



“We the People” – Three words that empower us to do great things.

The Fourth of July may be a uniquely American holiday, but its message of freedom and independence is universal. Our Declaration of Independence made it possible for our citizens to become a great communal force as proclaimed in our Constitution. As July Fourth celebrations kick off the beautiful days of summer, thrilling us with spectacular fireworks and parades, take a moment to celebrate all of the life-changing things "we the people" have accomplished together on behalf of the last survivors of the Holocaust.

Every one of you who has so steadfastly participated in *The Survivor Mitzvah Project* is part of a glorious effort that truly makes the world a better place for those who cannot help themselves. You have made a powerful, positive impact on thousands of people you have never even met. You provide food, medicine, heat, shelter and hope to Holocaust survivors in nine countries. That's certainly worth celebrating!

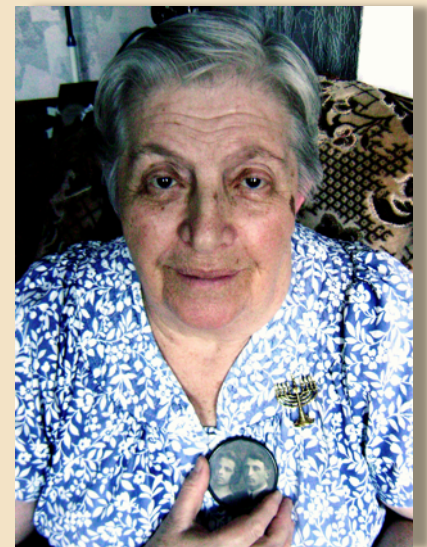
Many years have passed since these Holocaust survivors lost their freedom, their independence, and for many of them, their entire families. At war's end they were alive, but most were suddenly alone, faced with a grim reality: they must go through life without a single person they once loved or who once loved them. Without much help, or any sense of community or belonging, they struggled to build a new life, piece by piece.

Your generosity has provided them with not only life-saving, continual care, but a profound sense of "family". And as we find more and more survivors in need, it is because of your continued help and commitment that we are able to bring them into *The Survivor Mitzvah Project's* family so they too can begin the journey of healing and compassion that our other survivors have experienced.

As Galina Yevsevyna from Belarus wrote:

"Two days ago I was in despair - I didn't have any money and I hadn't paid my nurse. Very often, when I am alone, I weep, looking through the window trying to find the answer - why? Why is it like this after so many sufferings during the war and after the war? I prayed to those who left to the "other world" to take me with them, because I am so tired of struggling with what is left in me.

But you heard my prayers and managed to lessen my suffering. I have no words to thank you. You saved my life. - Galya"



We the People have the power to do great things.