

Needs Assessment Survey

The Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims

2024



Nutrition

36%

of the Holocaust survivors need a great deal or certain amount of assistance in purchasing food, home products, beyond the assistance they currently receive.



Health



39%

of the Holocaust survivors need assistance with eye examinations and adjustment of eyeglasses.



33%

of the Holocaust survivors need assistance with dental treatments.



12%

of the Holocaust survivors do not have access to all rooms in their homes.



7.6%

of the Holocaust survivors had to give up on purchasing medicines.



20.1%

of the Holocaust survivors had to give up medical aides or accessibility equipment.



24.3%

of the Holocaust survivors cannot afford purchasing medical tests or treatments.



Leisure

60%

of the Holocaust survivors would like to do more activities:

mainly to get more outside – to the street, park and participate more in gatherings at senior citizens clubs.



Social



35.8%

of the Holocaust survivors live completely alone.



19%

of the Holocaust survivors are housebound and do not go out at all.



40%

of the Holocaust survivors mentioned that they are feeling lonely to some extent or to a large extent.



50%

of the Holocaust survivors want to get out of the house more often, but are unable to do so. The main reason is that they need to be accompanied by another person.

69%

of the Holocaust survivors need the assistance of another person to leave the house.



Swords of Iron War



60%

of the Holocaust survivors indicated that they experience a decline in quality of life due to the war, the main reason being emotional harm (50% of all survey participants).



18%

do not take cover at all during a rocket siren. The main reasons are:

46% do not have a sheltered area near them.

30% experience difficulties in accessing a sheltered area.

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I'm desperate by the situation, especially after what happened on October 7. The difficulty and frustration of the situation that we're experiencing antisemitism again, this situation is very difficult for me. It affects both my physical and mental health.

Ester Gendlin, Holocaust survivor, 83

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Finance



51%

of the Holocaust survivors struggle to cover monthly household expenses.



21%

of the Holocaust survivors had to give up cleaning and personal hygiene products.



40%

of the Holocaust survivors had to give up travel for essential needs or family visits.

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I have a wonderful son, and he and his wife assist me wherever they can. I appreciate it very much, but they can't be with me every time I need them. There was a time when I paid a caregiver from my own pocket, but it's very difficult for me financially. Most of the day, I stay at home. If I go out, it's only to doctors and to buy medicines.

Vera Tomanov, Holocaust survivor, 93, is not eligible for a caregiver.

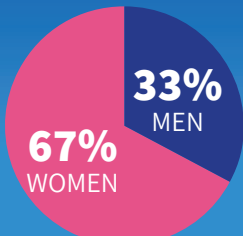
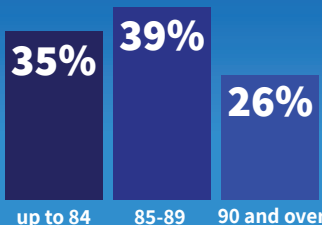
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"Holocaust survivors are a disappearing generation. As individuals who have endured the worst, they represent an important chapter in our nation's history. Part of our commitment at the foundation is to ensure that their present and future are as good as possible. We must ensure that our actions in this regard are something we can be proud of."

Ety Farhi, CEO of the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims

The Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims, which has been operating for 30 years and provides assistance to about 81,000 Holocaust survivors in various areas annually, conducted a comprehensive survey of the needs of Holocaust survivors for 2024. The survey, which was conducted by iPanel, included telephone interviews with a representative sample of 400 Holocaust survivors out of those recognized by the foundation. The findings show differences and diversity in the needs of Holocaust survivors and the need to provide personalized solutions. The survey was divided into questions on basic needs and various matters relevant to Holocaust survivors: Nutrition, social, accessibility, health, leisure, finance, war and other needs.

Survey characteristics:



Telephone survey

Sample of 400 respondents



The telephone interview took place in April 2024

The survey was conducted by iPanel

Maximum sample error for the entire sample: ±4.89% with a 95% confidence level



The Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims has been operating since 1994 and provides assistance tailored to Holocaust survivors' needs, allowing them to live with dignity. **Holocaust survivors are a special population, also known as a high-risk group among the elderly in Israel.** Today, at an average age of 87, **it is extremely important for the assistance to be tailored to their specific needs.** Over the years, the foundation, as the largest in its field, has developed relevant tools and programs tailored to Holocaust survivors' needs and has gained extensive experience in operating them.

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