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**AVIV MINISTRY**

For victims of addictions and abuse



«For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost» (Luke 19:10)

## MINISTRY UPDATE: JUNE 2026

***Dear Praying Friends and Partners, shalom!***

Today we want to share with you two recent stories from our soup kitchen in Tel Aviv and our Women's Shelter in Beersheva. Thank you for your prayers and support!

### **THE ONLY PAYMENT HERE IS A SMILE**

This week, while I was serving at Aviv Center, a young woman walked in.

“Would you like something to eat?” I asked.

“I would,” she said, then added hesitantly, “but I don't have money.”

“Well, the only payment here is a smile,” I said.

So she gave me a very big and beautiful smile 😊

I brought her a plate of food, sat beside her, and we began a casual conversation.

She told me her name was **Hila\***, and that she was 31 years old. For the last eight years, drugs have been part of her life. What began with marijuana, introduced to her by her boyfriend, slowly turned into harder drugs. Eventually, her boyfriend went to prison, and Hila found herself alone on the streets – selling her body just to buy more drugs.

As she told me this, she began to cry.

I stood up and gave her a hug.

Then I told her about Yeshua (Jesus).

Hila nodded, “I've heard stories about Yeshua helping people. But... the people who told me those stories were using drugs with me. So I don't really understand how He helped them.”

I told her, “God gives us a choice – to live with Him or without Him. Some people meet Him and still choose to go back. But look at me. I met the Lord Yeshua 19 years ago, and I'm still here.”

I read John 3:16 to her and told her that she is a beloved daughter of God. He knows her. He sees her. And He can change her life – but she needs to come to Him and open her heart.

When Hila heard that, she hugged me and allowed us to pray for her.

We invited her to keep coming to Aviv Center and, when she is ready, to take a step toward rehabilitation and a new life with Yeshua. Please keep Hila in your prayers! 🙏

*(By our volunteer Igal.)*

### **NOT IN VAIN**

A few weeks ago, after midnight, we received a call about a homeless woman struggling with drug addiction who was in very poor physical and emotional state. We knew from the beginning that taking her in would be a great challenge for our Women's Shelter.

But that night, we were not simply facing a “difficult case.” A real woman, **Elinor\***, urgently needed help.

So we opened the door.



At first, everything went well. We learnt more about Elinor. She grew up in a Jewish family, where she was taught from childhood to believe in God. Then she became a professional singer and had a successful career, until drugs ruined it. Later she completed a rehabilitation program and stayed clean for a long time, but after the recent death of a deeply loved family member, she relapsed.

Elinor stayed for three weeks in the Shelter and it seemed like she was making good progress. But recently, we discovered that she was still struggling with substance use while living with us. It was painful for us to learn this, as we realized our Shelter could not provide the care she needed at this point.

From the outside, this may look like a failure.

But we do not believe it was in vain.

During her time in the Shelter, Elinor heard about God's love and read His Word. She saw believers serving her with patience and compassion. She even prayed in Yeshua's name and now expresses sincere desire to get to know her Messiah better.



We do not know what Elinor's journey will look like from here. She is planning to move out and try to rebuild her life, though we continue to believe that she needs real help, healing, and restoration.

But we also believe that every seed of God's Word matters. Every prayer matters. Every moment of love shown in the name of Yeshua matters.

Please continue to pray for Elinor – for true freedom, full restoration, and for the Lord to complete the work He has begun in her life. 🙏

#### NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

- We are grateful to share that we have signed the contract for the new Arab Rehabilitation Center and have already begun working on the facility. The team is now preparing the space, setting everything up, and getting ready to welcome people who will come for help, care, and support.

Please pray for this important new step – for the practical preparations, for the staff and volunteers, and especially for the people who will soon come through the doors. May this place become a center of compassion, hope, and the love of Messiah for many Arabic-speaking people in need.

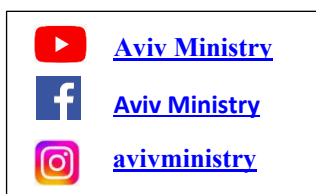


- In Ashkelon, we keep distributing food packages to needy families and individuals, and we are thankful for the opportunities not only to provide practical help, but also to spend time with our beneficiaries, listening to them and speaking with them about life, faith, and spiritual matters.

Recently, we also held a special event for new immigrants dedicated to the holiday of Shavuot (Pentecost). About 30 people attended. It was a warm and meaningful time together, and everyone who wanted received a Bible.

Please pray for the ongoing work in Ashkelon – that every food package, every conversation, and every Bible given would become a seed of God's love and truth in people's hearts.

Thank you for supporting our ministry and please feel free to share your prayers requests with us too anytime!



*Yours in His Service,  
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