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Tel Aviv: Songs and Prayers Bring Comfort

by Shoshana Birnbaum*

In November we hosted a commemoration ceremony at our Moishe Rosen Centre, marking one month since the October 7 attack. As believers, it is important for us to mourn with hope. We had a reading of a poem in remembrance of the victims and fallen soldiers, local artists played music, and we read a prayer for the hostages and our army. One of the believers sang prayers and psalms. Eli gave a talk in which he shared the hope we have in Jesus, and then we encouraged people to spend silent time in thought and prayer and to light candles. Josh Turnil, who leads our Paris branch, was with us and sang the Kaddish (a traditional Jewish prayer). We closed with everyone singing “Hatikvah” (Israel’s national anthem).

About 80 people attended, around 60 of whom were not believers. Many commented about just how important and meaningful it was for them to stop and have that time. Several said that it was a much-needed emotional release.

One person who attended, Ephraim, stayed after the service to speak with members of our Messianic congregation. He was argumentative, and seemingly uninterested in God.

However, soon after, Ephraim had a supernatural experience with God which prompted many more questions, but no arguments. He returned to our Florentin congregation and prayed to receive Yeshua (Jesus) as his Messiah. This was such an answer to our prayers, and we know that it was an answer to so many other prayers of friends like you. Thank you and may God bless you!



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ministry moments



Rebekah Brohn, Sydney

I've been ministering to many Israeli friends in the last few months. I was very encouraged when two of them decided to go to church with me during the Christmas season. They both enjoyed the service very much and even came back a second time.

One of them, Abigail* has now travelled back to Israel, but before she left, she told me how much the Christian community influenced her here in Australia. Previously, she had been afraid of "religion" but after experiencing the love from our church community, she has become much more open to Yeshua. She wanted prayer before traveling back to Israel. She is also interested in connecting with other believers over there as well. She was also very happy when I gave her a Bible in Hebrew.

Please pray that Abigail will continue meeting with believers and ultimately invite Yeshua into her heart.



Tamir Kugman, Tel Aviv

Dana* lives in Zurich, is a Jew, and previously lived in Israel. She saw my testimony on the Jews for Jesus site, and she got my contact through the chat. We set a time to meet on Zoom, and in our meeting, she shared that she had started to read the New Testament but had a hard time understanding. For an hour and a half, we talked about some important issues of faith, and she said she feels things are clearer to her now. She confessed her faith in Jesus and said she would like to learn the Old Testament in Hebrew. We prayed at the end for God to continue to open her eyes and heart to understand him more and grow in him.

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