



International Fellowship  
of Christians and Jews®

***Together***  
***for Israel***

***Together for Israel • A Journey of Faith***

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**Pastor's Guide**



# How Can God Use a Simple Box of Food?

During the **Together for Israel** event, your congregation will be asked to take up an offering to help *The Fellowship* rush hundreds of lifesaving food boxes to suffering Jews, many of whom are Holocaust survivors.

When your church members donate just \$25, *The Fellowship* will deliver a box full of food to a vulnerable, elderly Jew in desperate need.

*“You saved my life.  
Now I know why God  
kept me alive.”*



## YOUR GIFT OF \$25 WILL PROVIDE A MONTH OF LIFESAVING FOOD:

- ✓ cans of tuna fish
- ✓ bananas
- ✓ apples
- ✓ Can of corn
- ✓ Bag of oatmeal
- ✓ Box of tea bags
- ✓ potatoes
- ✓ cucumbers
- ✓ tomatoes
- ✓ Can of peas
- ✓ Bag of rice

## How to Give

Whether you choose to host an in-person event or a hybrid event (digital and in-person), the following are ways you can collect contributions.

### Give in Person:

You can pass the offering plate at the conclusion of the event and collect donations at that time. A donation slip and return envelope have been provided for your convenience to return a single check to *The Fellowship*.



### Text to Give:

You can use the text to give feature for both in person and/or hybrid events. Your personal text code is provided in your materials and can be shared with your congregation to make a \$25 gift.



### Give Online:

If you are hosting a hybrid event, please provide your personal URL that is provided in your materials to your congregation to access your personal event giving page.



# SHALOM!

Thank you and welcome to the *International Fellowship of Christians and Jews* signature church event — ***Together for Israel!***

## ***Why Together for Israel?***

***Together for Israel*** will take your church members on a collective journey of faith to:

- unlock a deeper understanding of our Jewish roots
- experience God's loving heart for His dear people
- provide a practical opportunity to support the physical needs of our Jewish brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and throughout the world

We've designed this very special time to enrich your congregation and to encourage them to draw closer to God in a way they may not have experienced before. Indeed, ***Together for Israel*** provides an opportunity for your congregants to see Israel from both a biblical and human perspective and to realize they can do something tangible to support her people. By participating in the event, your church members will feel more connected to God and His caring heart for those less fortunate.

*Yael Eckstein*



# Resources for a Successful *Together for Israel Church Event*

To make sure your event is an awesome experience, we will provide you with all the essentials, including videos, sermon materials, Scripture verses, a sample run of schedule, donation forms, and more.

## EVENT PROMOTION VIDEO RESOURCE:

*International Fellowship of Christians and Jews*  
Informational Video – 4:43  
[www.ifcj.org/TogetherForIsrael](http://www.ifcj.org/TogetherForIsrael)

*“The Journey of Faith”*  
Event Promotion Video – 0:58  
[www.ifcj.org/JoinTogether](http://www.ifcj.org/JoinTogether)



*Fellowship* President and CEO Yael Eckstein speaks to your church about how God has called both Christians and Jews to obey the clarion call to reach suffering Jews around the world in vital, yet very practical ways.

To help get the word out to your congregation about the event, we've created a special video for you to share on social media in the weeks leading-up to your event.

*Pastor Roger Cheeks Complete Sermon* – 25:45  
[www.ifcj.org/TogetherSermon](http://www.ifcj.org/TogetherSermon)

*Pastor Roger Cheeks Short Sermon* – 03:10  
[www.ifcj.org/TogetherSermon3](http://www.ifcj.org/TogetherSermon3)



# Sermon Essentials

At its core, the **Together for Israel** event is designed to share God's love toward His precious Jewish people. And to communicate His heart, we're pleased to provide the following materials as you plan and prepare for event.

## 5 REASONS WHY WE SHOULD BLESS ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

### 1. BECAUSE GOD BLESSES WHOEVER BLESSES ISRAEL

God chose a man named Abram. *"And the LORD said to Abram, Go from your land, from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed"* (Gen. 12:1-3).

### 2. BECAUSE GOD PROSPERS WHOEVER PRAYS FOR ISRAEL

The word *Shalom* means "well-being, joy, peace, prosperity and abundance" When we pray for peace in the bone "*The Shalom*" of Israel, the Bible says that God prospers us Psalm 122:6: *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure.'"*

### 3. BECAUSE OUR SALVATION COMES FROM THE JEWS

Jesus said: *"Salvation comes from the Jews"* John 4:22; so thanks to a Jew named Jesus of Nazareth today we can enjoy eternal salvation.

### 4. BECAUSE BY BLESSING THEM WE BLESS CHRIST

Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:40, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Every time we bless a Jewish brother it is as if we bless Jesus himself.

### 5. BECAUSE WE ARE IN DEBT WITH THEM

Christians must be eternally grateful to the Jewish people for their contribution to the Christian faith. The apostle Paul said in Romans 15:27 that we should bless them with our material goods in gratitude for the spiritual goods that they have left us such as the Bible and its promises *"They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings."*

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

**Genesis 12:3** *"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

**Isaiah 58:7** *"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them."*

**Psalm 102:13** *"You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come."*

### Psalm 122:6

*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure.'"*

**Psalm 71:9** *"Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone."*

**Matthew 25:40** *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*



# Thank you for offering hope to Jews around the world facing persecution, hunger, and poverty!

“Thank you for creating such a practical idea to bless Israel and the Jewish people. My church and I are now more committed than ever to support Israel and *The Fellowship*.”

— *Pastor Alberto Delgado, Alpha and Omega Miami*

“Thank you for allowing us to be part of such an amazing event. We feel already blessed by blessing Israel and we want to continue to bless Israel on a monthly basis”

— *Pastor Herrman Davila, Comunidad de Fe*

“Inspiring and life changing”

— *Pastor Yader Simpson, JTP Kendall*



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