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### **Pro-Israel Activists to March Through the Arch**

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – The Messianic Israel Alliance has announced plans for a pro-Israel rally to take place in St. Louis this summer.

The rally, dubbed the “March Through the Arch,” will take place on August 10, 2008 and will include a march through the streets of downtown St. Louis.

“Israel needs our support, now more than ever,” said Ed Harris, community relations director for the Messianic Israel Alliance. “We are excited to be able to bring members of the Judeo-Christian faith together to publicly show our resolve for the wellbeing of the people and nation of Israel.”

The event, which is open to the public, will begin at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis. From that location, participants will parade through the city, ultimately arriving beneath the Gateway Arch.

“The arch is symbolic in that it signified the westward expansion of civilization,” said Angus Wootten, founder of the Messianic Israel Alliance. “Biblical prophecy states that the people of God will return to the land of Israel from the West. Thus, we will be marching east, toward Israel and through the Gateway Arch, to indicate our impending return.”

Citing Biblical prophecies found in the books of Hosea and Ezekiel, Wootten said that “the people of God, both the Jews and the Christians, will ultimately join together and return, en masse, to the land of Israel.”

In recent years there has been a rapid increase in evangelical Christian support for Israel, fueled by individuals such as popular televangelist Pastor John Hagee. Wootten attributes this phenomenon to an ongoing evolution of Christian identity.

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“Christians used to feel separated from Jews. Over the last decade we have witnessed their rapid realization that they are historically and spiritually linked to the Jewish people. Today, millions of Christians have embraced their identity as brothers to the Jews and part of Israel,” Wootten said.

The formal events for the March Through the Arch will take place Sunday, August 10, 2008, in the early afternoon. People wishing to participate in the event should arrive at the Millennium Hotel by 2 p.m. The march will begin shortly thereafter.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for Jews and Christians to unite in support of each other and the State of Israel,” said Harris. “We live in perilous times and the need for unity is vital.”

Additional information on the March Through the Arch can be found at <http://www.onewithisrael.com> or by calling the Messianic Israel Alliance at (800) 829-8777.

The Messianic Israel Alliance is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote unity within the Judeo-Christian community. Explaining the purpose of the organization, Wootten said that it focuses on “providing common identity for the people of God under the banner of Israel.”

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