



The Survivor Mitzvah Project

“Heroic Women of the Holocaust”

In recognition of **International Women’s Day** (March 8th), we are proud to honor the heroic women of *The Survivor Mitzvah Project*, who you have supported with your kindness and compassion.

Many of the female Holocaust Survivors in our program have played active roles in combatting the hate, violence, and intolerance of our world.

Looking into the eyes of Holocaust survivors and hearing their stories, we search our own hearts, wondering “How could they bear it?” and, “What would I have done?”

Raisa Efimovna (right),

“We were captured by the Germans and forced to do hard labor. We were starving, but had to dig trenches. I was raped. We had frostbite. The Germans planned to send us to a concentration camp, but the Russian Army captured the territory and liberated us. I went to work at the mobile military hospital as a nurse’s aide, caring for the wounded. I moved across Poland with this hospital, and celebrated Victory Day in Dresden, Germany.”

Now 92, **Raisa** still does needlework and sings in a local choir! *“I would like to forget those awful years, but I cannot. They left a wound that never heals in my soul. I tell my story to other people, so that those horrors will never happen again.”*



Sara K. (left)

During the Holocaust, Sarah volunteered to go the Front to fight the Germans. She survived the Battle of Stalingrad. Her mother and her two sisters were killed in their Belarus shtetl along with all of her community.

“This is how we Jewish people are. Once a German boy came up to me. I fed him and gave him some food to take with him, even though Germans brutally massacred my family.”



We celebrate all of these incredible women, who suffered through the Holocaust’s great difficulties, the cruel loss of many dear people, and yet did not lose their faith in humanity.

The Survivor Mitzvah Project provides aid to female Holocaust survivors in 9 countries. 88% of the women in our program live alone, with no one to care for them.



"I am very lonely, and your letters bring me so much joy."

Ginda Olha (left & right) graduated from aviation school and served on American B-26 bombers. After the War, she returned home only to find that her father and brothers perished. "There are no Jews left in the town where I was born."

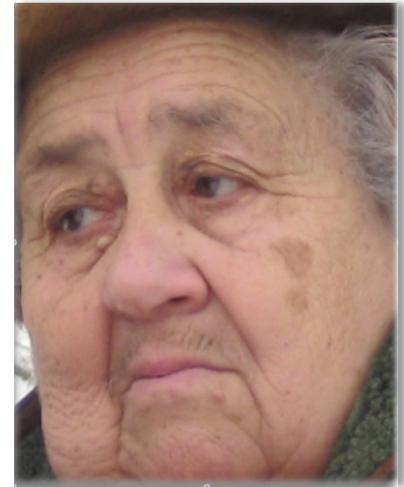
Rita Geinikovna (left) was taken to the Pechora Concentration Camp when she was just 5 years old. She is the only one from her entire family who survived.

"After the war I was a roving orphan. I was ill for a long time. I stayed a lot in hospitals, nobody wanted me. I promised to G-d that, if I survived, I would tell everybody about what happened, and I am fulfilling my promise."



Fanya Benyaminovna (right) is one of the few surviving prisoners of the Vilnius ghetto. At age 17 she escaped the ghetto, ran to the forest and became a Partisan, fighting the Nazis, "with guns in our hands. I am proud to have been among them".

"As long as I can, and even more than I can, I will tell the story of our survival so that what happened to us will never be repeated again - that people will become kinder and more attentive to each other."



Let's make International Women's Day our day to do what we can to make a positive difference for the women in our program.

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