

# EXODUS from UKRAINE – 2014



**Dedicated to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Exodus Nord.**

Jewish people's way towards their homeland, Israel, has never been easy. Still, there has never been such a tragic exodus of Jewish people from Ukraine as the one in 2014.

Ukraine has become a military bridgehead in a geopolitical confrontation between the mighty of this world. Ukraine is paying for somebody's victory in this confrontation with lives and health of its citizens, with a humanitarian crisis and economic collapse in the country. Ten thousands of

people were killed already, and there were fifty children among them. The industrial infrastructure of the eastern part of Ukraine, which used to make 20% of the economic potential of Ukraine, is completely destroyed now. Crimea is annexed. Millions of civilians have their homes ruined. Two millions of people escaped to different countries, to be far away from the war zone. Still, more than five millions of people have to stay in the same place and survive a true war there: constant shelling, shooting, no gas, water, electricity or heating supply. People have no money to buy food and die of malnutrition. There is no visible end to this war. It is possible only to flee from it, if you are lucky enough. The government of Ukraine has cancelled all regular bus transfers, railways are closed down as well. It is possible to leave only if one has a personal auto, which is impossible for the majority of local people. Highways are under constant shelling from both the parties of the conflict, there are only four control points that let people through and are under the constant through supervision of the both confronting sides.

All rabbis left the war zone in September 2014, after a prominent Jewish community person was killed by rebels. Local Jewish people had no more spiritual custody in the person of their rabbis. That is why the Lord has given the Jews another way to survive – Aliyah. The Lord saves His children on their way towards Israel from bullets, shells and bombs. It resembles the time Jewish people were wandering in the desert. Then waters of the sea were opening in front of them and closing behind their backs, hiding them from enemies. The Lord is protecting them, and the support you render is a helping hand thrown by the Lord. This is support for those who want to escape from dreads of the war and find peace in the Promised Land. In this year only, you have helped about a hundred olim from Ukraine, and there were 30 children among them. **For 20 years has Exodus Nord followed the Lord's commandment and helped Jewish people reach the shores of the Promised Land. Thank you very much for this support and may the Lord bless you all!**

Nearly 5,000 of olim have made Aliyah from Ukraine in 2014. Forecasts for Aliyah 2015 are even bigger. The war in Ukraine is not going to stop. Nobody knows when it will end. Nobody knows which areas of Ukraine can get involved after the ones that are currently making the war zone. They keep on discussing a possibility of launching the martial law in the country. Ukraine is still balancing on the verge of a default and humanitarian crisis. Due to these reasons, Aliyah from Ukraine has turned into a wide flow. It is growing day after day, because more and more Jewish people can see their rescue in the Promised Land. The majority of these people are miserable ones who have remained homeless and extremely poor due to the current unbelievable circumstances.

They are waiting for your help and believe that soon they will reach shores of the Promised Land.  
**Please, help them!**

With gratitude and deepest respect,  
Charity Fund "People Who Care", Ukraine.

