

### Climate Changing in Israel

With the fall feasts of the Lord behind us (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot), a new year lies ahead for Israel. We are excited to share our festival highlights with you, as well as what lays ahead of us in the future. As many of you enter into your holiday season, we pray that you too will experience the blessing of family, friendship and fellowship with our Lord.

As the climate is changing from summer to winter, we notice changes in the spirit realm. As the days are shorter, and the nights grow longer, so too we notice that darkness is increasing throughout the world. This past summer, there were two "concert events" that took place here in Israel. These events represented world religions. The goal was to unite the world into a false "peace" through the works of man. One was through music and "energy", and the other using a metaphor of the marriage vows between man and wife. All religions, they declared, are becoming united as one couple. These events happened in the very city that God calls His own, Jerusalem. In Tel Aviv, earlier in the summer, one of the largest alternative lifestyle (LGBT) parades took place. Both the Prime Minister and Mayor of Tel Aviv heartily endorsed this parade. Soon after this parade, the streets of Jerusalem were filled with the same LGBT "celebrators." Darkness is covering our land.

It is no wonder that the world's politics are in disarray. The United States recently experienced the most chaotic presidential election in recorded history. England voted to leave the European Union and terrorist activities are increasing throughout the world. Yes, the world is growing darker, but His light is growing. While hope dissipates based upon the news headlines, more people are turning to God for His hope.

We are noticing an increase of "seekers" who are open to the gospel in our midst. There is an openness that can only be explained by the power and love of God.

*"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."* John 16:33

### Taglit Hamaayan

It's finally here! Our first official Taglit Hamaayan (Discovery of God's promises to the nation of Israel) is currently underway. Members of a team from the United States are learning about God's covenant to Israel and her people as written in Isaiah: "*Shall a land be born in one day?*" - Isaiah 66:8.

If you are interested in knowing more about this 2-week class about Biblical Zionism, or would like to attend our next program (January 6-16th, 2017)

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**"Hamaayan Congregation  
is wishing you a blessed New Year"**

We made this banner and hung it overlooking the park of Kfar Saba as a way reach out to our fellow neighbors.

## Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

The fall appointed feasts of the Lord began with Rosh Hashanah, also known as the Feast of Trumpets. During this time, in synagogues throughout the world, the shofar is blown hundred times to “awaken” man’s soul to seek God and evaluate his relationship with God and his fellow man. Then begins a 10-day period (The Days of Awe) and culminates with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Our congregation came together during these ten days to fast and pray for Israel and its neighbors and for God to intervene on our behalf as well as the behalf of our loved ones for His protection and salvation. We ended our fast on Yom Kippur when we spent 24 hours fasting and praying for the salvation and restoration of our family and friends back to the Father. We prayed for God to forgive us as a nation through repentance and faith in Yeshua. We were deeply encouraged by our next generation (ages 13-18). They led our worship and spent the night in prayer. God is answering our prayers for them, as they are becoming a vibrant, cohesive group full of passion for the Lord. For those of you who joined us, thank you. We pray that you were as blessed as we were during this time.

## Prayer Needs

- The situation in Syria, and the development of the battle of Mosul in Iraq. We live in a very important & strategic time concerning the future of the Middle East and the fulfillment of Isaiah chapter 19 and Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39.
- The salvation of our new seekers and our friends and family members who need to know the love of Yeshua.
- Wisdom and guidance for our leadership regarding our on-going basement procurement.
- Traveling mercy and protection for Tony in India next month.
- Protection and safety for our soldiers. That their faith will be strengthened and not diminished during their military service.
- For us to enter the call of God on our lives individually and corporately and to move in the prophetic calling that God has for our Congregation.



**Our children learning their Shabbat lesson in the Sukkah**

## Sukkot & Simchat Torah

On the last day of the Feast of the Ingathering, when all the nations are commanded to come worship the Lord together as one, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37-38.) His comment references the tradition that this day is also a celebration of the water and wine poured over the sacrifices on the altar. This is one of the most joyous days of the year for the Jewish people. We all came together to celebrate His blessings and goodness. With over twenty nations represented, new families, and many guests, we remembered that Yeshua is our living water that gives us life abundantly.



**Honoring and thanking God for giving us His Word**



**Praying for one of our youth as she enters into military service**

*With your prayers and support, we can be the watchmen and shepherds of the lost sheep of Israel. Thank you for walking with us in His grace.*

*Hamaayan Team*