

Dear Maoz Partner,

This past week, Israel successfully tested the Arrow 3 missiles, able to safely intercept and destroy nuclear missiles outside the atmosphere. Arrow 3 is now joining the Iron Dome and Magic Wand as an additional, most-advanced protection layer for Israel against our sworn enemies. Also this week, we were very surprised to find out about two alleged Israeli F-35 airstrikes against Iranian military targets in Iraq. As always, Israel keeps silent on the issue, leaving many to speculate about what really happened.

Iran continues to try and establish military presence in various countries of the Middle East. These unceasing attempts even prompted the Israeli Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories to release a special video appealing to the residents of the Gaza Strip. The video says, "Residents of Gaza, Iran is trying to take over the Strip," and later concludes, "This is the beginning and only you will choose the end." In any case, Israel will do everything it can to prevent Iranian spread in the region, knowing that should we allow it to happen, Israel will be in imminent and immediate danger.

As we continue to trust the Lord to protect the land and the people of Israel, please join us in prayer this week:

For the Lord to keep Israel safe. Pray for wisdom, insight, and boldness for our commanders and leaders to do what is necessary to protect this land. Pray for protection for our soldiers, who are keeping us safe day and night. Pray that no weapon formed against us would prosper.

For the September elections. By tomorrow at 10pm, every political party's candidates list will have to be finalized and submitted to the Election Committee. The list of parties running in the elections, and the merges between parties will be official and final. There have been several merges of smaller parties from the right and the left in the last week. Pray for God's will and guiding hand over the entire election process.

For Rodrigo and Sophi's daughter, Ruti. Please continue to pray for the family to make the right decisions for Ruti and her future. Pray for the Lord's continual mercy and grace on this dear family..

For Ari, Shira, Kobi, and Shani as they continue the process of leadership transition at Maoz Israel. This process will take time, so please keep praying for the Lord's wisdom and guidance through every stage.

For the Maoz team around the world.

For a good report for our Maoz UK director, Brian, who is recovering from last week's biopsy.

For Kobi, Shani, and the children. Today, Kobi and Shani will appear on DayStar TV's Marcus & Joni program, with several re-runs after the live show. (They will be live at 11am CST / 7pm Israel time.) Pray that the Lord continues to open doors for us to share about our work in Israel with believers around the world.

For the "Narrated Bible in Chronological Order" project.

For our media and music projects.

For the Hebrew Books department.

For unity and strength for the body of believers in Israel.

For persecuted believers in the Land. Pray for the Beit Hallel congregation in Ashdod.

For our Arab brothers and sisters in Messiah.

For a project involving international TV programs.

From Maoz Israel UK: Pray for our country as our PM Boris Johnson, seeks to negotiate a deal out of the European Union. May God's will be done, and may the UK be a truly united kingdom.

Please continue to pray for our Director Brian, as he recovers from the biopsy he had last Friday.

Pray for Maoz Ireland, that they would have openings to speak to church leaders and an increase in supporters.

Pray for safety for the Jewish community in our country. May our Messianic community be united in reaching out to them with the Good News that our Messiah is Yeshua.

In closing, I would like to quote one of our intercessors, who sent a Word of the Lord to us this month, *"Stay in God's peace - Shalom, having His peace upon you, that you will be a beacon of light in this world of turmoil."*

Over the weekend, I had the privilege of attending a special retreat for single mothers and widows. Along with a peaceful atmosphere of the surrounding nature, we had teaching sessions that focused on forgiveness. I have heard so many teachings on the subject, but this one revolutionized my thinking in that before going through the process of forgiving, we were to invite Yeshua into the facts, feelings, emotions, and reactions we had in the situation we were focusing on.

Yes, the Lord is near to us at all times, but in order for us to fellowship with Him, we need to hear Him knocking on the door of our hearts, and invite Him into every aspect of what we are going through. My prayer this week is that we could all experience daily that intimacy with God, which brings us peace, healing, deliverance, joy, and assurance that we are safe in His hands.

**Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for the time you're investing in intercession for Israel and Maoz. We bless you in the precious name of Messiah Yeshua.
Shalom from Tel Aviv!**

Katy Smith

For the Maoz Israel Ministries Team