

TIMELINE



Mid 80's:

Allen Wiseman (Mordechai's father) involved in first marketplace ministry initiative

Late 90's:

Having finished business school and working in Silicon Valley, Mordechai Wiseman begins thinking and praying about transformation via business

2000:

Mordechai returns to Israel from Silicon Valley and serves in Israeli military (IDF)

2004:

Mordechai returns to industry

2006:

Mordechai leaves Galtronics and drafts second revision of plan

Works for Galtronics, a redemptive business in Israel
Drafts first Strategic Plan of Firstfruits vision

2008:

Pilot Business Course

2007:

Mordechai starts his own consulting company
Messianic Business Fellowship (MBF) founded

Initiative by internationals, done in English (both couples remain partners with Firstfruits)

Over next decade, regular event participation grows from a dozen to over 150

Mordechai observes course to learn

First Business Course plan drafted

Yoel, founding Executive Director of ELY, participates as a student in the course; is a pivotal experience for him

2009:

Mofet Avi* teaching ministry founded

2011:

Gateway business leaders' follow-up trip to Israel

For next seven years, ministry conducts seminars, workshops and conferences aimed at helping local believers identify, understand and pursue their calling

Meet Mordechai and other local marketplace leaders

Gateway business leaders' first trip to Israel

Ad-hoc working group established to explore initial concepts

Israel Firstfruits founding team evolves from initial working team

2012:

Israel Firstfruits Center for Economic Advancement established as Israeli charity

Formulation of CBN/ELY Israel (key partner) Strategic Plan

First two employees hired

2013:

First Business Course launched, 28 participants

Israel Firstfruits, Ltd 501(c)3 registered in the U.S.

First Israel Business Forum launched, over 130 participants

First Business Plan Competition

Start engaging local small businesses

Second Business Course, 23 participants

2014:

Operations Manager hired in Israel
Small loan-fund launched
First U.S. fundraiser held in Dallas
Second Israel Business Forum, over 180 participants
Second Business Plan Competition
Third Business Course, 20 participants
Start seeing businesses outcomes from course participants

2015:

U.S. Director of Development hired
Third Israel Business Forum, over 220 participants
Third Business Plan Competition
Fourth Business Course held, 17 participants
Increasingly engaged in helping local businesses start and grow
Start seeking office space for business incubator
Loan program grows

2016:

U.S.-based Administrator hired
Business Incubator / Acceleration Center opened
Business consultation increases
Loan program continues to grow
Messianic Business Fellowship's activity increases significantly

2017:

Fifth Annual Israel Business Forum, 270 participants
Fifth Annual Business Plan Competition
Third U.S. Fundraiser (Dallas)
Investment Fund fundraising begins

Fourth Annual Israel Business Forum, over 280 participants
Fourth Business Plan Competition
Fifth Business Course held, 12 participants
Second U.S. Fundraiser (Dallas)
Investment Fund formation

2018:

First Denver Fundraiser
Sixth Business Course, 15 participants
Sixth Business Plan Competition
Fourth Dallas Fundraiser

2019:

MBF Home Groups initiative implemented
Increasing business fellowship programs and reach
Sixth Israel Business Forum, 185 participants
Seventh Business Plan Competition
Seventh Business Course, 13 participants
Expanding training course offerings

In-depth consulting to growing businesses in Firstfruits network increases
Cooperation with ICC (international Christian Chamber of Commerce)
Strengthened partner services in US

Fifth Dallas Fundraiser
Second Denver Fundraiser
Investment Fund begins to invest

2020:

Business training growth
Expanded digitally
Added second module, 17 participants
First Virtual "Live from Israel" Partner Event
Measures & Metrics Project launched
Arabic Translation Project (Business Course) launched

Since its formation, Israel Firstfruits has reached over 9000 people with its various programs. Including the work of Mofet-Avi, they have provided in-depth programs to over 1100 locals; advised, taught and coached over 250 entrepreneurs and emerging leaders; and have helped start or substantially grow 25 small businesses. We have also linked hundreds of international Christian business men and women to the Body in Israel. Significantly, we are seeing a shift in the mentality of local believers towards embracing marketplace and business as key tools for reaching society.

2021:
LOOKING
AHEAD