

March 19, 2022
Ester 9.20-22
Days of...giving gifts to the poor

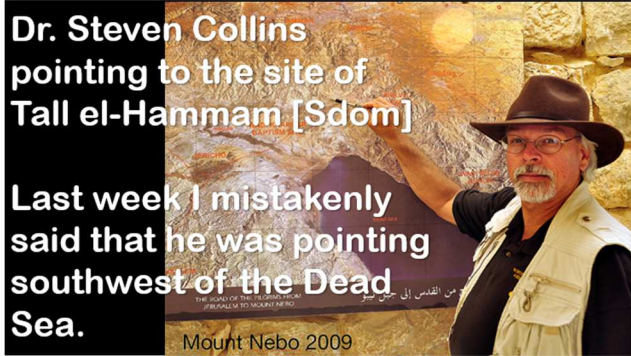


Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today?
I don't know and don't really care.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant,
I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

Rukhel Wisoff-Fields
original

Error correction from last week



Dr. Steven Collins
pointing to the site of
Tall el-Hammam [Sdom]

Last week I mistakenly
said that he was pointing
southwest of the Dead
Sea.

Mount Nebo 2009



S'dom is
NE of the
Dead Sea

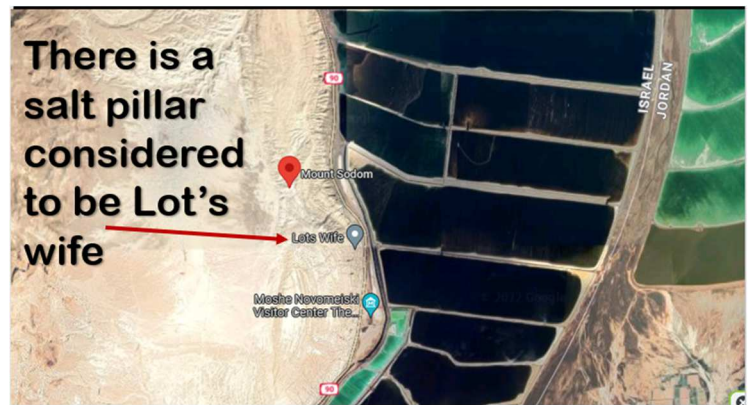
Bronze Age
archaeological
sites in the
"Land of the
Kikkar"
(Gen 19:28)
identifiable
today as a
result of
TeHEP.

Well, which ones are
Sodom and Gomorrah?

[<https://www.ritmeyer.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/SC.jpg> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVE2PdY-qqk>
Dr. Steven Collins pointing to the site of Tall el-Hammam on an aerial photograph displayed on
Mount Nebo in 2009. Photo: Leen Ritmeyer]



Sdom was
commonly
identified as SW
shore of the Dead
Sea.



There is a
salt pillar
considered
to be Lot's
wife

[<https://goo.gl/maps/FRvz68Y4z9pejbgZ8>]



Dawn and I
stayed in
that resort
area in
1998, 25th
anniv trip.

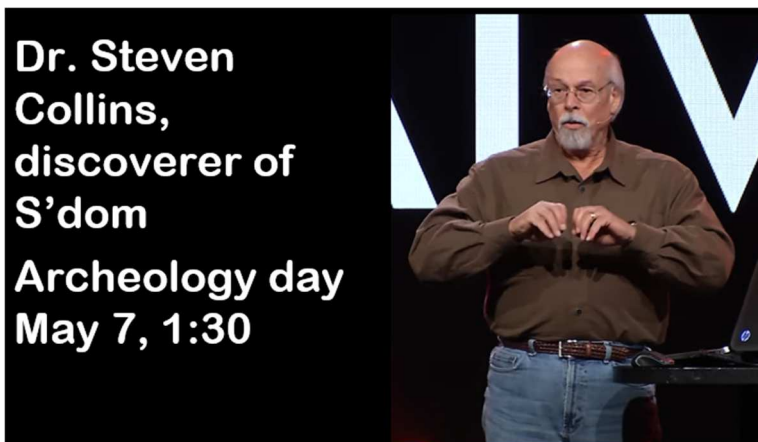


Nirvana Hotel



That sherd was subjected to about 15,000 to 20,000 degrees

[\[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVE2PdY-qgk\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVE2PdY-qgk)



Dr. Steven Collins,
discoverer of S'dom
Archeology day
May 7, 1:30

[https://youtu.be/TIWuCzSntbA\]](https://youtu.be/TIWuCzSntbA)



Synopsis: Haman was enraged at the Jews because Mordekhi would not bow to him. Made a genocidal plot that Queen Esther exposed. Haman was hung on the gallows he intended for Mordekhi.

Ester 9.20-22 Mordekhi recorded these events and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces of King Akhashverosh, both near and far, instructing them to observe the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and the fifteenth day, every year, [to commemorate] the days on which the Jews obtained rest from their enemies and the month which for them was turned from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday;

Nehpakh נִהְפָּךְ לָהֶם מִיָּגוֹן לְשִׂמְחָה

Nehpakh: “overturned”

A great Hebrew word to know, pray, cling to.

Like the line:

tsadeek bi-emunato yikheeyeh. צַדִּיק בְּאֵמוּנָתוֹ יֵחִיּהּ The righteous shall live by his faith.

Ester 9.20-22 they were to make them days of celebrating and rejoicing, sending portions [of food] to each other and giving gifts to the poor.

[Offering for Reach again today and tomorrow.]

Concern for the impoverished has always been a big concern of G-d.

Shmot/Ex 22.24 If you loan money to one of my people who is poor, you are not to deal with him as would a creditor; and you are not to charge him interest.

Shmot/Ex 23.10-11 For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. **Then the poor among your people may get food from it.**
 Vayikra/Lev. 19:10 Likewise, don't gather the grapes left on the vine or fallen on the ground after harvest; **leave them for the poor and the foreigner;** I am Adoni your God.
[Like Ruth did. Biblical welfare-workfare.]

Vayikra/Lev 19:15 You are to do no injustice in judgment. **You are not to be partial toward the poor nor show favoritism toward the great, but you are to judge your neighbor with fairness.**
[In other words, no Robin Hood mentality. The poor are no more worthy of consideration, enough to break the law.]

Luke 4.18 "The Ruakh Adoni is on me, because He has anointed me to **proclaim Good News to the poor.** He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who have been crushed.
[Yeshua was quoting Yeshayahu/Isaiah.]

Yeshayahu/Is 61.1-2 The Ruakh of Adoni Elohim is on me, because Adoni has anointed me to **proclaim Good News to the poor.** He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the year of Adoni's favor and the day of our God's vengeance, to comfort all who mourn.

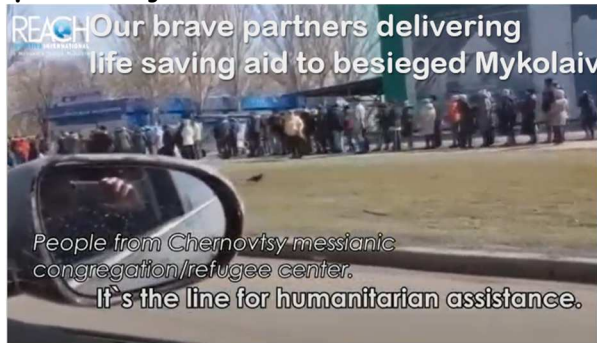
Matthew 19:21 Yeshua said to him, "If you are serious about reaching the goal, go and sell your possessions, **give to the poor,** and you will have riches in heaven. Then come, follow me!"
[Carried thru the Shlikhim/apostles ...]

Gal 2.9-10 Realizing the favor that had been given to me, Ya'akov, Kefa and Yochanan—who are the recognized pillars—shook hands in partnership with Barnabas and me, so that we would go to the Gentiles and they to the Jews. **They asked only that we remember the poor—something I also was eager to do.**



Who are the poor?

- Physically
- Spiritually
- Prophetically



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[https://youtu.be/CPDNYtbVB9w]

Stewart, with his brother's wife's elderly relatives.

Late last night, we also rescued elderly relatives of my brother's wife. They initially fled from Sumy, a city on the northern border with Belarus which has been heavily bombed. They slept at the Refugee Center in Chernivtsi and at night we ushered them across the border to Romania. Due to the 10 pm curfew in Ukraine, (all lights must be out) **we were**

stopped on the road going to the border, but we are thankful that the police were very understanding and let us pass.



Stewart's brother's wife's elderly relatives in the van at the border during this late-night rescue operation.

Our Ukraine Emergency Fund is helping in three vital and urgent areas of need.



On the Ground in Ukraine: Sending financial help to Messianic and Christian leaders who are helping many others in their cities and



Refugee Centers: Financial help to supply two refugee centers in Chernivtsi Ukraine and others across the border in Romania and



Israel: Preparing for an influx of Jewish refugees coming to Israel (working with our daughter Miriam who is spearheading this effort

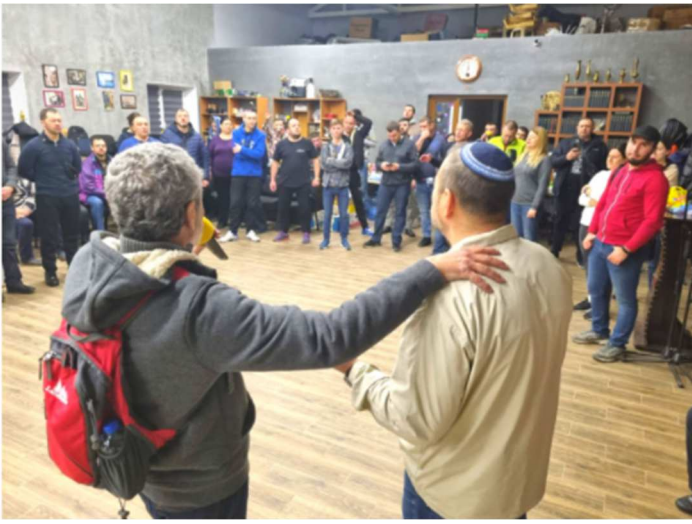
<https://reachii.org/ukraine-helping/>

Reach gives aid

- on the ground in Ukraine
- Refugee centers in the perimeter country of Romania
- Help to Aliyah centers to receive refugees home to Israel. Such as Chaim Malespin.

By the way, many of you may know and love New Jerusalem Band. Vadim, the keyboardist, is a pastor now in Kyiv. Yesterday we met one of his sons along with his wife and young baby. 15 members of Vadim's family have fled (including with a newborn baby born a week after the war began, and she spent much time with her newborn in bomb shelters before fleeing). Vadim and his wife have stayed behind to help people in Kyiv.





The congregation in Chernivtsi. Rented a restaurant and created rooms with curtains in order to give people some kind of privacy. The people in this center will stay long term not just for a few nights

Stewart: We have joined one of our partners on the ground in Romania and make trips into Ukraine from there. The pastor of the church we are partnering with is Jewish and has a brother living in Israel. This brother connected us when the conflict started and after hearing how this church had dropped everything to serve refugees crossing the border.

Rabbi David Fohrman: The two cardinal mitzvot of the day – gifts to the destitute, and mishloach manot, the sending of delectable delights to friends – these things ask us to brighten the days of others, to find delight and satisfaction in the smiles of those we touch.

A Story of Hope from HaTikva Dental,
Evan Levine

<https://vimeo.com/685620755>

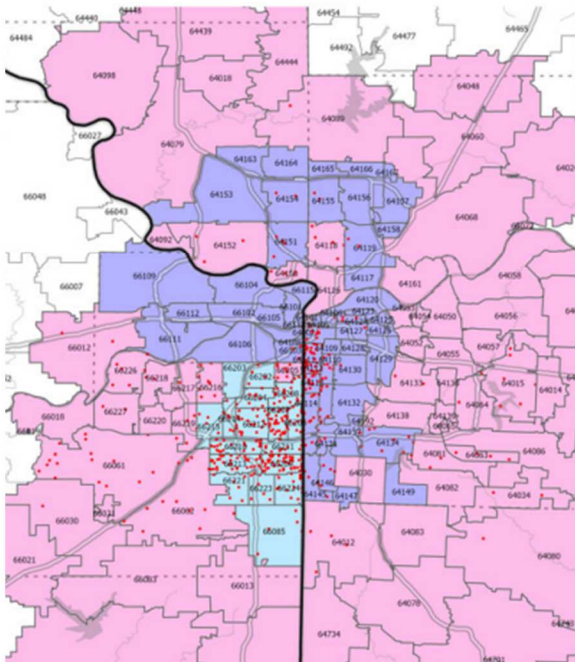


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Jewish households in Greater Kansas City, full geography



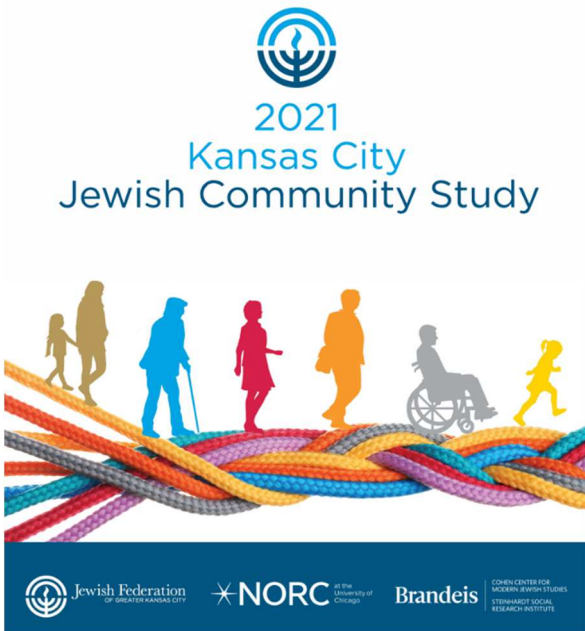
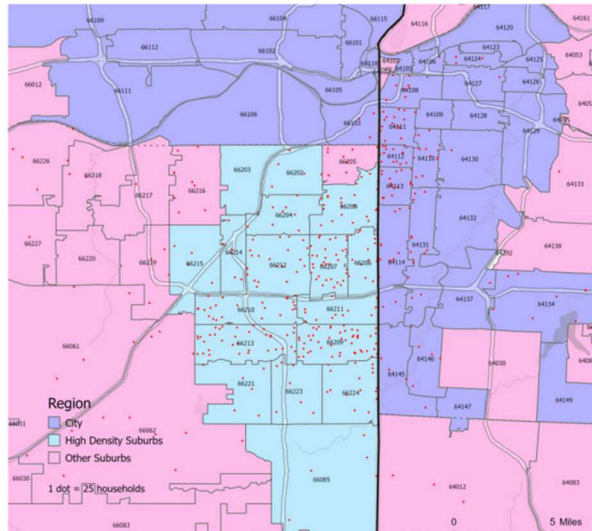
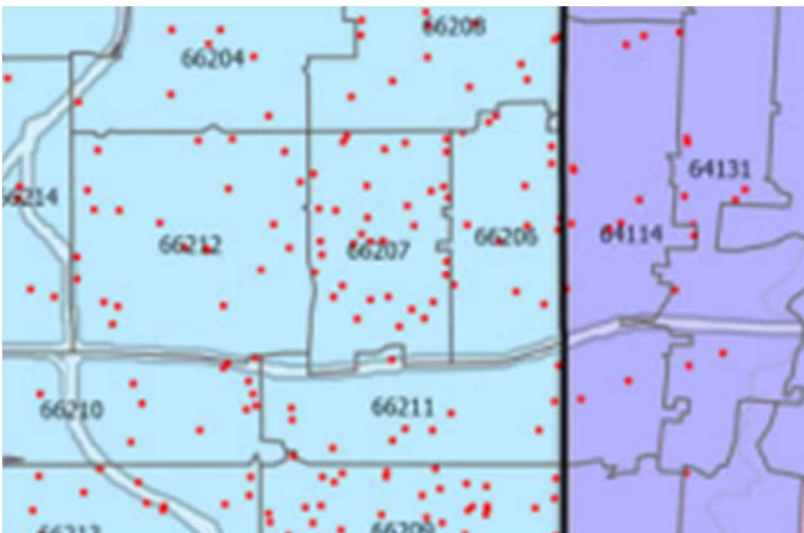


Figure F2. Jewish households in Greater Kansas City, zoomed in



Zoomed in view



The Greater Kansas City Jewish community numbers approximately

- 28,300 adults and children,
- of whom 22,100 are Jewish, living in 12,600 households.
- 18,400 Jewish adults
- 3,600 Jewish children
- 5,200 non-Jewish adults 1,100 non-Jewish children

- 44% Reform, slightly higher than the national average of 37%.
- (18%) Conservative Jews
- 32% Jews of no particular denomination are nearly identical to the national averages, but there are
- 4% Orthodox Jews
- 2% Jews who identify with other denominations. Reconstructionist, Renewal, Jubus.
- 6% of Jewish adults in Greater Kansas City identify as LGBTQ.
- 4% grew up in Russian-speaking households.
- 4% of Jewish adults in Greater Kansas City identify as Israeli citizens
- 63% of Jewish adults in Greater Kansas City identify politically as very liberal or liberal.
- 23% describe themselves as moderate
- 14% are very conservative or conservative

- 35% Occasional participation in Jewish life
- 19% Strong support, not affiliated
- 17% affiliated less participation
- 17% less organized participation
- 13% immersed High particip



Purim gift bag outreach to our neighborhood *mishloach manot* Sunday, March 13 plus some others not

pictured

Louise’s testimony

- Purim preparation
- Games, activities
- Decorations
- Drama
- Food
- PEOPLE: prepare to love!

[Start with each other. Look for newcomers. Befriend and love those closest → overflow.]

Yn 17.20-23 “I pray not only for these, but also for those who will trust in me because of their word, that they may all be one. Just as you, Father, are united with me and I with you, I pray that they may be united with us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. The glory which you have given to me, I have given to them; so that they may be one, just as we are one — I united with them and you with me, so that they may be completely one, and the world thus realize that you sent me, and that you have loved them just as you have loved me.

Start with each other. I disagree with him. I don’t like the way she does that. Befriend and love those closest → overflow.

Look for newcomers.

Ari Hauben greeting



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Though in the Book of Esther the fate of the Jewish people seems to turn on something as capricious -as the ‘*purim*’, the lot, the ‘toss of the dice’ – the Jewish people’s survival rests in very secure divine hands.

People's Commissar and General Secretary Joseph Stalin was suddenly paralyzed on Purim, March 1, 1953, and died four days later. As a result of his death, nationwide pogroms against Jews throughout the Soviet Union connected to Stalin's anti-Semitic and murderous Doctor's Plot pogrom was averted.



Julius Streicher, publisher of the Nazi *Der Stürmer*, ascended the gallows on October 16, 1946, with this declaration as his last words, "Purim-Fest 1946!" ('The Feast of Purim – 1946!'). Streicher was ironically stating that the Jewish people would remember his own hanging in their future history books in the same way as they remembered the divine victory at the Feast of Purim – the hanging of Haman and his ten sons (Esther 7:9-10). Haman had called for and planned the genocide of the Jewish people (Esther 5:13-14) as had Hitler, but in the end he was destroyed on the very gallows he intended to use against Mordechai. [Avner Boskey newsletter www.davidstent.org]

God seems to be 'hiding His face' ('*hester panim*' in Hebrew, a wordplay on the Hebrew name 'Esther'), but in no way is He sleeping or slumbering. He protects us, preserves us, and will fulfill every prophetic promise over us to bring us back – both to the Land of Israel and to Himself.

Why do you say, Jacob, and you assert, Israel, "My way is hidden from Adoni, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, Adoni, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives strength to the weary, and to the one who lacks might He increases power. (Isaiah 40:27-29)

Yeshayahu/Isaiah 53.1-5 **Who believes our report? To whom is the arm of Adoni revealed? For before him he grew up like a young plant, like a root out of dry ground. He was not well-formed or especially handsome; we saw him, but his appearance did not attract us. People despised and avoided him, a man of pains, well acquainted with illness. Like someone from whom people turn their faces, he was despised; we did not value him. In fact, it was our diseases he bore, our pains from which he suffered; yet we regarded him as punished, stricken and afflicted by God. But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises* we are healed.**



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Russia has lost 81 planes, 95 helicopters, 404 tanks, 150 artillery and 1,279 armored vehicles. A total of 13,500 troops have been killed in Ukraine. The media is seeing this as a tremendous victory for the Ukrainians. But it could be just the opposite.

[Russia's losses: Over 13,500 personnel, 404 tanks, 81 planes, 95 helicopters (ukrinform.net)]

Mike Evans

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- founder of the Friends of Zion Heritage Center in Jerusalem,
- the Ten Boom Holocaust Museum in Haarlem, Holland,
- Jerusalem Prayer Team, the largest religious Facebook page in the world.

Putin really believes he is the savior of the Orthodox Church of the world. He also believes he's the savior of the world and that Ukraine is an existential threat to Russia. Since the Orange Revolution of 2004, Putin sees the European Union and America as backers of a pro-democracy movement. He sees what's transpired in Ukraine with its nationalism movement as 100 times more serious a crisis for Russia than America's Cuban Missile Crisis. Putin is a trapped rat in a corner believing

that he and he alone can save Russia. He will, in fact, use nuclear weapons if he believes that it's the only alternative.

Putin has put his nuclear weapons on heightened alert, and he has almost half the nuclear weapons of the entire world. That's over 6,255 of the 13,080 in the world, and America has 5,550. [https://www.charismanews.com/world/88658-why-putin-may-have-no-conscience-when-it-comes-to-employing-nuclear-arsenal-in-ukraine?utm_source=Charisma%20News%20Daily&utm_medium=email&utm_content=subscriber_id:5160390&utm_campaign=CNO%20daily%20-%202022-03-18]

ואללה
(Arabic) (slang) Wow!
Really! You don't say!

Walla! Communications Ltd. is an Israeli internet company headquartered in Tel Aviv and is fully owned by The Jerusalem Post. Walla!'s web portal provides news ...



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walla!]

On the Walla site itself, the article's headline read: Is a Biblical prophecy about the end of the world coming true? "Corona and the war in Europe are the first signs"

The headline was citing, and the Hebrew-language article focuses on, recent remarks by Pastor Greg Laurie.

"Ezekiel says that the Jewish people would be scattered and regathered in their land

again ... Israel officially again became a nation on May 14, 1948, so that part of the prophecy has been fulfilled. But then Scripture says a nation from the extreme north of Israel will march on her called Gog and Magog. When I see the aggression of Russia, Magog if you will, it's a reminder that that's what we are going to see when Magog attacks Israel.

The Walla article then followed Laurie's lead by quoting from Matthew 24:3-14, where Messiah tells his disciples that they will know the time of his return has come when the world is engulfed in "wars and rumors of wars ... famine and pestilence ... false prophets" and more.

Walla [said] ... but after what we have experienced over the past two years, can we really remain so cynical?

If someone had told you five years ago that in 2020 the entire world would be crippled by a pandemic, or that just as that crisis was ending Russia would begin invading its neighbors, would you have believed it?

[https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/israeli-news-wonders-is-jesus-about-to-return/]



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Prayer point for third hour of prayer ...

Praying for the poor

- **Physically:**

Derek Prince: *Shaping History through Pray and Fasting*

Ps 83.17 Fill their faces with shame, so that they will seek your name, Adoni.

Daniel 4 I blessed the Most High and I praised and honored Him who lives forever...He does as He wills with the army of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. No one can hold back His hand, or say to Him, 'What have you done?'

Praying for the poor

- **Physically:**

- Help, spare Ukrainians,
- overthrow Vladimir Putin,
- Xi Jinping,
- Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and President Ebrahim Raisi

Praying for the poor

- **Spiritually:**

- our Purim misloakh manot gift bags impact our neighbors
- Our newcomers are welcomed and touched by the Ruakh