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[A sign of the times? Unofficial road signs to the Third Temple appearing | All Israel News](#)

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The buzz surrounding the idea of a 'Third Temple' seems to have gone up a notch. Unofficial road signs are appearing, directing people to “The House of the Lord.” They may be made by rogue sign makers in a guerilla operation, but their very existence signifies that something major is brewing.

Never far from the minds of many Orthodox Jews, the reconstruction of the Temple is something promised in scripture several times in both the Old and New Testaments. What was once dismissed as the pipe dream of fringe radicals is now beginning to crystallize into a tangible possibility within our lifetime – especially amid current discussions of previously unimaginable peace agreements.

Each day, the Jewish people pray the “amida” – a set of blessings said three times a day, facing Jerusalem. The seventeenth blessing, “Avodah” (which means service, or worship) goes like this: "Accept Your people, O Lord our God, and receive their prayer. Restore the most holy service of Your house and accept in love the offerings and prayers of Israel. May the service of Your people Israel always be pleasing to You. May our eyes see You return to Zion in mercy. Blessed are You, O Lord, Who restores His Presence to Zion." The prayers and expectation in Jewish tradition includes faith in the biblical promises of regathering Israel, rebuilding Jerusalem, and the restoration of the Temple.

An end-times Temple is mentioned in the Bible several times in prophetic literature, such as Isaiah 2:2–3, Micah 4:1–2, Daniel 9:27 and Zechariah 14:20, as well in the New Testament in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 and Revelation 11.

It is described as the “Temple of God” and the “House of the Lord of Hosts,” yet it seems from the texts that it will at some point be defiled by the antichrist “standing where he should not stand” as Jesus says in both Matthew and Mark, referring back to Daniel’s prophecy.

[**The Temple Institute**](#) has been campaigning and preparing for the Third Temple since its establishment in 1987. The museum in Jerusalem’s Jewish quarter presents displays of how the First and Second Temple might have looked, with models and replicas of all the accoutrements along with the outfits of the priests. In addition to being an interesting stop for tourists, the Temple Institute is actively pushing for the rights of Jewish people to worship at the Temple Mount, the holiest site in Judaism.

While many believe the Western Wall is the most sacred site for Jewish people, the truth is that it is merely the closest place to where the Temple once stood in which Jewish prayers can be said. The longing to be able to pray on the site of the Temple itself has been unbearable for some, who defiantly [**prostrate themselves**](#) on the ground only to be dragged off by guards.

The Temple Mount is currently administered by the Jordanian Waqf, but that arrangement may soon change. Rumors that half of the huge plaza could be divided between the sons of Isaac and the sons of Ishmael are rife, possibly as a sweetener to swallow the pill of a two state solution. Time will tell.

For some it can't come soon enough. Theoretical plans for construction have been made and the equipment is ready. Priests and Levites are being trained and acquiring the ash of perfect [**red heifers**](#) has finally become a possibility. They're simply waiting for the signal to move forward. There are murals and paintings on Jerusalem walls, wishing for the soon-coming of the Temple, and now pictures are appearing on social media of road signs pointing the way to the House of the Lord.

The Temple Institute [**posted on X**](#) in preparation for Tisha B'Av, "Temple Talk: Enough Talk! Let's Build! 2000 Years & 9 Days - The Time to Build is NOW!!" and asking, "How Did This (the Destruction) Happen & Where Are We Today?!"

As the Jewish people look back to the destruction of the Temples on the 9th of Av in 586 B.C. and then again in 70 A.D., many are looking forward to the building of the Third Temple. We are living in days when it is no longer outside the realm of possibility. If the Bible is true, the appearance of a Third Temple would signify the start of a very dramatic chapter of history.

In a period of rising media-fueled antisemitism, Israel is facing a public relations disaster | All Israel News

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Analysts call for public diplomacy task force to tackle 'fake news and incitement'

Several opinion articles in Hebrew news agencies over the past couple weeks have called attention to the growing public relations disaster that Israel faces worldwide.

Part of the turn against Israel in public opinion can be traced to narratives regarding the Gaza war in the international media, as demonstrated in the recent series of [stories](#) about the Gaza food shortages in which pictures of children with congenital diseases were used to illustrate an alleged Israeli policy of imposed [starvation](#). Not only did the international news media knowingly use photos of children with prior medical conditions, in some cases they deliberately left out information regarding the children's conditions, and in others deliberately cropped or blurred out healthy siblings in the background.

After pressure from the Israel Foreign Ministry, along with online activism, *The New York Times* eventually released an [editorial statement](#) of correction. However, this statement neither admitted the deliberate misuse of the picture and withholding of critical information, the editorial statement was issued on a social media account with fewer than 100,000 followers, while the offending story was posted to an account with over 55 million followers.

Now however, senior officials, and not just Israeli correspondents and analysts are admitting that Israel's public relations is in trouble. In a recent article on *Ynet News*, a senior official from the ministry admitted, "Our situation in *hasbara* (the Hebrew word used for public relations messaging) in the world has never been so bad."

The officials who spoke with *Ynet* admitted that the Israeli government has not prioritized public relations.

"We are simply not present, there is no Israeli *hasbara*. Everyone is against us - BBC, The Times, CNN - and there is no threat of lawsuits or contact with regulators from our side - we have not seen anything so terrible in Israeli propaganda," the officials said.

They wondered how the Israeli government could take so long to respond to allegations of a famine in Gaza.

“How did we get to a place where starvation plays such a role and we don't even respond to it?” they asked.

The officials cited the lack of action on the part of ambassadors and embassy staff around the world. That opinion was echoed by Shlomo Shamir, correspondent for U.S. affairs at Maariv in an opinion piece on Monday morning, where he drew attention to the fact that the two most senior Israeli officials in New York are practically absent in terms of media and public diplomacy.

Shamir noted that UN Ambassador Danny Danon has given fiery speeches at the UN, but noted that neither Danon's office, nor the Consular General in New York have official, active spokespersons, despite those positions previously being filled.

Former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett also spoke recently of the lack of public diplomacy in Israel's international messaging.

“There is no public diplomacy for the State of Israel today,” Bennett said in a video released two weeks ago. “Nothing. Israel today is defeated on the battlefield of international consciousness. Today it is already a fact, as it were, that Israel is committing genocide, genocide in Gaza. That's how they think in Europe, that's how they think in many parts of the United States.”

Bennett called the situation “unbelievable,” and called for the re-establishment of public diplomacy as a matter of national interest.

“We are in a critical war, but without an army,” Bennett explained. “In the war against Gaza we have the IDF, in the war against Iran we have the Mossad and the IDF, in the war for hearts and minds there is ostensibly a body called the National Information Headquarters, but today it is people with jobs, the rooms there are empty, there is no head of the information system, this is unbelievable.”

Still other analysts and correspondents noted that Israeli government ministers are complicating matters by making inflammatory statements regarding the situation in Gaza. Israel Hayom correspondent Sal Amargi wrote recently, “When Bezalel Smotrich, Itamar Ben-Gvir and Israel Katz take pride in the destruction in Gaza, they are destroying Israel's standing in the world.”

Amargi said that Israel's image in the world is a matter of national security as well.

“Image is an important component of national security,” he wrote. “A country depends not only on its fighter jets, but also on its relations with the world, on their votes in international forums, on the possibility of buying or selling weapons and any other merchandise – as well as on educational, technological and tourism cooperation.”

While Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar has been an outspoken defender of Israel both online and within diplomatic circles, these Israeli writers argue that Israel needs a functioning office of public diplomacy to engage the media storm of negative press

around Israel, taking a more proactive role in answering Israel's critics in the media and online.

Additionally, while the Israeli government recalled several former staffers from the IDF Spokesperson's Office and the Prime Minister's Office – and hired additional personnel in the early days of the war – many were released after just a few months, leading to a noticeable drop in official voices representing and defending Israel in the eyes of the world.

Analyst Nevo Cohen, writing for Channel 13, expressed it thus, “During the 7 Front War, Israel proved its intelligence power (excluding the enormous fiasco of the morning of October 7), the power of its sophistication and creativity, the precision of its attack cells and the uniqueness of its air defense systems.”

"If only we understood that there is another arena, no less important and dangerous than Iranian ballistic missiles or the Radwan force on the border, and that is the arena of global consciousness," he wrote. "If only a fraction of the justified investments in building our militaristic capabilities had been invested in building a consciousness task force, then Israel would be in a completely different place in the face of the waves of fake news and incitement around the world."

Tens of thousands anti-Israel activists in Sydney demand sanctions against Israel | All Israel News

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Tens of thousands of anti-Israel activists marched through Sydney on Sunday, crossing the Sydney Harbour Bridge to demand sanctions against Israel and increased aid to the Gaza Strip.

Among the participants were former Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. New South Wales Police estimated the crowd at around 90,000, while the event's organizer, Palestine Action Group Sydney, claimed a turnout of 300,000 – a figure not independently verified.

The large anti-Israel manifestation comes merely one day after the Australian government signaled its readiness to recognize a Palestinian state in the future.

“It’s a matter of when, not if, Australia recognizes a Palestinian state... but I don’t want to put a time frame on it,” Australian Treasurer Jim Chalmers said last week in an interview with the local public broadcaster ABC.

The Palestine Action Group Sydney accuses Israel of committing genocide in Gaza while ignoring Hamas’ genocidal intentions towards the Jewish people. Israel and most Western governments have rejected the accusation of genocide in Gaza. Ahead of the march, the anti-Israel group called for an “immediate Israeli ceasefire and withdrawal” and demanded an international arms embargo against Israel.

“Enough is enough,” argued the anti-Israel protestor Dough. “When people from all over the world gather together and speak up, then evil can be overcome,” he claimed.

Leading global media outlets like *The New York Times* [have fueled anti-Israel sentiments](#) worldwide by featuring false pictures of supposedly starving Gazan children while ignoring genuinely emaciated images of Israeli hostages held by Hamas and who increasingly look like skeletons from Auschwitz.

The anti-Israel march featured Palestinian Authority flags, with many participants chanting, “We are all Palestinians.” Some participants chanted “Long live the intifada,” which refers to acts of violence against Israeli and Jewish civilians.

Acting Deputy Police Commissioner Peter McKenna announced that over 1,000 police officers were deployed at the event.

“No one was hurt,” McKenna told media representatives at a press conference. “But gee whiz, I wouldn’t like to try and do this every Sunday at that short notice,” he admitted.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has become a vocal critic of Israel's self-defense operations against Hamas, which openly calls for Israel's destruction and has vowed to repeat the Oct. 7, 2023, massacre of 1,200 Israelis.

Until recently, multicultural Australia was welcoming toward Jews and other minorities. However, following the Oct. 7 Hamas atrocities, [antisemitic incidents surged by 400%](#), according to a report by the [Executive Council of Australian Jewry \(ECAJ\)](#). Several attacks on synagogues have also been recorded.

“If anything, the raw numbers understate the seriousness of the surge in antisemitism that has occurred. There have been many new forms and expressions of anti-Jewish racism that would once have been considered alien to Australia, but which have become commonplace,” ECAJ Research Director Julie Nathan warned in December 2024.

Like in many other Western nations, radicalized Muslims and far-left activists have played a central role in the dramatic increase in antisemitic incidents in Australian society.

Earlier this year, Australia's intelligence chief Mike Burgess revealed that his agency views the [antisemitic threats in the country as a “top priority.”](#)

Last month, a Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) poll revealed that Australians estimate that some [28% of their fellow citizens harbor negative attitudes](#) towards Jews.

Numbering around 100,000 people, Jewish Australians constitute a small proportion of the country's total population of some 27 million people.

FBI says anti-Jewish hate crimes across US hit record high in 2024 | The Times of Israel

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The 1,938 recorded incidents, which translates to more than five incidents per day, accounted for 16% of all hate crimes in the US

Hate crimes against Jews accounted for 16% of all reported hate crimes in the United States in 2024, and nearly 70% of religion-based hate crimes, according to FBI data.

Anti-Jewish hate crimes rose 5.8% to a record 1,938 incidents, while the total number of hate crimes in the US during the year, 11,679, dropped slightly from 2023 (11,862), the report showed.

The number of antisemitic incidents translates to more than five anti-Jewish hate crimes per day. Among these incidents were terror attacks, assault, vandalism, harassment, burglary, false bomb threats, and more.

Crimes against Jews accounted for 69% of a total of 2,783 religiously motivated incidents, the data indicated. Jews represent approximately 2% of the US population.

Religiously motivated hate crime incidents rose 3.1% year-over-year, with incidents targeting Jews rising at a faster pace than the national average.

There were 2,237 Jewish victims of hate crimes and 1,043 known offenders, the report showed.

The rise “is consistent with ADL’s reporting and, more importantly, with the Jewish community’s current lived experience,” said Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt in a statement about the report. “Our government and leaders must take these numbers seriously and enact adequate measures to protect all Americans from the scourge of hate crimes.”

The data shows that leaders of every kind must confront antisemitism head-on, said AJC CEO Ted Deutch.

“Jews are being targeted not just out of hate, but because some wrongly believe that violence or intimidation is justified by global events,” Deutch said. “With the added climate of rising polarization and fading trust in democracy, American Jews are facing a perfect storm of hate. The targeting of Jews is not a Jewish problem; it is a society-wide issue that demands a society-wide response.”

Since many major cities do not report hate crimes, it is likely that the true state of antisemitism in the US likely much worse, the AJC noted.

The group targeted most often overall was Black Americans, with 3,004 hate crimes. Anti-LBGQTQ+ hate crimes totaled 2,390. There were 228 anti-Muslim hate crimes recorded during the year.

Antisemitic attacks have skyrocketed in the US and around the world since Hamas launched its war against Israel on October 7, 2023.

Earlier this year, the ADL [counted](#) a record 9,354 antisemitic incidents in 2024, including a 21% increase in assaults. Following the FBI report, ADL called on Congress to pass the bipartisan H.R. 2588 Improved Reporting to Prevent Hate Act, which would require law enforcement agencies to credibly report hate crimes to the FBI to be eligible for certain federal funding.

AJC's State of Antisemitism in America 2024 Report, published in February, [found](#) that one-third of American Jews said they have been the personal target of antisemitism at least once during the year.

AJC called on Congress Tuesday to provide at least \$500 million for the Department of Homeland Security-administered Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), which provides funding for security for high-risk nonprofits, including synagogues, Jewish day schools, and Jewish community centers.

[Indonesia's Mount Lewotobi volcano erupts for second straight day | Fox News](#)

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The eruption blanketed villages with debris, but no casualties were reported

For the second day in a row, one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes, [Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki](#), erupted.

The explosion launched a column of smoke and volcanic material shot up to 11 miles in the sky early Saturday morning. Debris from the volcano blanketed villages, but no casualties have been reported. The explosion was one of the country's largest since the 2010 eruption of Mount Merapi, the country's most volatile volcano.

On Friday, in an eruption that occurred just hours before the one Saturday morning, smoke and ash went as high as 6.2 miles, as the volcano lit up the sky with glowing lava and bolts of lightning.

[ICELANDIC VOLCANO ERUPTS, FORCING TOURISTS TO EVACUATE FAMOUS GEOTHERMAL SPA](#)

[Indonesia's Geology Agency](#) recorded an avalanche of searing gas clouds mixed with rocks and lava traveling up to 3 miles down the slopes of the mountain. Drone observations showed deep magma movement, triggering tremors that registered on seismic monitors.

[HAWAII'S KILAUEA VOLCANO ERUPTS WITH 1,000-FOOT 'LAVA FOUNTAINING'](#)

Volcanic material, including hot, thumb-sized gravel, was thrown up to 5 miles from the crater, covering nearby villages and towns with thick volcanic residue, the agency said. It asked residents to be vigilant about heavy rainfall that could trigger lava flows in rivers originating from the volcano.

Lewotobi Laki Laki has been on the highest alert level since the 5,197-foot volcano erupted in June, and the exclusion zone has been doubled to a 4.3-mile radius due to more frequent eruptions.

[The explosion](#) comes less than a month after Bali's Ngurah Rai Airport was forced to delay and cancel flights when a major eruption on July 7 covered the roads and fields with debris.

Indonesia is home to 280 million people and has 120 active volcanoes. It sits along the "Ring of Fire," a horseshoe-shaped series of seismic fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin.

Russian volcano erupts after massive earthquake, first time in centuries | Fox News

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7.0-magnitude earthquake accompanies eruption on Kamchatka Peninsula, prompting tsunami warning

Less than a week after a massive 8.8-magnitude earthquake sparked tsunami warnings throughout the Pacific Ocean, a volcano in [far eastern Russia](#), on Sunday, spewed hot ash miles into the sky, marking the first time in hundreds of years the geological feature had erupted.

The Krasheninnikov volcano, located on Russia's far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula, sent ash 6 kilometers, or 3.7 miles, into the sky, staff at the Kronotsky Reserve said.

Images of the volcanic eruption, which occurred on the Kronotsky Reserve, were released by Russian state media and showed dense clouds of ash rising above the volcano.

"The plume is spreading eastward from the volcano toward the [Pacific Ocean](#)," Kamchatka's emergencies ministry wrote on Telegram during the eruption. "There are no populated areas along its path, and no ashfall has been recorded in inhabited localities."

STUNNING PHOTOS CAPTURE MOMENT ONE OF INDONESIA'S MOST ACTIVE VOLCANOES ERUPTS

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake accompanied the eruption, prompting a [tsunami warning](#) for three areas of Kamchatka.

Russia's Ministry for Emergency Services later lifted the tsunami warning.

"This is the first historically confirmed eruption of the Krasheninnikov volcano in 600 years," Olga Girina, head of the Kamchatka Volcanic Eruption Response Team, told Russian state news agency RIA Novosti.

TSUNAMI WAVES ARRIVE ON JAPAN'S COAST AFTER EARTHQUAKE IN RUSSIA, TRIGGERING TSUNAMI ALERTS FOR US WEST COAST

But according to the U.S.-based Smithsonian Institution's Global Volcanism Program, Krasheninnikov last erupted in 1550, or 475 years ago.

The reason behind the discrepancy was not immediately clear.

ICELANDIC VOLCANO ERUPTS, FORCING TOURISTS TO EVACUATE FAMOUS GEOTHERMAL SPA

Still, the Kamchatka Volcanic Eruption Response Team said Sunday that moderate explosive activity could continue, despite activity at the volcano decreasing.

Krasheninnikov's eruption happened after an [8.8-magnitude earthquake](#) struck far eastern Russia on Wednesday.

The eruption caused small tsunami waves in Japan and Alaska and prompted tsunami warnings in places like Hawaii, North and Central America and Pacific islands south toward New Zealand.

Delaware becomes 11th state to allow assisted suicide | The Hill.com

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Delaware Gov. Matt Meyer (D) [signed legislation](#) on Tuesday to legalize physician-assisted suicide for some terminally ill patients, making his state the 11th to allow medical aid in dying after nearly a decade of debate on the issue.

“This law is about compassion, dignity, and respect,” Meyer said in a statement. “It gives people facing unimaginable suffering the ability to choose peace and comfort, surrounded by those they love.”

Under the new law, which takes effect next year, adult, mentally-capable patients who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness and are expected to die within six months can request and self-administer medication to end their lives.

Delaware joins 10 other states — California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont and Washington — and Washington, D.C., which already have similar laws, commonly referred to under the phrases “death with dignity” or “medical aid in dying.”

Oregon was the first in 1994, but most of the laws have come about in the past decade, while Delaware lawmakers battled over the proposal. The Legislature narrowly rejected the measure last year, but Meyer pressed for its passage this session.

Delaware patients considering assisted suicide [must be presented](#) with other options for end-of-life care, including comfort and palliative care, and hospice and pain control, under the new law, and the state will require two waiting periods and a second medical opinion on their prognoses before the lethal medication can be prescribed to them.

Meyer and supporters of the measure hailed its passage as removing politics from a deeply personal decision.

“(The law) is about honoring the autonomy and humanity of those facing unimaginable suffering from terminal illness,” State Senate Majority Leader Bryan Townsend (D) said in a statement. “This legislation exists due to the courage of patients, family members, and advocates who have shared deeply personal stories of love, loss and suffering.”

The National Right to Life and other critics argued that death should not be an option for desperate patients, though.

“The horror of assisted suicide is that many of the most vulnerable in our society are pressured to ‘choose’ assisted suicide which normalizes a culture of death — devaluing the lives of the disabled, elderly and chronically ill,” Right to Life president Carol Tobias said in a statement on the Delaware law. “As society attitudes shift, legalization creates a ‘duty to die’ mindset and puts our most vulnerable members of society at risk.”

Fox News gets exclusive look inside Gaza Humanitarian Foundation site | Fox News

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Palestinians tell Hemmer they are tired of war and don't want Hamas involved in their lives

As the world discusses the reality of the humanitarian situation in Gaza, Fox News' [Bill Hemmer](#) got a look inside a distribution site operated by the controversial U.S.- and Israel-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF).

Fox News was the first outlet to witness a newly established distribution center operated mostly by former U.S. forces who coordinate with the [Israel Defense Forces](#) (IDF). Hemmer said that the sites are not without their problems or controversy, but that the Americans working with GHF are proud of what they have accomplished.

In terms of the status of Gaza, Hemmer said that Rafah was clearly decimated by the IDF. The southern Gazan city is where Israel believes Hamas had its headquarters and where the terror group held hostages taken nearly two years ago, on Oct. 7, 2023.

Israeli Prime Minister [Benjamin Netanyahu](#) appears to be considering a full occupation of Gaza. If Israel makes this move, it would be a complete reversal of its policy dating back to 2005 when it pulled out of the enclave. Hostages' loved ones have expressed opposition to the plan out of fear that it would put those still held captive in even more danger.

Palestinians who spoke with Hemmer said they were hungry, and tired of the war and of Hamas.

HAMAS LOSING IRON GRIP ON GAZA AS US-BACKED GROUP GETS AID TO PALESTINIANS IN NEED

"All this food here will be gone in about 15 minutes," a GHF worker told Hemmer as the two stood in the middle of several palettes of food. "They'll all come in, they flood in here, they have bags they'll stuff the food into, throw the big bag over their shoulder and they'll head out."

The worker also told Hemmer that the organization allows Palestinians to remain on the GHF site for about an hour after it opens.

Hemmer's visit comes as the organization faces international condemnation and a call from the [United Nations](#) Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for its "immediate dismantling."

"Palestinians are paying the ultimate price of the international community's legal, political and moral failure," a UNHRC statement read, citing the opinions of several U.N. experts. One such expert named in the statement is Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese, who has been repeatedly condemned by multiple governments, including the U.S., the U.K. and France, for making [antisemitic statements](#).

Albanese and the other experts also say that GHF is "an utterly disturbing example of how humanitarian relief can be exploited for covert military and geopolitical agendas in serious breach of international law."

GAZA HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION: WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE US-BACKED AID GROUP

U.N. experts also claimed that Israeli forces and foreign military contractors indiscriminately fire at Palestinians seeking aid at GHF sites. However, GHF has consistently denied the use of force against civilians at its sites. On several occasions, the organization has sounded the alarm over threats emanating from Hamas against aid workers and seekers.

This aligns with a request GHF had for Fox News, which was to blur the faces of the Palestinians working with the organization out of fear of [Hamas retribution](#).

TRUMP OFFICIALS VISIT GAZA AID SITES AS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PRESSURES ISRAEL

GHF says it has distributed over "106 million meals efficiently and directly" since May while pushing back on criticism and claims that its sites are dangerous. The organization insists that its goal is to feed Palestinians in need while bypassing Hamas, the terror group governing the war-torn enclave.

The aid organization recently received \$30M from the Trump administration in addition to millions coming from donations in the region.

Recently, the U.N. released its monthly infographic on UN2720 Mechanism for Gaza. In June 2025, the U.N. reported that out of its 1,090 aid trucks, only 47 arrived at an "intended civilian destination inside Gaza." Meanwhile, the other 1,043 trucks were allegedly intercepted "either peacefully by hungry people or forcefully by armed actors" in Gaza.

At the request of the U.N., Israel will let limited commercial goods enter the enclave, according to Fox News Chief Foreign Correspondent [Trey Yingst](#). This strategy is apparently aimed at getting more goods into Gaza markets, allowing those in need of free aid to get to it first.

UK, Australia, and France No Longer Majority Christian, New Report Finds - Milton Quintanilla | Crosswalk.com

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A recent [Pew Research report](#) found that the number of countries with Christian majorities declined between 2010 and 2020. Despite Christianity being the most geographically widespread world religion, representing 29% of the global population and consisting of the majority in 60% percent of countries, there has been an evident decline in the growing number of people leaving the faith, while there has been an increase in those who are religiously unaffiliated. According to Pew, religiously unaffiliated groups include individuals who identify as atheist, agnostic, or “nothing in particular.”

In 2020, the Christian population constituted the majority in 120 of the 201 analyzed countries and territories in the report, a decrease from 124 in 2010. This finding is evident that there were 60% of Christian-majority nations in the world, compared to 62% in the prior decade, as reported by [The Christian Post](#).

The report also found that the most significant changes took place in the United Kingdom, Australia, France, and Uruguay, with a 50% drop in the number of professing Christians in that 10-year span. Meanwhile, Uruguay stood out as the only country in the Americas (as of 2020) without a Christian majority, with 52% of people who are unaffiliated and 44% identifying as Christian.

During that same period, New Zealand and the Netherlands joined a group of seven countries with religiously unaffiliated majorities, including China, North Korea, the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Macao, and Japan.

Overall, 10 countries had religiously unaffiliated majorities by 2020, up from seven in 2010.

On the other hand, Hinduism and Islam had majority populations in fewer countries, which was consistent with their share of the world’s population. Hindus, who comprise 15% of the global population, hold majorities in just two countries: India and Nepal. Meanwhile, 53 countries had a Muslim majority, and Buddhists in seven.

[35,000 Worship and 3,200 Accept Christ in Portland, One of America's Most Secular Cities | Crosswalk.com](#)

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Survey after survey ranks Portland among the most secular cities in America, but that didn't stop a spiritual outpouring over the weekend, as 35,000 people attended a two-day crusade hosted by a local congregation -- and 3,200 made decisions for Christ.

The PTX Crusade hosted by Athey Creek Church at the Moda Center included musical worship by Chris Tomlin, Zach Williams, CAIN, TAYA, Anne Wilson, Kari Jobe, and Cody Carnes, but -- more importantly -- an invitation at each event to follow Christ.

Originally planned as a two-night event on Saturday and Sunday, the crusade added a Saturday afternoon session after pre-registration quickly reached capacity.

Brett Meador, senior pastor of Athey Creek, said the crusade exceeded expectations.

"It's something to see a coliseum packed full of Christians just loving [Jesus](#), especially in what is perceived as one of the darkest cities in America," Meador said after the first night of the crusade.

According to the Pew Research Center's latest Religious Landscape [Study](#) (2023–24), religiously unaffiliated individuals now outnumber Christians in the Portland–Vancouver area, 44 percent to 42 percent. A 2015 Public Religion Research Institute survey found that Portland had a higher percentage of religiously unaffiliated individuals than any city in the country.

But the PTX Crusade revealed a hunger for hope and truth in a city often considered spiritually closed.

Meador said a security guard accepted Christ, as did an elevator operator.

Around 4,000 volunteers played a role in organizing the crusade, which was billed as the first evangelistic crusade held in Portland in more than 25 years.

"The Word talks about how God is able to do above and beyond whatever we ask for or even think about," Meador said. "... It's just incredible how the Lord just stirred the hearts of so many people saved."

The PTX Crusade is the latest indication of a possible spiritual awakening in the United States. Just last month, 45,000 people filled Angel Stadium in California for the

Harvest Crusade, where 5,500 made professions of faith in person -- and another 1,000 did so online.

"The thing that I leave from this process is this desire to see the light of Christ ripple effect from this crusade -- just to let the light of Christ just continue to go out to the Greater Portland area, throughout all of Oregon, and to the whole world," Meador said.

"It way surpassed anything we even thought would happen."