



2018

A Year of IMPACT

Because of You!



Giving gets results!

In 2018 your compassionate support has dramatically changed the lives of our extended family of Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe.

"We poor people have sprung to life, and we will spend our remaining years decently. You have treated us like your own close family members. You showed up at our homes and brought light into our windows and warmth to our hearts. This warmth will keep us alive for the rest of our lives. "
Galina Usmanovna, Ukraine



With your ongoing support, **The Survivor Mitzvah Project** can continue to provide compassionate help to thousands of impoverished Holocaust survivors across Eastern Europe. Whether survivors were born in 1918 or 1945, they are all suffering from medical issues, lack of nutritious food, ample heating fuel, and loneliness.

Your generous gifts take care of their physical needs, providing the basic necessities of life, needed surgeries and caregivers for those who are bedridden.

But equally as important, your compassion has given them the priceless gift of HOPE.

*"Unexpectedly I received aid from faraway America!
I thought this only happened in fairy tales!"*
*Elena Dmitrievna, almost 90, with stage 4 breast cancer,
living in Moldova*





Each Holocaust survivor we have helped is a remarkable individual who has enriched our lives. Before the War, each one of them had hopes and dreams for a bright future, just like you and I. But for them, those hopes, those dreams were shattered, and they have spent their lives just struggling to survive.

[Pictured at left, Jakubas F. showing us a photo from his teenage years before the War, when he studied to be an actor.]

Pictured at right, Chaika Abramovna.]



Chaka Abramovna's grandparents were killed at Babi Yar. Her father "vanished without a trace." As a result of the War's deprivations, her mother became ill and Chaka had to raise her two younger brothers. She never married or had children. Now all of us who care have become her "family".



During our visits overseas we see a remarkable change in each survivor as they realize they have not been forgotten by the world, that there are kind people far away who care. Having someone interested in their experiences, someone to share their family history, someone to look through their precious photographs, means the world to them. *[Pictured at left, survivor of Auschwitz, Dora Fixler from Hungary, a sole survivor of her family.]*

But it is your financial help that truly impacts every aspect of their lives. Almost all survivors have impaired vision. For those of you who donated for eye operations, you have given the survivors the miracle of sight! For other survivors, something as small as a 5X magnifier gives them the opportunity to



read again or knit and sew. This has a great positive effect on their lives. Your dollars are also used for life-saving medications and other surgeries, food, heat and caregivers.

100% of your donations are given directly to Holocaust survivors in need.

IN THESE LAST DAYS OF 2018, we are asking you to please spread the word about the critical needs of Holocaust survivors, so as we enter 2019 we can help the thousands of survivors still alone and in need.

Please pass this newsletter along to your circle of family and friends. The last survivors of the Holocaust need everyone to stand with them.



Every donation represents a victory for compassion, empathy, kindness and tolerance.

It's not to late. Please make a special year-end donation to bring aid in the month of December!

Wishing all of you a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year, and all of life's blessings. - Zane Buzby

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