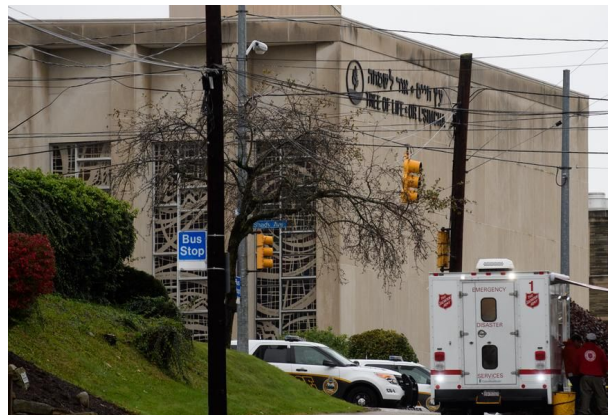




Dear Ministry Partners,

“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably (“Speak to the heart of” in Hebrew) to Jerusalem” (Isaiah 40:1). What comfort Israel can have knowing their sins are forgiven and are assured of a place in Heaven if they come to their Messiah, the Baby that was born in a manger! And, if we have this wondrous forgiveness of sins, how we need to comfort the Jewish people as we tell them of their Savior!

Squirrel Hill Tragedy: The city of Pittsburgh is broken-hearted as we deeply mourn the 11 Jewish people who were gunned down as they worshipped in the **Tree of Life Synagogue** in Squirrel Hill on October 27. This was the worst attack on Jewish people in the history of our country. We began praying that God would give us opportunities to show many Jewish people the comfort and love of their Messiah. Just hours after the shooting, God began to answer our prayer! **Jane, a reporter from “The Cleveland Jewish News,”** called and interviewed us! We had been in their paper a few times before, including for the Honor Israel



Night in Cleveland last year. After we discussed the tragedy, we told Jane of our home church’s



7 Honor Israel Nights in Pittsburgh. Praise God we both were able to give our personal testimonies after she asked us what got us interested in supporting the Jewish people and Israel! She wrote a nice article, but as we had expected, left out our testimonies! Jane wants to meet us sometime, so we told her we will stop in the office of the newspaper sometime. Please pray we will be able to show Jane the love and comfort of Messiah Jesus as we correspond over email.





The next night after the terrible shooting, **we attended a very large vigil at Soldiers and Sailors Auditorium in Oakland near Squirrel Hill** that holds about 2,500 people. It was packed, with people standing 3 rows deep on the sides, in the back, and some even the aisles! There were also about 2,000 more people standing outside in the rain so they could hear the 90 minute program! How moving this was! Please pray that God will use this tragedy to draw many Jewish and Gentile people to Him, and that He will use Christians to show these very needy people the comfort and love of their Messiah and Savior.



Cookie, Gordie, Beverly: We conduct a monthly Yiddish Club at a Jewish assisted living facility. **Cookie** is one of our regular attendees who always contributes to the program. He also attends the Tree of Life Synagogue where the shooting happened. We learned that his ride to the synagogue that Saturday morning was late, and Cookie was spared! Recently he told us that he normally sits behind Rose, the 97 year-old Jewish lady who was killed. He said

a couple times, "I'm lucky." We answered, "No, God has a purpose for saving your life. We want to talk to you about this sometime." Please pray that God will work this out!

How we praise God that He spared two close friends of ours! **Beverly and Gordie**, Jewish believing brother and sister, are members of New Light Congregation which meets in the Tree of Life Synagogue. Thankfully, they were not there that Saturday morning!

Recently, **Arlene** began experiencing severe nerve pain and stiffness in her right leg. It is very hard for her to walk without a cane or walker. Her neurologist prescribed an MRI. The MRI showed arthritis pinching against nerves in the spine. Other tests will be coming. Please pray that this will be resolved soon and that God will give relief from pain and enable Arlene to be actively involved once again in the ministry she loves.

How we praise God for you, your love and prayers, and your partnership in the wonderful ministry God has given us here! We are all laborers together for the sake of the Gospel! May He grant each of you a Christmas and New Year filled with Jesus's great comfort and love as you focus on the Baby that was born in a manger!

In the Name of the Wondrous Miracle who came for us,

Jeff & Arlene Berg

