



The Survivor Mitzvah Project

Years of Struggle a Lifetime of Consequences

During the Holocaust, the survivors we help were torn from their homes and family. They spent years in wretched conditions, without heat, warm clothing adequate food, or medical care.



The wartime suffering of Holocaust survivors has had a lasting impact on their health.

"Our family was placed in an abandoned cob shack full of all kinds of creatures on the floor: scorpions, tarantulas and flea beetles, which bit us. We were told to keep our bodies wet all the time so the flea beetles would not be able to land on our skin. The shack had no windows or doors. It had a flat roof and a dirt floor.

I suffered twice from chronic malaria and dysentery. Now I need constant treatment for their lasting effects, such as chronic pain, which requires large sums of money which I do not have."

"I was a child refugee during the Holocaust in Turkmenistan from 1941 to 1945."

– Viljam Peisakhovich, Estonia, now 90 years old, pictured at left before the War.

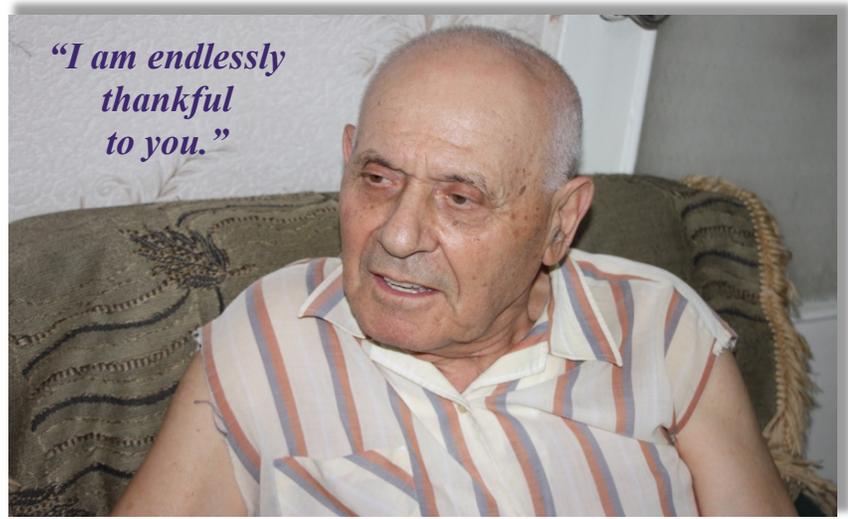
"We were starving during that time and we were cold. My toes were frostbitten and I have suffered the consequences ever since. My toes turn bluish and are painful. My stomach problems also began during that period, and for my whole life I have continued to suffer."

- Anna Ruvinovna, age 83 (Ukraine)

"During the war Mother, her cousin, and I lived in a hut where rats ran over us. We slept under rags. I suffered from pneumonia and malaria. We lived in a barrack. There was almost no food, only flat bread and water."

- Bella Nisonovna, age 83 (Ukraine)

“One day, we were very hungry. We walked along the road and saw a bread cart passing by. I asked G-d to grant us some food, and suddenly a loaf of bread fell on the ground. We were afraid it was poisoned. My sister said, “I will eat a little, and if I don’t die, you eat.”



We couldn't stop their suffering then, but through your continuing support, we're making a difference today!

“I was born in the village of Slobozia in 1935. My father died when I was four years old. When the Great Patriotic War began, I was six. My mother was trapped in the territory occupied by Germans until the arrival of Soviet troops. My elder brother left to defend the motherland and vanished without a trace. My sister, who was five years older than me, my grandmother and I left on a horse cart and evacuated in an unknown direction.

The Survivor Mitzvah Project always provides continuous financial aid to elderly Holocaust survivors who are ill, impoverished and in desperate need of food medicine, heat and shelter. SMP continues to search for and help survivors like Efim S., who are out there suffering, in need of help and human kindness.

We rode in a freight car. We were often bombed. Grandmother used to cover my sister and me with her kerchief and tell us that now we are safe from dying. Lack of food and water made the trip even more difficult. Grandmother died before we reached our destination. When my sister and I arrived, no one was waiting for us.”

“Because of such a difficult life and the War, as a child I turned into a little old man. Now I am elderly and ill. My hands tremble, I suffer from atrial fibrillation, diabetes and poor vision.”

- Efim S., Moldova

Thanks to all of you, Efim, Viljam, Anna, and Bella now receive the medical care they need.

***There are hundreds of survivors waiting for aid. Will you help?
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