



Passover

We exist because those who came before us survived. For generations, families have observed Passover by sharing the story of liberation from slavery. To fully appreciate our freedom, we are asked to experience our history as if we ourselves were slaves in Egypt, as if we were "strangers in a strange land." Holocaust Survivors do not have to go back to ancient times to imagine being enslaved. Their own personal experiences are impossible to forget:

"During the War, on Passover, we were looking for bread, just to survive."

– Rachmil Friedmanis, Latvia

"We were taken to the forest. Everything was prepared for a mass execution. We were shot with two machine-guns. I found myself under piled bodies. When the executioners left, I crawled from under the pile of corpses. I became a vagabond, depending solely on the kindness of other people."

– Mikhail Lazarevich, Moldova

They know what it is like to be robbed of freedom, to have their families torn apart, homes destroyed.

Today they are still suffering. Hunger, illness, loneliness, and poverty so grinding it is a daily struggle to survive.



"My dear friends, we former prisoners of concentration camps and ghettos, continue our fight for life. We started this fight June, 1941, and we continue our fight now."

- Grigoriy Zalmonovich, Belarus

Pictured: Hirsh K. in Lithuania, age 94.

He cares for his paralyzed wife.

He must feed her, bathe her, turn her. They live in a utility shack with no heat. Two years ago he broke his arm chopping firewood. They are forced to re-use disposable items.

Help the survivors live out their final years with compassion, hope and dignity.

Your special gift of \$50 will provide survivors with a memorable eight days of Passover and the comfort of knowing they are not forgotten.

Wish to extend your Passover giving?

\$150 provides a survivor with food, heat and medication for the entire month.

Yom HaShoah

Following Passover, on Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), we remember those who perished in the Holocaust. May their memory be blessed.

But what about those who survived and still suffer over 75 years after the war?

Who is there for them?

You are.

You are part of a grass-roots effort of compassionate donors around the world who stand with Holocaust survivors so they no longer stand alone.

As you gather with family and friends at Seder tables and Yom HaShoah ceremonies nationwide, remember those "strangers in a strange land" who need our support.

You are making a powerful impact on the lives of thousands who continue to survive only because of your help.



Let this be a time for remembrance, renewal, and the continuity of life.

With great appreciation for your kindness and compassion, we wish you a Happy Passover!

- Zane Buzby



Hirsh K. and Zane Buzby during SMP Aid Expedition to Lithuania, delivering your life-saving donations

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