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*Accomplish*



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## THE MAOZ ISRAEL *Team*

The **Maoz Israel** leadership – Ari and Shira, their daughter and son-in-law Kobi and Shani and their five children make up three generations of Israelis living and ministering in Israel.

▲ Ari and Shira Sorko-Ram and Kobi and Shani Ferguson sharing from their personal life experiences about Israel during an interview with Pastor Adam McCain from Hill City Church.



The all-Israeli **Maoz** team is made up of almost 20 staff members – most made it into this shot. They serve in every area from spiritual discipling to humanitarian aid to leading worship to publishing Bibles and books.



## A NETWORK OF **OVER 100** *Congregations*

Strengthening believers from our network of over 100 congregations of Jews and Arabs across Israel. Over the years, **Maoz** leadership has founded, as well as strongly supported, congregations across the country.

Kobi and Shani are currently working in leadership with **Beresheet (Genesis) Congregation**, pastored by David Safafa since its inception 3 years ago. It began as the first Hebrew-speaking Ethiopian congregation but has quickly become multi-ethnic and is considered one of the fastest growing congregations in Israel with the average age under thirty.



## SPORTS & LEADERSHIP

# Camp

We know children have gifts. The question is, how will they use those gifts in their lifetime? In all likelihood, he who develops those gifts is most likely to enjoy the fruit as the children grow into adulthood. That is why **Maoz** believes the Sports and Leadership camp is important for the development of these gifts for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Sports and Leadership camp is strategic in that it is geared for younger children but is run by adults together with teenage believers. As the camp has been running for years, this means young children can be trained year after year and then return as teens to pass on their passion and skills to the newest children on the block.

This year as **Maoz Publishing** completed **two kids' devotionals**, each participant was given these books to encourage their spiritual growth in their own homes.





# *Caring*

FOR THE

## **LEAST OF THESE**

The **Maoz** team travels to different locations around Israel to demonstrate the love of God to at risk and orphaned children. We wish we could show how their faces light up each time we return (but as they are minors we can't). It's amazing what a little quality time can do to the heart of a child who doesn't receive it from home.



**I Stand with Israel**  
MAKING FAMILIES **STRONGER**

OVER **\$8.5 MILLION**

*Distributed!*

It seems every year has its own unique flavor when it comes to how **ISWI** disperses more than half a million dollars among Israel's believers, both Jewish and Arab, from over 100 congregations across the country. The best thing about how **Maoz'** benevolence fund is set up is that it adapts to the needs on the ground in Israel and around the world. Some years **ISWI** aided those whose lives and livelihoods were crushed by waves of terrorism. Other years **ISWI** sought out and helped hundreds of families struggling through lockdowns. This past year individuals, families and even nations were impacted heavily by the Russian-Ukrainian war. The turmoil meant thousands of Russian and Ukrainian Jews were suddenly applying for Israeli citizenship. It also meant those who couldn't move to Israel were living in a war zone.

The **Maoz Israel Report** shares some of these victory stories throughout the year, but here are some of our favorite photos.



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## HELPING

## ISRAELI FAMILIES

# Heal

Families make up the fabric of our community. And when one person in the family is struggling, the entire family struggles with them. This past year **I Stand with Israel** helped dozens of individuals and families make significant life changes. Some had to make changes because of accidents, some because of post-COVID changes on the ground, others because of domestic violence, and still others because of tragic losses of family members. When families within the Body of Messiah are strong from the inside out, our community becomes a light—a beacon on a hill for others to see and want to be a part of as well.





# Ukraine

## REFUGEE OUTREACH

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Though the **Maoz** team in Israel is made up entirely of Israelis, not all of them were born here. When the Russia-Ukraine war broke out, a number of our team members who had immigrated from Ukraine as teenagers wanted to help with the chaos on the border. A surprising number of refugees fleeing their homes in Ukraine needed translators who spoke Hebrew, English and Ukrainian. Teaming up with one Middle East agency, we sent a team to minister to families at their lowest point and help get them to safety.



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## HELPING THE **NEEDY** IN *Ukraine*



In 2022 many Russian and Ukrainian Jews fled to Israel throughout the year. From providing medical supplies, to specialized shoes, to washing machines, **I Stand with Israel** attended to each of their unique needs.

For those who could not leave, **I Stand with Israel** partnered with Jewish Partner Initiative to purchase over 700 wood heated stoves to help them survive the winter with spotty electricity.



**I Stand with Israel**  
MAKING FAMILIES STRONGER

# KYIV REFUGEE Center

Kyiv Refugee Center



The suddenness of the war that broke out in Ukraine left the most vulnerable of its society hanging in the balance. **I Stand with Israel** assisted in evacuating an orphanage, getting the children with some of the staff to safety across the border, as well as funding a center in Kyiv and continues to provide clothing, supplies, shelter and personal ministry to hundreds of refugees fleeing the hardest hit areas.



Orphans escaping Ukraine hide in a ditch on the side of the road during sirens

**MAOZ ISRAEL**  
*Aid*



# THE MAOZ ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE TOUR

WITH ARI & SHIRA SORKO-RAM AND KOBI & SHANI FERGUSON

**Maoz Israel** is committed to pulling back the curtain for visitors to experience both Ancient Israel as well as the modern-day lives of locals. The importance of connecting the ancient and modern Israel into one timeline cannot be overstated if we are to understand and play a role in God’s long-term plan of the ages. This past spring several dozen Christians joined us on **The Maoz Independence Tour** across the country celebrating what God has done and what He has promised to do in this land.



# USA

## WORSHIP TOUR & GENERATIONS CONFERENCE



This summer two dozen Israelis from **Maoz Israel Music** hit the road traveling across the USA to offer a taste of Israeli worship. In addition Maoz held the **Generations Conference** where Ari and Shira's work was honored and the baton was officially passed on to Kobi and Shani to continue the mission that began almost 50 years ago in Israel.

And every knee will bow before  
The Lion and the Lamb  
Os joelhos dobrarão ao cordeiro e o leão.

# MAOZ ISRAEL *Music*

It's been several years in the making but **Maoz Israel Music** finally completed the process of having its songs distributed by **Integrity Music**. Beginning in 2023 look for all the new music that will be coming your way!



## *Music* MAKING FOR KIDS

**Maoz Israel's** vision for the restoration of Israeli Worship begins at a young age. That is why we work hard to train musicians from a young age and continue all the way to their mandatory military service age — not just to play well musically, but to worship.

MAOZ ISRAEL

# Publishing

OVER 160 BOOKS PUBLISHED!



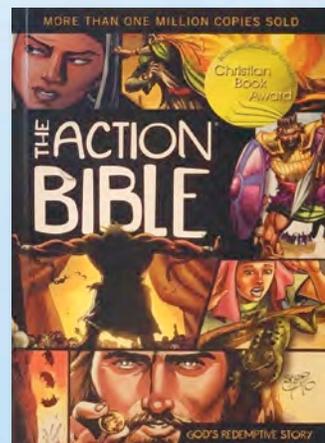
## GONE TO PRINT!

### *The Action Bible*

GOD'S REDEPTIVE STORY

by Doug Mauss and Sergio Cariello

After 2 years of work we've finally sent the **Action Bible** to print! The comic-style Action Bible has been a staple in our family for over a decade and we are beyond excited to make it available to Hebrew-speaking kids in Israel and all over the world.



# Just PRINTED



**Habakuk  
Discipleship  
for Spiritual  
Maturity**

by Israel Harel

A spiritual discipleship manual based on teachings from the book of Habakuk



**From Buddha to  
Jesus**

by Steve Cioccolanti

The testimony of a man who left Buddha for the God who would change his life

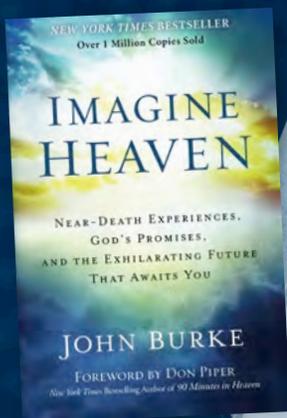


**How Great is  
Our God**

by Louie Giglio

The second of two kids' devotionals dedicated to showing the greatness of God throughout His creation

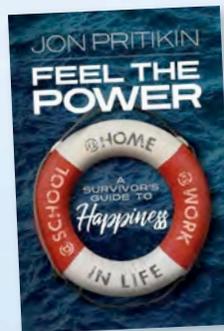
## BOOKS IN PROCESS



**Imagine Heaven**

by John Burke

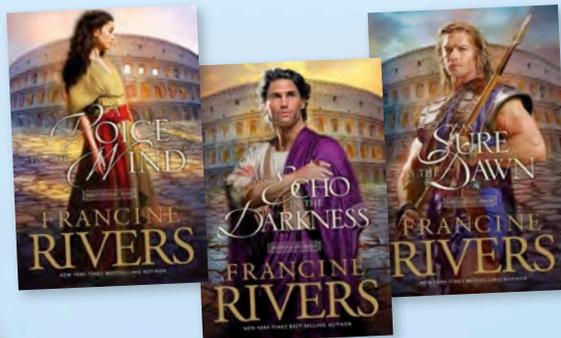
Explores the personal testimonies of people declared medically dead who returned to life and shared of their "after-life" experiences



**Feel the Power**

by Jon Pritikin

The story of an ugly duckling turned motivational speaker and mentor for kids around the world including in schools across Israel



**Mark of the Lion Trilogy**

by Francine Rivers

Mark of the Lion Trilogy is a historical fiction story of the years following the destruction of the second temple and the spread of the message of Yeshua across the Roman Empire



maoz israel  
REPORT

It's hard to grasp the significance of many things happening in modern Israel when you don't live here. That's why for over forty years, we have published a monthly newsletter called the **Maoz Israel Report** that offers spiritual, political and social insight into Israel from the perspective of local Israelis.

And for the constantly changing news—we send out the **Weekly News and Prayer Update** so believers around the world can pray with understanding.

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*Publishing*



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OPERATION  
**BREAKING DAWN**  
56 HOURS AND 1100 ROCKETS

By Shani Sorko-Ram Ferguson

**We** had just landed in Israel after several weeks on the road with the Maoz Israel Worship tour. I was fighting jetlag and decided that washing the car with my six-year-old would help us both stay awake. The afternoon air in Jerusalem was warm and breezy as it usually is at that time of day this time of year. Jerusalem is magical in this way—no matter how hot it gets during the summer, the evening is always cool and refreshing. Live Israeli folk music was coming from a wedding in our neighbor's yard as we splattered water and soap suds on the car. Nothing about that evening would've hinted that within 24 hours we'd be flying planes over Gaza and I would be checking up on our staff to see if they had been called up as reserves.

**Last Year**  
The whole thing began so fast it caught many Israelis off guard. But what caught me off guard was how calm the air felt when it happened. All this stood in stark contrast to last year in May, when in the days leading up to Operation *Watchmen on the Walls*, when Hamas struck Israel with 4,360 rockets, the air was thick with rage. You didn't have to watch the news

**The Only One Who M...**  
As told by Moti Cohen to Shani Sorko-Ram  
It was Lag Ba'Omer, 33 days after Passover when Israelis get together and light bonfires all over the country. I was on the bus with my friends from boarding school and one of them came up to tell me they found the car that had been waiting to kill. We were a group of friends and this guy was just there alone with his brother. Everyone looked at me expecting me to join in—I just had to start the fire. I think you'll have to understand my background to fully appreciate what happened that night.

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# 2022-23 Families of Israel

CALENDAR

When most people think of Israel, they think of beautiful landscapes and ancient sites that tell of the land's rich history as told in the pages of the Bible. But did you know that ancient story with heroes and legends continues today through the lives of their descendants? As such, showcasing the land without the people who make the land matter, felt like telling only half the story.

We at **Maoz Israel** are passionate about you feeling connected not only to the land but to the people of Israel. **The Families of Israel** calendar was born with just this idea at heart. This 16-month calendar showcases the individuals and families of the **Maoz Israel** team in both ancient and modern hotspots across Israel.

Whether near a modern high-rise, on a desert hill or in the heart of Jerusalem, our team chose spots in Israel that would give you a window into their lives. These are the real faces of Israelis and their families you can pray for!



TRUSTED MEMBER

# FINANCIAL *Report*

We hold our stewardship before the Lord with great reverence and we take your partnership with us seriously.

Financial integrity, accountability and transparency are the reason year after year **Maoz Israel** continues to be awarded the **Platinum Seal** – the highest rating offered by **Candid**® (formerly GuideStar).



**ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT**

**FUNDRAISING**

**\$3,497,333**

TOTAL INCOME

**\$3,098,520**

MINISTRY PROGRAMS & OUTREACH

**\$244,813**

ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

**\$154,000**

FUNDRAISING

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