

SAR SHALOM ISRAEL

Since January 26, 2026, there are no more hostages in Gaza. All hostages, dead or alive, have been returned. Jewish practice upholds life, as well as death. Jews are buried within 48 hours of dying. Rapid burial, simple shrouds, no embalming and a strict mourning period all help the grieving to honor and memorialize the dead. Members of the Chevra Kadisha (the Jewish Burial society) will sit with the dead, reading Psalms. Taharah, the washing of the body, will also be done by this society. Jews NEVER have an open casket. The mourning period includes the first seven days after death (up to the first Shabbat, Sabbath), then thirty days, shloshim, as grieving is still severe. At the 11th month, a headstone will be placed at the grave. All of these practices are noted in the Bible. I wrote a short book, *The Shepherd's Comfort*, to highlight these beautiful BIBLICAL practices. This is the first time since 2014, that Israel is not waiting for the return of hostages! Something to celebrate.

THE FATHER'S BUSINESS

However, skirmishes continue. Until Hamas agrees to lay down their weapons, there will always be tension in Israel. Add to this, the possible threat that Israel has from Iran. All of this stress provokes fear. Israelis are dealing with much post traumatic stress. This is why Sar Shalom Israel continues to serve in Israel. We are there to come alongside those who suffer. A blanket, a quilt, a stuffed animal, a smile, toiletries, a tee shirt, a pair of socks is like that cold water that Yeshua says to give to our enemy. We are there to love the

underserved in Israel. Thank You for coming alongside of our work there! We cannot do it without you!

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BE'AD CHAIM - ISRAEL PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATION

It is an honor to bring support to Be'ad Chaim, Israel's Pro-life organization, overseen by Sandy Shoshani.

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This is where YOUR gifts go. Mommies who are expecting, and who keep their babies, can go select items for baby. Mommy gets everything that her baby needs for a year! We love Sandy Shoshani, and the beautiful work that God does through her.

Here is the link if God puts it on your heart. There are onesies, baby blankets etc, for the underserved in Israel.

AMAZON GIFT LINK[AMAZON GIFT LIST FOR ISRAEL MOMMIES, HOMELESS ETC](#)

Aviv ministry outreach to the homeless, prostitutes and drug addicts.

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God turns our mourning into joy.

We have been blessed to receive the talents of Ken Berg and Clayton Herring, who have produced these wonderful videos of our work in Israel. Here is the latest contribution,

**Pray for Peace*

2026 May charity trip update

We are blessed to have ten people signed up to come to Israel to serve in May 6-18, 2026. As we are a 501(c)(3) IRS approved, nonprofit charity, your donations of support receive a tax deductible receipt, if you so desire. Participants can come and raise their own funds. Nobody here at this charity earns a paycheck so all of us serve Yeshua with a beautiful heart. There is still room for you. The cost of the 10 day trip is \$2950. That includes the land portion, hotel hotels for 10 nights, breakfast and dinners and Transportation is also included. Airfare is not. Again, there is still room for you!

GOD'S LAGNIAPPE

For over seven years, I lived in Shreveport, Louisiana. Although at times, living there was a challenge, there were certain elements that made Louisiana unique. The people were wonderful and sweet. I made a few special friends there. There were those Louisianans who lived south of Alexandria, LA, who had a language and culture all their own. I remember walking into a little store and seeing a sign on the outside

“Tongue on Sale Today.” Having grown up in a Jewish household, eating beef tongue was the norm; I just never expected to see it served anywhere else but in New York City! Yet here in Opelousas, LA, it was on sale! I loved the warmth of the people, the special language they had, which is a blend of French and Nova Scotia French. My favorite all-time Louisiana word is ‘lagniappe,’ pronounced lan-yap. It means something extra. Have you ever purchased a pair of shoes and gotten the shoelaces free? The shoelaces are lagniappe. Have you gotten free samples with a cosmetic purchase? The samples are lagniappe. Lagniappe is that something extra.

Salvation is the free gift of God, when one comes to faith in Jesus. By simply believing by faith in that wonderful vicarious atonement of Jesus’ blood, you and I enjoy life with God forever. Is there anything better than eternal life? For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6:23) Yeshua, Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, took my place, took our place on the Cross. What a great gift that this exchanged life is!

If eternal life was all that the free gift involved, we would be such blessed people! Yet, God gives us lagniappe! Isaiah 30:21 says “Your ears will hear a word behind you, This is the way, walk in it, whenever you turn to the right or to the left.” What a wonderful blessing to have this guidance! Jeremiah 24:7 notes “I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.” God gives us a heart transplant without shedding one drop of our blood, by His son’s shedding His blood for us. What amazing Love, what amazing lagniappe.

Ephesians 1: 3 tells us “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua HaMashiach Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah Christ.” I love those spiritual blessings! They beat any Christmas gift, don’t they?! Ephesians 1:4 says “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.” What a lofty statement to be chosen, to be holy and blameless, all because of Yeshua Jesus! What lagniappe!

In Ephesians 1:5, it states “In love, He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself.” What a blessing, especially to those of us whose parent or parents are not alive, we will always be part of the family of God. Amazing love! Amazing lagniappe! Ephesians 1:7 says “in Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.” I don’t know about you, but I sure needed a lot of forgiveness when God saved me, and I still need that forgiveness today, and I am sure I will need it in the future. What blessed lagniappe God gives to us!

Ephesians 1:9 asserts that “He made known to us the mystery of His will.” God, the eternal invisible amazing God, made known to us the mystery of His will. Then, more lagniappe with this “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation, having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.”(Ephesians 1:13) Being Holy Spirit - sealed in Jesus is a wonderful way to live victoriously in this wicked world, thanks, LORD, for the lagniappe!

Ephesians 2:6 reminds us “raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” And if that weren’t enough lagniappe, how about this from Ephesians 3:16 “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Messiah Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”

Paul shares in 2 Corinthians 4:6 that “For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.” Thank You for the lagniappe, all the extra, even with this LORD, “For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.” (2 Corinthians 4:17)

Even in the difficult times, God sheds His lagniappe over us, all the blessed extras, that even when we are in the school of affliction, He makes the negatives in our lives turn out to be positives, for that eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

Thank You, LORD for the lagniappe that comes from knowing You, through salvation in our Blessed Redeemer, Yeshua, Jesus, the Lover of our soul!

**WE THANK GOD FOR YOU!!!
WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT
YOU!!!**

Father,

in the beautiful name of Yeshua Jesus, we give thanks to You, El Elyon, God most high! You are the Consuming Fire, the Aysh Oklah, and we thank You for sustaining us when we go through the fire. You are God, You are Sovereign, You are our Sustainer, Defender, Rock of Refuge, our Living Bread. All we need is You. Thank You for this work in Israel, that You have allowed us all in which to participate. We thank You and ask that You continue to enlarge the tent of this ministry in Israel. Enlarge our footprint there. Give us all wisdom as we walk out this beautiful life with You as our LORD, our Everything. Please bless every reader. Thank You LORD, show us how to Bless You more! for we ask in the name of Jesus, our wonderful Yeshua, amen.

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