN ISRAEL

Earlier this month, Pat travelled to Israel to meet with Ezra team leaders and partners there. Last time Pat was in Israel was before Covid years. When the trip was planned, the war was still ongoing, but during her travel, thankfully, peace reigned.

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Pat in Jerusalem with Michael, Erik and Oleg.



THREE YEARS OF WAR!

24th February marked the 3rd anniversary of the outbreak of full scale war in Ukraine. Throughout these challenging three years our incredible team in Ukraine has continued to help Ukrainian Jews with their Aliyah process. In the picture to the left is Natalia, a mother and grandmother whose daughter had made Aliyah previously. Natalia's city of residence was being bombed and her health was failing her, and she almost didn't make her flight due to a bombing the night before! However, our team arrived in the morning to get her and she is now in Israel, reunited with her daughter and grandchildren there.

PFI AND EZRA CONFERENCE IN SCOTLAND!

Ezra UK is planning a full day conference together with Prayer for Israel, to take place on Saturday 31st May in East Kilbride, Scotland, near Glasgow. We would like as many of our supporters as possible to attend and meet Pat and hear updates from the field. As the event is organised together with Pfi, the day will also be marked with serious prayer for Israel. Mark the date in your diary, more info will follow, especially on our Facebook page! Pat is also speaking in New Life Church in Woking on 9th March, 10am. All welcome!

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While the peace in Israel is still fragile, we thank our G-d for upholding the ceasefire and overseeing the release of hostages, live and dead.

As we continue to pray for peace in Israel and lasting solutions for its diverse population, we also pray for an end to Russia-Ukraine war that has lasted for years. May the Peace of Christ reach these places and penetrate hearts!

God's Faithfulness

The 2024 report is full of 'despite' statements: Despite the ongoing war in Ukraine, despite the war in Israel, against all odds...This highlights G-d's ongoing faithfulness in bringing Jews home and upholding us as an organization to play a small part in it, even within difficult circumstances. Here they are:

- Despite the war in the Ukraine, 50 Ukrainian Jews PER MONTH were leaving through Moldova in 2024
- Despite the war in Ukraine, Ezra teams kept on operating in most difficult circumstances and saving people from frontline,
- Due to increasing antisemitism in France, Ezra France helped 225 French Jews leave France in 2024 (in 2023 it was 69!)
- Despite the war in Israel, Ezra teams helped almost 6'000 Jews to complete their Aliyah in 2024!

Thank you for your help to make this possible!



Ministry to Israel



In Israel, Pat met with our US Board Member and ministry partner Michael Utterback (head of Ministry to Israel, in the picture with Ezra's late founder Mel Hoelzle a few years ago) and leaders of Bridges for Peace, as well as Ezra Team leaders. It was good to re-inforce ties that go back many years and discuss further ministry opportunities. Michael told Pat that the most pressing needs are those of single mothers: divorces are common, but also there are war widows and those who had to leave their husbands behind in Ukraine. To learn more what MTI does, visit their website ministrytoisrael.com