



Dear HIT hosts,

The summer is just around the corner bringing with it to New Zealand new Israeli travellers. While the season has started somewhat slow, let's hope and pray that it will pick-up soon. Enclosed is the 2014 HIT directory. Please check your "hosting profile" and make sure that all your information and contact details in the directory are correct. *If there are any errors in your "hosting Profile", please inform me ASAP.* Corrections and editions to the 2014 HIT directory are attached to this newsletter. Please inform your Israeli visitors. Please do not give your HIT directory to any Israeli travelers, or to HIT members who have lost their copy. – In such a case, please refer them to one of the HIT agents (see page 3 of the HIT directory), or ask them to give me a call.

HIT Membership Fee: Keeping it at \$30 p"p, the 'deal' is just too good for the Israeli travelers to refuse. At this price, there are no excuses for Israelis attempting to use the HIT network without paying their membership fee. Please check the validity of your guests' Membership Cards and to record it in your "Host Report Form". Non-Club members should be referred to the local HIT agent so they can pay their membership fee and join the HIT Trave Club.

New hosts - attached to this letter is your "Host Report Form". Please print some extra copies for your future use.
Existing hosts - as I mentioned before, I'm cutting on costs. If you have run out of copies from last year, I can email you the "Host Report Form" at your request. No need to send us the Form when full; it is for your own use only!

HIT Website (www.hit-nz.com): The HIT website has not been updated for a while now. No major updates are planned at present as expending the HIT network internationally would require a brand-new, super advanced website...

HIT Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/hit.nz): To help with promotion, please **LIKE** our page and follow us there.

HIT Facebook Group (www.facebook.com/groups/hit.nz): I personally invite you to join the HIT facebook group! This is where Israelis and hosts can share in photos and stories about the time they had together. *Please note that this group is primarily for the Israeli travelers and has to do with everything concerning traveling in New Zealand and nothing else!* In the HIT group Israelis can post photos of their travel experiences (skydive, bungy, rafting, tracks, etc); ask about buying, selling or renting a car; celebrating the Jewish feasts; looking for a lift or a casual job; buying or selling 2nd hand travel equipment, tips for traveling and so forth. This is a great place where you can interact with the Israelis!!! If you become a facebook friend with your Israeli visitors, you can add them to the HIT group yourself! I also intend to use our facebook group to send regular updates. I ask you not to give any of your contact details in the HIT group as this can lead to the abuse of the network. Posts and comments that will include those will be deleted. Addresses of both our facebook page and group (see at the top of this page), can also be found at the back cover of the HIT directory. Please, come and share with us!!!

HIT for hosts: As HIT hosts, I would like to encourage you to make contact with HIT hosts from other parts of the country if you happen to be in their area and even stay with them, so you can encourage one another, fellowship together and share about your hosting experiences... However, during the high season, and especially in the highly touristic places where we lack in hosts, please consider hosts who may be busy with Israelis...

Non-Israelis using HIT: If HIT members travel with non-Israelis, we don't allow for it in the HIT network unless they are in a relationship for at least 6 month. In such a case non-Israelis can pay their membership fee and join the HIT travel club as well. In any other situation, we recommend you refuse the hosting (as they are not HIT members) but leave it to the hosts' discretion and suggest you take it case by case. At times, if I meet backpackers that are searching for God, I allow them to use the HIT network as it's a great privilege reaching out to Gentiles as well. This is for a very limited number of backpackers, obviously. While you are under no obligation, please consider hosting such travelers if you receive a call – thank you!

May you all have a busy, fruitful and blessed season with your Israeli visitors!

I wish to thank HIT hosts and TEOTE ministry partners for all your on-going prayer and support.

Together for the salvation of Israel!

PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Omri Jaakobovich,
TEOTE ministry / HIT network

Dear TEOTE supporter,

Firstly, I want to personally thank both *Ian & Yvonne MacDonald* (HIT hosts in Coopers Beach) and *Luke Burton* (new HIT host in Kahoe) who are both part of the Totara North Assembly that I've been part of since October 2012, who have "shared the load" of hosting me while I was working on the 2014 HIT directory. At this time of the year when I work around-the-clock preparing the directory, it is a true blessing to have a place that I can freely use, while working without interruptions. Without this, there would be no HIT directory...

I also want to use the opportunity and thank *Graham Porter* (HIT host from Auckland) who for more than 10 years has faithfully (and more often than not, voluntarily!) done not just my own personal accounting but also the accounting of the HIT network. This was a special blessing to me, as unlike my father and younger brother, who are both financial experts, this is an area I know absolutely nothing about... This, together with my intentions of expanding the HIT network internationally, which will require the re-structure of the entire network, is a good opportunity to look for someone new to do the necessary accounting... *Any volunteers or suggestions?!?*

Good news #1 - Giora Jaakobovich

You may recall that in April 2012, my 65yrs old father, had been diagnosed at an early stage of Acute Leukemia. My father went through chemotherapy treatment and was in an isolated hospital room for a number of weeks after going through a bone marrow transplant in October last year. Praise the Lord, after 1 year of receiving blood on a weekly basis, (my father was dependent on a weekly blood transfusion) the Hemoglobin level is high enough and my father, who had no blood-type for the entire year, has the same blood-type as his Donner -A... *Thank you all for your prayers!!!*

Good news #2 - New Zealand Citizenship

In the March 2013 newsletter I shared about the necessity for me to apply for my New Zealand citizenship. I submitted my application the day I flew to Israel (May 14th) and when I returned to New Zealand (August 30th) I brought with me my Israeli Birth Certificate which was necessary for my application. I returned to Paihia on October 7th after finishing working on the 2014 HIT directory, and in my PO box was a letter waiting for me dated September 17th which read: *"The Minister of Internal Affairs has authorized the grant of New Zealand citizenship to you, conditional on you taking the oath or affirmation of allegiance at a public citizenship ceremony."* And in another letter I received on 23.11 I was told: *"Your certificate of citizenship will be presented at Kaikohe, 6 December 2013. You are requested to attend before His Worship the Mayor Mr John Carter to take the oath or affirmation of Allegiance and to receive your certificate."* Praise the Lord!!! The doors to establish the HIT network in Australia have just been opened up...Halleluiah!!!

KAM

Please find attached *KAM's October 2013 newsletter*. The 2013 Book Catalog (*"Understanding the Jewish Roots of the Messianic Faith"*) by KAM has been posted to TEOTE supporters back in March this year. Please email me if you would like to have this Catalog in a PDF format, and I'll email it to you. I remind you that you can order any of these great books, written by Messianic Jews between the years 1830 – 1920, directly from us and encourage you to do so.

Jacob Damkani's Tour of New Zealand (February 2014)

A rough plan of our tour together is attached. The complete tour, including venues and contact people for each place will be emailed to you together with a promotional poster sometime soon. ANY help with the promotion of our meetings will be greatly appreciated. Jacob and I are looking forward to meeting many of you during that tour! We are looking for an enclosed trailer (to carry books and other items) and 2 Eftpos Machines. If any of you can help with any of these >>> please let me know...

Israeli Embassy, New Zealand

Yosef (Yossi) Livne, the Israeli Ambassador in New Zealand has written a "thank you" letter to HIT hosts and other Christian supporters of the People and Nation of Israel. Please find his letter to you, attached.

God of Wonders DVD

This is, by far, the best first-time introduction DVD on the subject of creation that I have ever come across... Including stunning photography, this documentary features various scientists from different disciplines that convey the message of creation in the most powerful way. As most of the Israelis coming to New Zealand have been taught evolution as a proven fact, it is not possible for them to even consider the possibility of a Creator God... This DVD (with Hebrew sub-titles) can really make a difference!!! *A ministry partner in Israel is willing to offer this fantastic DVD (and perhaps other DVDs as well) to HIT hosts for absolutely FREE, so you can watch it with your Israeli visitors!* The only thing you'll need to help us with is the shipping costs from Israel and inside NZ. This will probably be something like \$5 to \$10 only. If you want to send a donation to the *ministry partner in Israel* you can do that through us, please mention: *"God of Wonders"* and we'll send your gift to them. Please email your order to: teote.ministry@gmail.com

Promised Land DVD

On October 16th I received the following message on facebook: "Shalom Omri, My name is Todd Morehead and I received info about your ministry via *Hadavar Messianic Ministries* newsletter. I directed a documentary titled *'Promised Land - Israel through the Eyes of Surfers'* and I think it might be a great tool for you and your team to give to traveling Israeli's..." Watching the 3 minutes' movie trailer that Todd sent me (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCiDprlvRuE&feature=youtu.be>) got me interested to want to watch the movie in its entirety... This professionally made documentary tells the stories of surfers in Israel, Jews and Arabs, their dreams and aspirations... It has some fantastic surfing photography and, most importantly, the gospel is 'gently' presented at various parts of the documentary. This is a great gift to give your Israeli visitors and even to your friends or church members who may not really understand the Issue of Israel... This DVD (has subtitles in Hebrew, English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, Japanese, German and Arabic) is offered to HIT hosts / TEOTE supporters at costs (if ordering a large bulk): 1 DVD @ \$7 | 3 @ \$15 | 5 @ \$20 | 10 @ \$30 | 25 @ \$50 covering the shipping costs from the USA and postage inside New Zealand. Just email your order to: teote.ministry@gmail.com

If you want to support this work >>> TEOTE bank account details are as follows: 02-0386-0093421-000

Bank: Bank of New Zealand (BNZ) Account Name: TEOTE ("The Ends of the Earth") Branch: Paihia



Letters and Feedback

From Israeli Travelers

"Omri, shalom! I wanted to thank from the depth of my heart for setting up and upholding this amazing program. I came to New Zealand for the scenery and I didn't expect anything beyond that... And then I've been hosted by HIT families... The most powerful experience, more than any mountain here is these amazing people that take of their time and host us whole heartedly. And you should know that you positively influence every Israeli coming here as well. When people are so nice to us, their goodness is affecting us. It simply causes us to want to be better people. So, thank you very much. I hope you'll continue with this program, that's it's not too much of a head-ache and that the hosts are enjoying it as much as we (Israelis) do. You have made my New Zealand experience!!! (Na'ama, Israel, 8.3.2013)

"Omri, Shalom! I wanted to personally thank you for the huge and amazing organization you have set up in New Zealand. 2 weeks ago I have finished a 10 weeks' travel around New Zealand. On my travels I have stayed with more than 20 HIT families receiving a warm and special care. I wanted to stop by and visit you, but I heard you were in Israel... Thanks to the HIT organization I have managed to accomplish my backpacker travels in this beautiful part of the world with the resources of an ex-solider and for this I, once again, thank you for me and my friend Yarden (who travelled with me) and also many other Israelis I have met on the road. Thanks to you, travels in such an expensive area are possible to all of us. May you succeed in all your endeavours..." (Alon, Israel, 19.6.13)

KAM Books

"...those (KAM) books have been like rain on starved dry ground... thanks again." (Frank, Kaeo, 20.3.13)

"Omri, I do want more (KAM books) for my library but these will be enough until you return from overseas. If you email to me the amount owed and an internet bank account I will start payments and clear the debt asap. Warm regards" (Maureen, Totara North, 12.5.2014)

"Dear Omri, I have selected a few books to purchase. Please send me *A Nations Birthday* by Samuel Wilkinson, *Israel My glory – or God's Plan for Israel* by John Wilkinson, *Jews, Gentiles and the New Testament* by Menahem Benyahim and *Messiah – The Hope of Israel and the Desire of all Nations* by P.E. Gottheil. Shalom! (Barbara, Omokora, 13.5.13) and also from Barbara: "I did receive the books and am enjoying reading them and learning a lot... Am sharing them with others and taking them next month to my sister..." (21.6.13)

HIT (in New Zealand)

"Hi Omri, What a fantastic ministry... I didn't realize that there was such an amazing outreach such as HIT. I would love to hear more about this and I am keen to host tourists from Israel when I am in the country. (Liz, Hamilton, 25.8.2013)

"My name is Jackie. I live in Stratford, Taranaki. I was recently on my 2nd year tour to Israel... I would like to become involved with the HIT programme, so will look forward to hearing from you. Shalom!" (Jackie, Stratford, 12.10.13)

"Hi Omri, My family will be going in 2 weeks' time to the Solomon Islands for a long period... Other people here on the farm, will continue (to host). When we are settled in the Solomon Islands, we would love to add our details to the HIT book as there are many many people who pray and love Israel there. We have enjoyed this season of 13years working with HIT and we will continue to pray for its blessings. God bless in Yeshua's name." (Fred, Drury, 24.3.13)

"Hi Omri, I just wanted to share our experiences with you since we newly joined the HIT network... Since you visited our church last year... and put our name down to join HIT we have had about 25 Israeli travellers stay at our home. We were quite surprised at the number of calls we got... It has been a very rewarding experience and we felt very privileged to have the pleasure of making the acquaintance of each of these lovely young people. So gracious, polite and friendly! Since my husband and I are musicians in our church, when their stay fell on a weekend, we invited quite a few of our guests to come to church to hear us play and several of them happily agreed. Nearly all of our visitors allowed us to pray a blessing on them before they left us. Some opened up conversations about Jesus and asked lots of questions, which we happily answered. And most of them left us lovely notes and email addresses, and invited us to come and visit them in Israel.

One very interesting story: One week we had the job of helping my mother-in-law move a skyline garage. She has been an earthquake victim and is trying to rebuild. So we tried and tried to find about 10 men from our church to help us lift and walk the garage to its new location, but could only get 5 helpers. At the last minute, on the day before the job needed to be done, I got a call from a young Israeli man. Could we please put up 5 of them? Although we only have 4 spare beds, I agreed. And when they arrived, guess what? They were all young men! And big strong guys too! Quite unusual. So we sweetly asked them if they would be willing to help us out for one hour, in exchange for me cooking them all a nice dinner. They happily agreed! So, even though they were the only group who didn't leave us a note or a donation... I guess they figured they had also earned their accommodation, hot water etc... Ha! And even though they drank quite a bit of beer and left us a huge stack of empty bottles to dispose of we felt that God sent them to us at just the right time. Thank you for obeying God and starting this wonderful ministry. Bless you!!! Regards, (Annette, Oxford, 1.5.13)

Support

"Hello Omri, I would like to send you a contribution to your expenses... Please confirm the postal address. Shalom Rav!" (Cheryl, Auckland, 3.5.13). "Hi Omri, hope things are going well with you... Don't know whether it's the Lord prompting me to send this cheque (\$200) or it's just a good idea! Many blessings to you. (Vivian, Morrinsville, 1.8.13)

HIT International

"Dear Omri, Yes I love the Jewish people and I am orating for their salvation. I have an apartment in Perth and have a spare room in this apartment. Therefore I would like to participate in the HIT network Perth. Once I gave more information, I am happy to introduce more friends to join the network. Do you have a need in Singapore? If yes, let me know. Shalom." (Edwina, Perth, WA, Australia 6.5.13) and also: "I am here with YWAM Singapore... until end (of) June 2014. Let me know your needs as I have a guest room, queen size bed, good for a single or double. Shalom" (26.9.13)

"Hey Omri I am a... gentile friend of Israel who lived 5 years in NZ before moving to the other end of the earth to stunningly beautiful arctic Norway. I would love to host Israelis up here as I do my youth missions work... How do I do it? May Adonai, Yeshua and Ruach HaKodesh bless you! Shalom." (Claire, Norway, 8.8.13)

"Hi Omri, I just watched your HIT video... super cool! I've heard about that through listening to some Scott Brown teachings... I love what you're doing. We've got a hostel start up here in Bariloche, Argentina that we're calling Shelter on the Lake. My main goal is the same as yours, Romans 1:16, to the Jew first. On your video you mentioned you wanted to expand the network of HIT. What are your thoughts on the Americas? I'd be very interested in talking with you more about all this as I'm relatively new to this type of ministry, only 8 years off and on with Israelis, but 2 years of it full time. I look forward to talking with you more. Ciao!" (Dylan, Bariloche, Argentina, 9.8.13)

"I am the Publisher of the *Messianic Times Newspaper*; Do you have a significant Messianic Jewish participation to your program? If you do I think it would be an outstanding article for our paper or our website... We have a strong readership worldwide with our website receiving over 30,000 visits a month from people in over 100 countries and our paper editions is read by thousands throughout the US and many other countries... I love what you are doing! I would like to encourage people in the Messianic movement to participate..." (Eric Tokajer, USA, 21.8.13)

"Hello Omri, We are ready to join and have posted the filled in application form yesterday to your New Zealand address. To start with we are especially interested and looking urgently for some help from backpackers in the application referred to as "work in return for accommodation and food"... Could you please give us an indication of when we could possibly expect our first response? We had a phone call with Bob Mendelsohn (JFJ, Australia) who had the opinion that our place would be very well suited for your network." (Rolf & Renate, NSW, Australia, 27.8.13)

"Hi Omri, I talked with one of my friends from the USA regarding hosting Israelis and he was very happy when I told him that I'll give you his contact details... If I remember correctly, he said there would be others who will be happy to host Israelis... There is also a couple from Belgium that I didn't talk about this, but am convinced that they, too, will be very happy to host Israelis... Shabbat shalom!" (Jetta, Israel 19.10.13)

"Wonderful!!! You are doing a great job!! We now live in USA, but we also travel a lot and I perform and share my testimony... You can always check with us, if we are home here in MO, we can also host Israelis! Maybe I'll have an interview with you for my radio show so more people will know about your ministry? I usually pre-record my shows. It's an internet radio... Let's be in touch about it... We can do it by skype. If you want to look at some of the archived shows you can see them at my website: <http://oxanasite.com/our-radio-show/> (Oxana Eliahu, Israel/USA, 4.9.13)

"Shalom Omri, we just learned about HIT and would like to become a part of it as hosts. We are followers of Yeshua HaMashiach, got 4 children 9,7,5,3 years and have been through Ulpan Aleph. We love to share our home and we're looking forward to practicing our Hebrew with (Israeli) travelers. We're situated in Germany 2.5 hours south of Berlin between Dresden and Prague/Czech Rep. Shalom!" (Chris & Anke, Germany, 8.10.13)

"Hi Omri, I received an email today about your network of people opening their homes for Israeli tourists. Wow it's such a great idea! My husband is a messianic Jew (Israeli) who also came to hear the gospel while travelling. I would love to hear more about how this program works. We live in South Africa. Blessings! (Holly, South Africa, 22.10.13)

"Shalom Omri, I have just heard of your program and I think it is wonderful. It would seem God is preparing the hearts of believers in Yeshua worldwide to take up this opportunity. He has prepared ours and many also in our Israel prayer group, just recently too. Amazing! Please can you forward me the information you have made available for those interested, so we can see how you have structured it and what is required of both parties. This is just such a wonderful thing as I've really been asking the Lord how I can possibly be part of the mission to bring the Gospel to the Jew first. It's staggering to me how God is replying so quickly. Thank you, thank you. Many blessings in our Yeshua" (Lyn, South Africa 23.10.13)

"Dear Omri, Thank you again for your e-mail! Once such a HIT network is established in Germany, we would be happy to partner with it in some way as God leads and allows us at that time. Meanwhile, we keep your ministry and you in our prayers. Blessings... (Paula on behalf of "Beit Sar Shalom", Germany, 25.10.13)

"Hi! Are you the Omri who organizes HIT? Everyone says I need to talk to you. I work with *Chosen People Ministries* and lead outreach teams to Israelis in NZ, India, LA, NY and Israel (and adding Argentina). It's mostly backpacking, staying in hostels and trekking and sharing as we build friendships. I've met some HIT families as well. I'm currently in Bariloche but will be in NZ late Dec into Jan. are you there then? (Robynne, USA, 22.11.2013)

"Dear Friends, I live in BC, Canada, and would be interested in knowing more about the Backpacking Ministry out of Israel, as we might be able to host travelers. I look forward to hearing from you." (Shari, BC, Canada, 25.11.2013)