

Chapter Eight

The Struggle to Grow

Kibbutz Galuyot

You will remember that God promised Abraham to give the Land of Israel to his descendants. The phrase Kibbutz Galuyot means “the in-gathering of the exiles.” It became the slogan for Israel in its early years.

Israel made it a priority to bring the Jews who had been scattered throughout the world back to their land. After all, Israel was created for this very reason and thousands of men

and women had died so that any Jew who was persecuted would have a secure and welcoming home. Israel, this modern dynamic state, would always give them a place of safety. Never again would an evil tyrant like Hitler be able to destroy so many Jews.

So Israel began the difficult task of gathering in its people ‘from the four corners of earth’. Jews came to Israel from all over the world - not only the survivors from the Holocaust in Europe,

Map showing the areas the Jewish people left to return to Israel

