

# NETIVAH *update*

Dear friends of Netivah,

**Through the Lord's mercies, we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"** (Lamentations 3:22-24 NKJV).

We are grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness toward us, personally, as a ministry, and as a nation. As our nation has been at war since October 7th, nothing seems obvious anymore, even for the normal, predictable lives we somehow maintained before.

Our new "normal life" is very different, as we had to learn to quickly adjust to changes, have more detailed backup plans, and (try to) be flexible. But our God never changes and His Word stands firm. We trust Him, our only Rock! As we rely on Him, we shall not be moved.

We are still at war in Gaza, as efforts to free our 120 hostages there are still being carried on. Meanwhile, our northern border is in flames, as Hezbollah consistently fires rockets. While visiting the Golan height a week ago, it felt death-silent, interrupted regularly by bombing and air force, empty of locals and tourists who usually flock there during this time of year.

Meanwhile, we at Netivah are fully on board for such a time as this! We are having meaningful fellowship time for our youth and soldiers as you will read below, and we keep praying for them and serving them in every way we can. We are happy to share with you some of these times of fellowship we recently had.

## What happened lately:

- In February we held two youth conferences, one for the girls and one for the boys, where we discussed God's view of us.
- In April we hosted a soldiers' brunch where 56 soldiers came together on a Friday morning for fellowship.
- In May we held a junior-high youth conference with 250 participants where we spoke about what it means to be precious in the eyes of God. Later that month we held a huge youth conference with more than 400 participants. On the topic of "in His image and His likeness".
- In June we held a soldiers' conference based on the theme "My Soul Thirsts for You". Among the 101 participants were both soldiers and soon-to-be soldiers, who await their drafting, or are in their last school year. These are the ones we especially were excited to meet, as many of them join our Netzor program (see more below). Apart from the Bible teaching they enjoyed a fun time in the swimming pool, worship, and fellowship.

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## Summer programs:

### July 2nd -11th - Netzor –

our 10-day pre-military program for young men and women who have graduated from high school and are soon to be drafted into the IDF will be very special this year, due to our circumstances.

First, we understand these young men and women will join the military during a time of fighting and war, and many of them will undoubtedly find themselves engaging, to whatever level they are required to. Second, due to the bombing on our northern border, we are unfortunately moving from our Golan Heights regular Netsor base to a different location. The Baptist Village will be the main base of the program, and different locations for the program's activity are being established.

We expect more than 70 participants and are thankful to have this meaningful program running in God's grace whatever the circumstances are!

### July 29th - October 21st - Chetzim ("Arrows") –

this extended pre-military program for those graduating high school and awaiting their drafting to the IDF includes an 11-week intensive discipleship program. Its main purpose is to prepare the participants spiritually, mentally, and physically for their military service.

We expect around 20 participants and 7 staff members, all volunteers who generously commit their time and energy to this cause.

During February Joel had an opportunity to visit the US and share what God is doing in Israel. Thank you to those willing to open their churches, homes, and hearts.

In May Joel was invited to speak at the PFIJUKO youth conference in Siegen, Germany, and was very blessed to see the hand of God in the lives of so many teens in Germany.

Dear friends, we thank you for supporting us in prayers and encouragement. Your support warms our hearts and makes you valuable in sowing into our dear youth and soldiers, for which we are very grateful.

*Yours* in Yeshua our Lord,  
Joel Goldberg and the Netivah Team

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## Please pray for these programs:

For the Netivah team, the volunteers, and staff, the locations to be decided, and all logistics to be planned as best as possible and adjusted as smoothly as possible (if required).

For the participants, to have a life-changing experience with the Lord and a new hunger for His Word.

For the participants, that they will have a vision to serve the Lord while serving our country in the army, and be faithful to Him and the local congregations.

And for them to build lasting and effective relationships that will encourage them during their time in the army – we are so aware of how much they will need them.

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