

Russian Jews in Israel



Nineteenth-century Russia saw many pogroms against Jews. Pogroms involved persecution and the murder of Jewish people through mob rule, often engineered by Russian leaders. As a result, many Russian Jews wanted to move to Israel to escape persecution. During the 20th century, the Soviets tried to stop this from happening, especially between 1968 and 1985. Soviet leader Gorbachev allowed 330,000 Jews to emigrate after 1988. Today there are thousands of Russian Jews in Israel, and some have become believers in Jesus.

Ministry Obstacles

There is a lack of Russian-speaking evangelists in Israel. Their persecution in Russia sometimes makes them fearful of outside influences even in Israel.

Outreach Ideas

Believers can set up centers to help Russian Jews learn Hebrew and become culturally assimilated. These centers would need to be staffed by believers who are fluent in Hebrew and know how to help people thrive in the work world.



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POPULATION: 684,000

LANGUAGE: Russian

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that Jews for Jesus would encourage Israeli churches to evangelize Russian Jews. Pray for spiritual hunger and discernment among Russian Jews in Israel. Pray for a people movement among Russian Jews in Israel.

SCRIPTURE Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. Psalm 148:12-13, ESV

PRAY for all generations from this people group to worship and praise the Lord.

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