

KATULKA NEWSLETTER

WINTER/SPRING 2025



In January, I led our pilot Ministry Leaders Trip to Israel, a fully funded opportunity for pastors and ministry leaders to experience the Land firsthand. While exploring the biblical sites, our team emphasized that Israel is not just a historical museum but a living, thriving nation with a vibrant body of believers. Ministry leaders from across the U.S. and Canada engaged with local ministries, witnessing how God is working in Israel today.



Pastor Mike Candy consoled and prayed for Shlomi, an Israeli who shared the heartbreaking reality of living through the October 7th attacks and the ongoing challenges of living on the Gaza border.



Arab pastor Stephen Khoury spoke to our group about the challenges and blessings of shepherding Arab believers in East Jerusalem. He also shared insights on God's prophetic plan for Israel and the Jewish people.

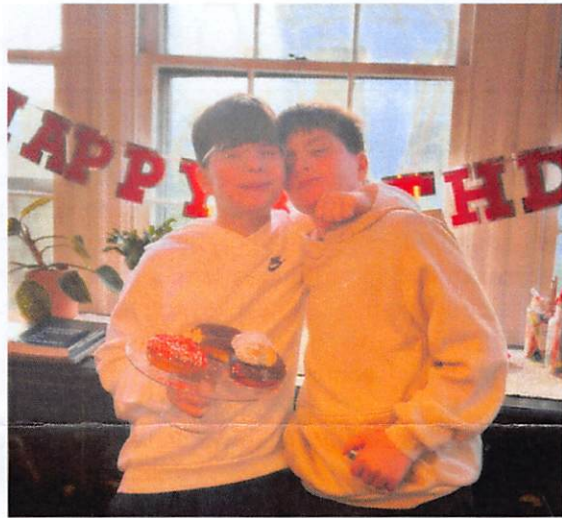
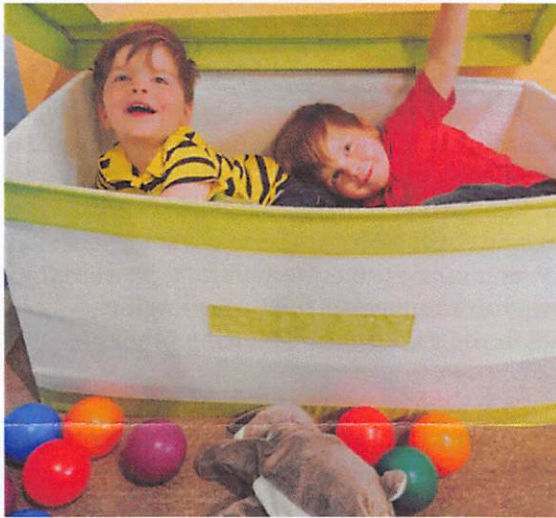
FOI New Missionary

Tiauna Lodewyk is our newest missionary serving in Ontario, Canada, with a deep passion for ministering to the Jewish people. Her journey with The Friends of Israel began when she graduated from our Bridges training program, and she has since been actively involved as an FOI Intern Leader. Tiauna's heart for Jewish ministry has taken her around the world—she participated in our Poland ministry, where she engaged in Holocaust education and hands-on outreach to the Jewish community, and she also served on our ORIGINS trip to Israel. Additionally, she has been actively connecting with the Jewish community on her college campus in Ontario. We are thrilled to see how God will use Tiauna in her ministry with FOI as she reaches and serves the Jewish people in Canada.



Tikvah Boxes!!!

We are thrilled to welcome 18 new Tikvah Volunteers serving in Jewish communities and local churches across the U.S. and Canada! To encourage them in their ministry to the Lord, we packed special welcome boxes filled with resources and support. Each volunteer also receives a Tikvah Team t-shirt with a bold message on the back: "I've Got Serious Chutzpah, I dare you to ask me why!"—a perfect conversation starter for sharing their passion for Jewish ministry!



Cohen and Preston celebrated a big milestone this year—turning 12 years old on February 14! Born on Valentine's Day, these two have always brought double the love and energy into our family. Over the years, they've grown into incredible young men, full of passion, curiosity, and a competitive spirit that keeps us all on our toes. Whether they're defending or scoring a goal on the soccer field or making us laugh with their quick wit. Cohen and Preston continue to amaze us with their unique gifts and personalities. Watching them step into this new season of life is a reminder of how quickly time flies and how grateful we are for the young men they are becoming. As they turn 12, we pray this year is filled with even more opportunities for them to grow in their faith, develop their talents, and deepen their love for the Lord and others. They have already shown a heart for learning, leading, and serving, and we know God has incredible plans for both of them. We're so proud of Cohen and Preston and can't wait to see what this next year holds for them. Happy 12th birthday to our Valentine's Day twins!

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Would you prayerfully consider supporting our calling to reach the Jewish people with the gospel and educate believers about the Jewish roots of our faith in Jesus. Please click on the button above. We are thankful for all your prayers and support.

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Online Support:

foi.org/katulka

FOI Equip Internship 2024

In 2024, eight young adults from across the United States dedicated three months to Jewish ministry through the FOI Equip Internship. Representing diverse states—Rachel Wilson (Arkansas), Wesley Bratcher (New Hampshire), Eric Rubenstein (Georgia), Hattie Waltermire (Missouri), Mary Hill (Idaho), Ben Sutter (Michigan), and Jordan Sutter (Pennsylvania)—these interns immersed themselves in hands-on ministry, equipping them for a lifelong passion for Jewish outreach. They actively engaged in local Jewish communities, built meaningful relationships, and represented The Friends of Israel in their churches, inspiring others to support Jewish ministry.

A highlight of the internship was the interns' collective contribution to FOI's latest devotional, *Finding Messiah in Passover*. Each intern authored devotions reflecting their deepening understanding of Jewish ministry and their commitment to communicating biblical truths creatively. Several interns also joined Friends of Israel missionary, Nathan Montgomery, for an intensive ministry initiative in Los Angeles, California, serving and sharing the Messiah's love with the Jewish community. These experiences strengthened their ministry skills and deepened their understanding of Jewish outreach.

The long-term impact is already evident. Three interns hope to serve with FOI, while others joined the Tikvah Team or remain engaged in their local Jewish communities. This program continues to develop future Jewish ministry leaders, expanding FOI's mission across North America.

