

Imagining You

To our compassionate and generous donors,

We correspond regularly with the Holocaust survivors in our program and like to share their letters with you to let you know how much your care means to them and how important it is for them to have a connection with you, so that they know they have not been forgotten.

## Dear Zane Buzby,

It was a great joy for me to receive your letter. Every time I've received financial aid from The Survivor Mitzvah Project, I've tried to imagine the people who decided to support survivors of the Holocaust who now suffer from poverty. Aside from feeling the deepest gratitude for supporting me, I've always wanted to learn about these generous people. I wanted to understand and imagine the families each of you grew up in, and to learn about the family traditions that helped to raise such people.

I was very happy when your letter fulfilled my wishes like a magic wand. From it I learned about you and the generous people who help us and I even received an opportunity to see photos of your family and the people in your office who help translate our letters! How interesting! You wrote about your own family, your grandparents, their trials and tribulations, their hopes and dreams.



Now we all have a deep connection.

Thank you all so much for your kindness and for everything you do for me and others. I also thank you for your good wishes. May the Almighty protect all of you and everyone you love. May he grant you long and happy lives. Please send my greetings to everyone who helps in your noble mission and thank them for me.

- Susana Iosifovna / Kishnev, Moldova

During the War, Susana losifovna survived the horrors of starvation, bombardments, the death of her brother who was executed by the Romanians in 1941, the death of her father, and famine and suffering in the post-war years. Today she is in need of a wheelchair and homecare. Susana has lived in Kishinev for over 80 years. Your donations help Susana and other survivors in Moldova, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Transnistria, Ukraine and Russia.



The Holocaust Survivors of Eastern Europe would like to get to know you better. They love to see the faces of the angels who care for so many of their needs and they would be thrilled to receive a Thanksgiving photo from you.

## So let's take some pictures

We invite you to join our Thanksgiving campaign by sharing your love through photos - and your generosity through donations - to help the survivors, both spiritually and materially, through the harsh winter ahead.

Feel free to include a caption on the photo. The caption can also include a description of a particular family tradition. Please email your photos to us at **survivormitzvah@gmail.com**.

Please make a special Thanksgiving donation now, so that Holocaust survivors can receive heating fuel during the brutal winter months.

They have nowhere else to turn. Your compassion means life.

## Our thanks to you

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your extraordinary support and friendship over the years. All blessings to you and yours on this Thanksgiving.

"We re-read your letters often and want to write to you again and again.

There are no people more dear to us than all of you." - Galina Nikolaevna, Ukraine

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