



## The Survivor Mitzvah Project

## *A Life Without Memories*

Over the years **The Survivor Mitzvah Project** has corresponded with thousands of Holocaust survivors and has visited them personally, hand delivering your donations and your good wishes.

The financial aid you provide is lifesaving, as are the personal connections and friendships we have forged with these isolated individuals.

Everyone who participates in this humanitarian effort has joined the “Family of Strangers” that is an emotional lifeline for every survivor we help.

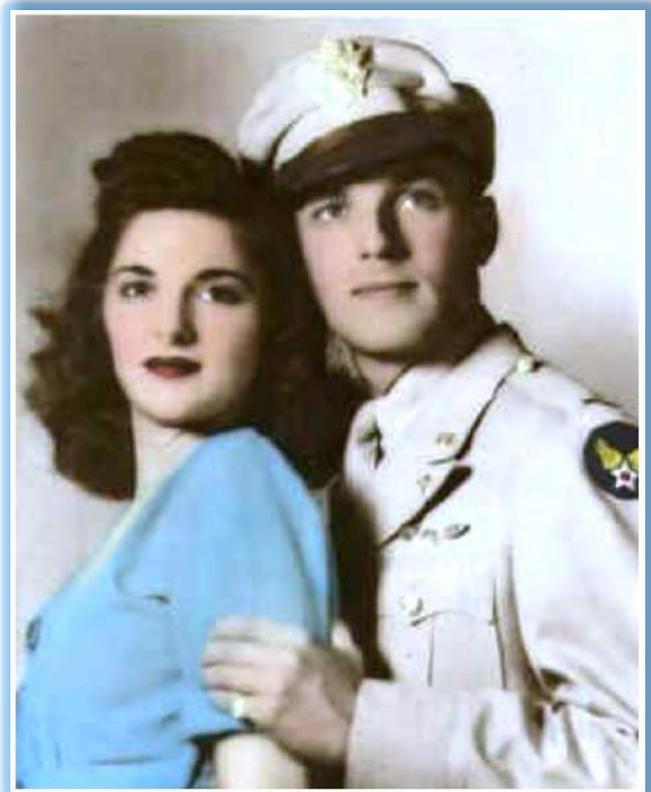
They often ask me to write about my family and send photographs. Here is a letter I re-read often to remind myself of something that is actually impossible to forget – how incredibly lucky we all are to have memories and photographs and can help those who are so alone.

*“Greetings my dear friends,*

*Zane, suddenly a big warm letter arrived from you with the photo of your parents on their wedding day. They are so young in it, so beautiful, so happy on the threshold of a new life. What feelings can a daughter have when she sees her parents' youth, to see the dearest people, your mum and dad, when you were not even born yet?*

*I do not have these kinds of memories. I do not have one photo of my parents, either young or old or any pictures of my plentiful relatives. They ran far away or were killed, destroyed, burned alive, having taken with them the most important things - documents and photos. They went to the world from which no one returns.*

*In my memory there are no faces, not even one faint one from those who left the world of violence. Maybe the world of love will accept and embrace them there, in heaven. But it is so lonely here without your own roots, so painful. There is no one to pass the nectar of life to the branches.”*



Beatrice Edythe & Herman Dorsam - Married July 4, 1945

For everyone who helps the last survivors of the Holocaust:



*"I sometimes think to myself, what would have become of us without you? It would have been terribly hard without your help. I find only one answer – all of you are sent to us by G-d on high. And only because of you, all of you, are we still living.*

*We rejoice from happiness because of such precious people as you are!"*

*- Sapiro Family, Lithuania*

*Pictured above: An abandoned hut in Lithuania which was a treasured home to a large Jewish family murdered during the Holocaust. This is all that remains of once vibrant lives. No one came back. There are no names . . . no memories.*

It is vital that we continue to support these last survivors both physically and emotionally, and through acts of kindness and compassion include them in our communal family of people who care. It truly means the world to them.

Without family, without memories of their loved ones, without photographs, or any elders to tell the family stories from generation to generation, they yearn for a familial connection. And that is exactly what you have become for them.

Summer is ending and the cold winter has started in Eastern Europe. Remember this large family spread out across 9 countries: Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Slovakia, Transnistria, Ukraine, and parts of Russia. Show them we care. Please help make sure the last survivors of the Holocaust have heat, electricity, food, and medications. Ask your friends and colleagues, your children, and grandchildren to help, too. Every dollar counts.

With great thanks for your kindness and compassion,

Donate online at [www.survivormitzvah.org](http://www.survivormitzvah.org) or send a check to:

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*The Survivor Mitzvah Project is a 501c3 non-profit public charity.*

*Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.*

**100% of your donation goes directly into the hands of Holocaust survivors in need.**

**\$150 supports 1 survivor for 1 month. \$1800 supports 1 survivor for 1 year.**

**Donations in any amount save lives!**