



Judea & Samaria

HELPING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES FIND A HOME

When the State of Israel was established in 1948, Jews around the world breathed a sigh of relief. After centuries of persecution, expulsions, and ultimately the mass murder of Jews during the Holocaust, Israel became an actual homeland for Jews, a safe haven in both peaceful and troubled times. For seventy-five years, Israel has welcomed all Jews, sending many rescue missions to extract Jews facing the threats of oppressive regimes. Russia's military offensive against Ukraine forced scores of refugees to flee that nation's borders, escaping the horrors of war. While countless Ukrainian refugees desperately seek shelter, Jewish Ukrainian refugees are making Aliyah to Israel - returning to their true homeland!

Since early 2022, over 60,000 Ukrainian refugees, joined by Jews escaping repressive laws in Russia and Belarus, have chosen to make Aliyah to Israel. But, adapting to their new country is a daunting task: from learning a new language to finding a suitable place to live, registering their children in schools, to securing employment, and much more. Moreover, many Eastern European Jews, having lived under previously Communist regime where practicing their faith was forbidden, have little connection to their Jewish identity, heritage and homeland. This gap can make an already challenging adjustment even more difficult.

The Yesha Council is a joint effort by Jewish municipalities in Judea, Samaria and the Jordan Valley to promote Jewish presence in the Biblical Heartland in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. Recognizing that new immigrants need a robust support system to help them successfully adjust to their new homeland, The Council enlisted the aid of veteran Russian-speaking immigrants living in Judea and Samaria. They have already started offering a variety of educational activities, including Shabbat hospitality, day trips, and lectures.

This year, the Council is planning to expand its immigrant absorption services by adding events centered around the Jewish holidays and a mentoring program. The mentoring program will match new immigrants with veteran Russian-speaking immigrant families who will offer a personal connection, practical support, insight into Israeli culture, and a sense of belonging. The people of Judea and Samaria need your help welcoming and supporting Ukrainian refugees as they integrate into Israeli society and connect with their Jewish heritage in Biblical Israel.

The people of Judea and Samaria are calling on you to help provide struggling Ukrainian refugees with essential resources to ensure their successful adjustment in Israel. Your donation will be an encouragement to those who, like Abraham, left their homeland behind and set forth to settle in a new land. Your donation will help Jewish Ukrainian refugees truly feel that they have come home!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Name Origin:** In Hebrew, Yesha is an acronym for Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** Judea, Samaria and cities in the Jordan Valley appear numerous times in the Bible, referring to the ancient Kingdoms of Israel and Judea
- ☆ **Historical Significance:** Liberated in 1967 during the 6-Day-War, immediately following the war, Jewish pioneers returned to Judea, Samaria was first settled in 1975
- ☆ **Population:** 552,991



Veteran immigrants help Ukrainian refugees gain a better understanding of Israeli society in their native language



With your help, Jewish refugees from the Ukraine will develop a deep connection to their Biblical homeland

JUDEA & SAMARIA ALIYAH SUPPORT

PROJECT BUDGET

Educational & Mentoring Events	\$22,350
Holiday Events & Trips	10,930
Administrative Costs	5,050
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$38,330

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