

Thank you for being willing to look at facilitating a gathering in your area.

Here's some information to let you know more of what is involved.

New Zealand Bless Israel has a simple and clear mandate

- to gather people around the nation, to stand in unity and love, to Bless Israel.

We are standing firmly on this ground together – because this is the mandate the God gave, and we are staying within His lines.

Although there are many things that could be said and done, we are not turning this into a political rally, a celebration of Jewish culture or traditions or any other type of event...in this instance our presence will be a testimony for our nation and national leaders, our love will communicate to Jewish people in ways that words can not. We are maintaining the spirit of the event so that the Holy Spirit can do through this all that the Father intends to bring forth.

We are sending out a sound from the ends of the earth to Israel, and it is a sound that is clear and sweet. We are in one heart and unified we are speaking with one voice as a nation, yes and amen to the call God has given – we bless Israel.

Our unity is vital:

As we stand in unity, God commands a blessing. (Ps 133).

As we join in agreement, we increase the power of what is put to flight.

We are joining - many places, cultures, churches & organisations; one nation. We are standing locally to agree nationally. As we stand God will deliver.

Keep to the shared live stream event.

- combining by live stream takes the pressure off planning many events, but more importantly it means we are all sharing in the same moment and message. It emphasises our corporate agreement.
- Find ways to emphasise your local community – e.g. have on screen photos of your area and the message 'Wanganui Blesses Israel,' put up the phrase on screen or in venue decoration, 'standing locally to agree nationally', to emphasise what it's all about. Have an MC for your event thank people for gathering and end the night.

Invite people from across the community

- we are laying out the welcome mat, bringing down barriers and creating the opportunity to come together. Whoever wants to will come, but we don't want to exclude anyone from the invitation, or put people off by our approach.
- It's our opportunity to build bridges, forgive, and freely give. It's an opportunity to bring people together. We do our best, God will take care of the rest.

Let people know how they can be part of the different aspects of how they can Bless Israel

- send in photos of their Church or groups for the photo book
- help collect as many names as possible to Sign the Card
- sounding of Shofars at Sunrise, we want as many as possible hear about it and join in.

Our Love speaks volumes:

We will do our utmost to have an excellent evening, but the power in the event is the people gathered in His name, with His heart, for His purpose – not in the performance.

It's the sincerity of our humility and heart to bless that is the power of the event. People around the nation, Jewish people in Israel, will know we are followers of Christ by our love.

As you speak to people about the evening:

Prioritize people not programme

Emphasise the simplicity of the purpose

- to release blessing, not the complexity of the issues relating to Israel, or Israel and Palestine...

Speak of what we are for, not what you are against

- we are blessing Israel, we are not against Arab people. We are seeking the His will be done and His kingdom come. God is the God of all nations, He will judge all people's. God does not wish that any would perish. We are called to bless those who curse us, we are to love our enemies...we have not option to hate, we are called to love. We are blessing not cursing.

Practically Speaking:

- Pick a venue that suits gathering people from many churches and backgrounds.
- Advertise by invitation, email and word of mouth, not by posters in public places (we are aware that not everyone wants to bless Israel, we are not opening the opportunity for disruption and confrontation). Encourage people to spread the information and invitation as far and wide as possible. People picking it up and passing it to people – a relay.
- Have security personnel set up for the event, ready to handle any difficulties with as little confrontation as possible, but as firmly as necessary.
- You will need a large screen, very good projector and sound equipment.
- Have plenty of ushers and greeters who will set a warm and welcoming tone. Great to have people of different cultures greeting. Let people know they can wear their korowai, or special clothes from their culture if they like. We are honouring and celebrating who we are, as we release blessing from us all.
- Decorate the venue using the motif of the two flags. Make the venue a New Zealand event/environment, we are sending the message from who we are here at the ends of the earth.

It's going to be a special night may you enjoy the evening & joining together in your community and across the nation. To God be the Glory.