



# "ISAIAH 40" Newsletter

*"Comfort ye, comfort ye My people..." Is.40:1*

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## ***Greetings Friends,***

From the "winter wonderland" of Northern Wisconsin! Thank you again Tami for the gift of snow tires right before winter set in. We thank the Lord for you every time we venture out. What a winter - even people's snowmobiles are getting stuck in the snow!

## ***Running Toward Our Destiny***

Our daughters were very young when my personal relationship with the Creator of the universe began. The Lord was proving to me daily Who He is and as we faced numerous testing's, such as difficult surgeries, financial situations, etc, He kept showing up and doing miracles along the way! It soon became obvious to us that the Lord was in charge of everything we went through. We knew we were being trained for our destinies.

I started to tell my girls that, every time we faced a new situation in our lives, we should "*Look at it as another adventure!*" These "*adventures*" could be either good or bad situations - we knew we were being covered by the Lord and He would see us through everything! We still laugh about Mom constantly saying, "*Look at it as another adventure!*"

## ***Your Destiny!***

Let me ask you a question - **Do you know what your destiny is?**

If you could not answer that question or are unsure if you really know what the Lord wants you to do in this life, ask Him to show you. Look back at the "*adventures*" you have had in your life and see if there is any consistent pattern to them. Take a few days to do this and keep asking the Lord to speak to you and lead you through this process. You will probably be surprised by what you learn about yourself and the hand of the Lord in your life.

After you do this then search your heart to find out what your passions have been throughout your life - even as a child. What dreams for your life have you had? What games did you play? Even look at what things you did that you were made fun of by others? Then ask the Lord to help you see what dreams He would be proud of you for pursuing. After that take the first step toward the fulfillment of that dream! As you do these things I believe you will find yourself walking on the path toward fulfilling your personal destiny. Remember - **The Lord is bigger than you think!!!**

## ***Tearing Down the Roadblocks On Your Way to Your Destiny***

### ***Roadblocks you may encounter:***

- \* Criticism from others - You will often be criticized about your strong points!
- \* Lack of faith
- \* Physical challenges
- \* Financial challenges.
- \* Your Location

- \* Discouragements from those in authority over you.
- \* Fear of the unknown
- \* Low self esteem
- \* Age - either old or young (The Lord uses All ages.)

### ***Tools for taking down the roadblocks you encounter on your way***

\* Read the Word to find out how mighty & strong the Lord is. Note: Do not limit what God can do through you by your own standards ***"You can do all things through Messiah Yeshua who strengthens you!"*** Study those God used in the Scriptures.

\* Ask the Lord to mold your life, decisions and courage to allow Him to lead you into the destiny He has planned for you since before you were formed in your mother's womb. Psalm 139

### **One Personal Testimony**

While I was on one of my 17 trips to Israel I was asked by someone in leadership of EFRAT/Cribs to be the outreach person to the Christian community for their work to save Jewish babies from abortion. I deeply believed in the work they were doing but - I immediately told him, *"No, I have no money to do this!"* I did not even consider doing something like this because of our financial situation.

I realized lately that I never even asked God if He wanted me to accept this challenge. I didn't give Him a chance to tear down the financial roadblock in my path! I guess I didn't have enough faith in His power to pour out the money we needed to say, "Yes!"

EFRAT/Cribs has gone forward despite my response and have since saved many babies from abortion while helping their mothers. They found people in the Christian community who said, "Yes" when asked to take this challenge! We try to send as much money as possible to them for their work but I often wonder if I missed the open door that was set before me back then!

### ***Encouragement From Jerusalem!***

"My dearest Kip and Ginny,

I am always deeply moved when I open your bulletin and feel your Zionist commitment. And then, when I shake the envelope and get your check for the "Healing of the Daughters of Zion" (Jeremiah) Wow!

Isaiah Ministry is a role model for all giving.

You fulfill the Psalmist saying (Ps.116) "How shall we thank the Lord for all the good (and not so good - BG commentary) that is bestowed upon us..."

It is to honor our pledges in the presence of God's people - in the courtyard of God's house, in the midst of Jerusalem - Halleluiah.

And so you, dear friends, have the appreciation and thanks of Hadassah in these courtyards, here in Jerusalem.

May God watch over you and keep you well to continue the Lord's calling to all of us.

Love, BG (Barbara Goldstein)

## **AS SENATE REJECTS BORN ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS ACT, FRC ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN TO SEND BABY HATS BY THE THOUSANDS TO CONGRESS**

Washington, D.C. -- In response to the U.S. Senate's rejection today of the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act, Family Research Council is launching a campaign to deliver thousands of baby hats to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Each hat will be accompanied by a message urging the House of Representatives to end birthday abortions and take decisive action to protect all babies born alive from being killed outside the womb. CHPP 2/26/19

### ***Abortion Law - WORK to End This!!!!***

\* *"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;" Deuteronomy 30:19*

\* *"His Righteousness goes before you, the Glory of The Lord is your rear guard." Isaiah 58:8*

\* *"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another." 1 Thess 5:11*

\* *"Indeed, this is what the LORD says: "Even the captives of the mighty will be taken away, and the plunder of a tyrant will be retrieved; I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children." Isaiah 49:25*

**NOTE: We are in the process of filling the requests we have received for our materials.**

### ***Headlines for Prayer!***

#### **TRUMP'S NAMES SPECIAL ENVOY TO FIGHT GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITISM - CBN News**

Elan Carr, the United States' newly-appointed special envoy to monitor and combat anti-Semitism, will take his first trip to Belgium and Slovakia this week. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced Carr's appointment Tuesday, which came after the Trump administration left the position open for more than two years.

Carr is a US Army veteran who served in Iraq. He's also a prosecutor and a former president of the Jewish fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, in Los Angeles. "Special Envoy Carr is a former criminal prosecutor, and currently serves as a military officer. He has also served as an anti-terrorism expert, and a Jewish community leader who has played a prominent role in defending the safety of the Jewish people at home and abroad," Pompeo said on Tuesday.

"Promoting human rights and religious freedom, including by combating anti-Semitism everywhere it exists, is a US foreign policy priority that furthers our national interests of stability and democracy," he continued. "We will not stand by in the face of oppression." The Israeli-American Council applauded Carr's appointment. CHPP 2/7/19

#### **US HOUSE MEMBERS INTRODUCE BILL TO FUND HOLOCAUST EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS - Times of Israel**

A bipartisan slate of House members introduced a bill that would grant money to Holocaust education in schools. The Never Again Education Act would establish the Holocaust Education Assistance Program Fund in the US Treasury. The bill would combine appropriated funds and private donations. CHPP 2/7/19

## **THE WORTH OF A PERSON!!!!**

***"Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them."* Deuteronomy 4:9**

**If we do nothing or don't speak up when the most vulnerable of our citizens are being destroyed we set ourselves up for our nation to be destroyed as well. We need to relearn what the Lord is asking of us in our churches, service units, families and as individuals - NOW!!**

You may be thinking that this does not affect you in any way. Others will speak up and I will pray.

***"First they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Socialists and the Trade Unionists, but I was neither, so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew so I did not speak out. And when they came for me, there was no one left to speak out for me."* Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

**\* *"Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind."* Genesis 9:6**

## **THE LEADERS OF THE NATIONS!!**

I believe that most of the turmoil we see happening in the nations of the world can be traced back to corrupt, evil leaders who have been taught to do what is *"evil in the eyes of the Lord"* and to reject the message that the God of Israel laid out in Scriptures. Someone or some group had to teach and model this evil to them over their lifetime. Hitler did not start out with his heart filled with hate and with plans to be a mass murderer. Mother Theresa was not born with her heart filled with love for those the world has rejected and with plans to dedicate her whole life by living with them in order to offer them help.

It would be interesting to do a study to find out what Hitler's parents and Mother Theresa's parents were like. In fact, I think we could glean a lot by studying their grandparents and great grandparents as well.

We really need to stop complaining about our leadership and start praying - asking the Lord to raise up leaders who have been trained up to have integrity, to be honest, courageous, empathetic & to love the Lord and His Word!

As we look around the world we find that many nations are in a state of civil war, political upheaval, dictatorship, ethnic cleansing and economic collapse. We also see that many nations that were stable and healthy 50 years ago are now on the brink of moral, economic and political collapse. At the same time that we see these disturbing changes in the nations we also see the collapse of the family, failure of the educational systems and the watering down of the *"Church."* I believe that these things all go hand in hand.

I can't help but notice that as a nation, a people group or an individual begin to lose the belief in the sanctity of life they also lose their moral compass and their reason to live a meaningful life. Hitler's first target for death were the handicapped.

I believe that the down turn in the strength of the USA and many other nations can be tied to several occurrences - The legalization of abortion and euthanasia. The denigration and rejection of the Word of God. The dishonoring of the disabled. And the almost total rejection of the God of Israel!

The moral condition of the nations of the world do not seem to be very conducive to training up righteous leaders at this time!

***"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1Timothy 2:1&2***

***Prayer Requests*** Please pray:

- \* That the "spirit of poverty" will be broken off believers!
- \* That we will all find the path to our personal destinies and have the courage to follow them!.
- \* For continued healing for our family.
- \* For life, truth & guidance from above for the USA & Israel's leaders.
- \* That we will all be amazed at what the Lord can do through us as He reveals our destinies to us and we step out in faith to follow His lead.
- \* That infanticide will be ended - NO MORE ABORTIONS!!!

***Scriptures For Prayer!!!***

- \* *"Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." Deuteronomy 4:9*
- \* *"Your name, Lord, endures forever, your renown, Lord, through all generations. For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants." Psalm 135:13-14*
- \* *"Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." Psalm 35:27*
- \* *"For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard." Isaiah 52:12*
- \* *"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." Isaiah 43:1&2*
- \* *"Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds." Isaiah 3:10*
- \* *"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." Proverbs 15:3*
- \* *"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26*

***Believing in the Dream!,***

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## JUST IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

At the 2014 Oscars, they celebrated the 75th anniversary of the release of the "Wizard of Oz" by having Pink sing Somewhere Over the Rainbow. But what few people realized, while listening to that incredible performer singing that unforgettable song, is that the music is deeply embedded in the Jewish experience.

But perhaps the most poignant song emerging out of the mass exodus from Europe was "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". The lyrics were written by Yip Harburg. He was the youngest of four children born to Russian Jewish immigrants. His real name was Isidore Hochberg and he grew up in a Yiddish speaking, Orthodox Jewish home in NY. The music was written by Harold Arlen, a cantor's son. His real name was Hyman

Arluck and his parents were from Lithuania. Together, Hochberg and Arluck wrote "*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*", which was voted the 20th century's number one song by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

In writing it, the two men reached deep into their immigrant Jewish consciousness -- framed by the pogroms of the past and the Holocaust about to happen — and wrote an unforgettable melody set to near prophetic words.

Read the lyrics in their Jewish context and suddenly the words are no longer about wizards and Oz, but about Jewish survival:

### SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

**Way up high, There's a land that I heard of  
Once in a lullaby. Somewhere over the  
rainbow Skies are blue, And the dreams that you dare to dream  
Really do come true. Someday I'll wish upon a star  
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me.  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops  
Away above the chimney tops That's where  
you'll find me. Somewhere over the rainbow  
Bluebirds fly. Birds fly over the  
rainbow. Why then, oh why can't I?  
If happy little bluebirds fly  
Beyond the rainbow  
Why, oh why can't I?**

The Jews of Europe could not fly. They could not escape beyond the rainbow. Harburg was almost prescient when he talked about wanting to fly like a bluebird away from the "chimney tops". In the post-Auschwitz era, chimney tops have taken on a whole different meaning than the one they had at the beginning of 1939. Pink's mom is Judith Kugel. She's Jewish of Lithuanian background. As Pink was belting the Harburg/Arlen song from the stage at the Academy Awards, I wasn't thinking about the movie. I was thinking about Europe's lost Jews and the immigrants to America. I was then struck by the irony that for two thousand years the land that the Jews heard of "*once in a lullaby*" was not America, but **Israel**. The remarkable thing would be that less than ten years after "*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*" was first published, the exile was over and the State of Israel was reborn. Perhaps the "dreams that you dare to dream really do come true"

Rabbi Bernhard Rosenberg Published 12:02 a.m. ET Dec. 10, 2014 *Rabbi Bernhard Rosenberg reflects on "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from the perspective of its Jewish composers, who published the Oscar-winning song on the eve of the Holocaust.*

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