In the swim of diplomacy

USUALLY, WHEN one talks about coming to Israel on eagles’ wings, the subject is about the long ago airlift of immigrants from Yemen. But they’re not the only ones who can claim a latter-day interpretation of biblical prophecy.

Last year, LaTrice Nettles visited the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya as a member of an evangelical students’ mission called Eagles Wings. The group met vice president for external relations and head of IDC’s Raphael Recanati International School (RRIS), Jonathan Davis, who spoke to them on counter-terrorism and the situation in Israel.

Inspired by what she had heard, Nettles thought carefully when she got home and decided that she wanted to return to Israel to study for an MA in counter-terrorism. Eagles Wings came to her assistance by awarding her a scholarship, and now she’s enrolled at IDC. A basketball player in the US, Nettles is keen to try out for IDC’s basketball team, led by head coach Ilan Kowalsky. Last week, Nettles attended IDC’s annual World Summit on Counter-Terrorism and met Tal Brody, with whom she has more than basketball in common. Both are alumni of the University of Illinois.