



The Foundation for  
the Welfare of  
Holocaust Victims

## 29 YEARS OF SERVICE



*For many Holocaust survivors, the pandemic triggered memories of curfews and hunger. The support they received from us, at the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims, made it possible for them to survive this second trauma. We are committed to ensuring they are able to live out their old age in dignity.*



Batya Rappaport, social worker  
Holocaust survivor and Board member



## The Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims

**Over 150,000 Holocaust survivors live in Israel today.  
Their average age is 85.**

Health issues and financial struggles result in increasing needs, and over the past two years the coronavirus pandemic resurrected past traumas for many of them.

**We at the Foundation address the whole gamut of needs of Holocaust survivors in Israel - the majority of whom require immediate assistance and support, and we will continue to be here for each of them for as long as they need us!**



*We have been through so much in life. We came to this new country in our old age, lost and alone, and you gave us something to hold on to. You are our protective shield. You always take care of us and treat us with great sensitivity and care. You are the place to turn to for anything we need, no matter how small. I thank God for sending you to us, and for the assistance you provide.*



Mykhailo Trakhtman and Zoya Henyuk (88 and 86 years old, respectively), Holocaust survivors who immigrated to Israel this year due to the war in Ukraine

# WHAT WE DO FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN ISRAEL

We identify and map out each need, then offer a tailored solution to survivors across Israel.

**In 2022 we served over 81,000 Holocaust survivors:**



**60,849**  
Survivors  
long-term  
nursing care



**622**  
Survivors  
short-term  
homecare services



**90**  
Survivors  
special care package for  
Ukrainian refugees



**1,504**  
Survivors  
eye examinations  
and glasses



**10,868**  
Survivors  
panic buttons



**531**  
Survivors  
subsidized  
dental care



**1,610**  
Survivors  
Volunteer Unit providing  
immediate services



**2,295**  
Survivors  
weekly one-on-one  
meetings with volunteers



**109**  
Survivors  
at-home accessibility  
adjustments



**418**  
Survivors  
emergency  
assistance



**250**  
Survivors  
specially-adapted  
tablets and personal  
digital coaching



**360**  
Survivors  
alleviating loneliness via  
meetings with high-school  
students



**32**  
Survivors  
special financial  
assistance



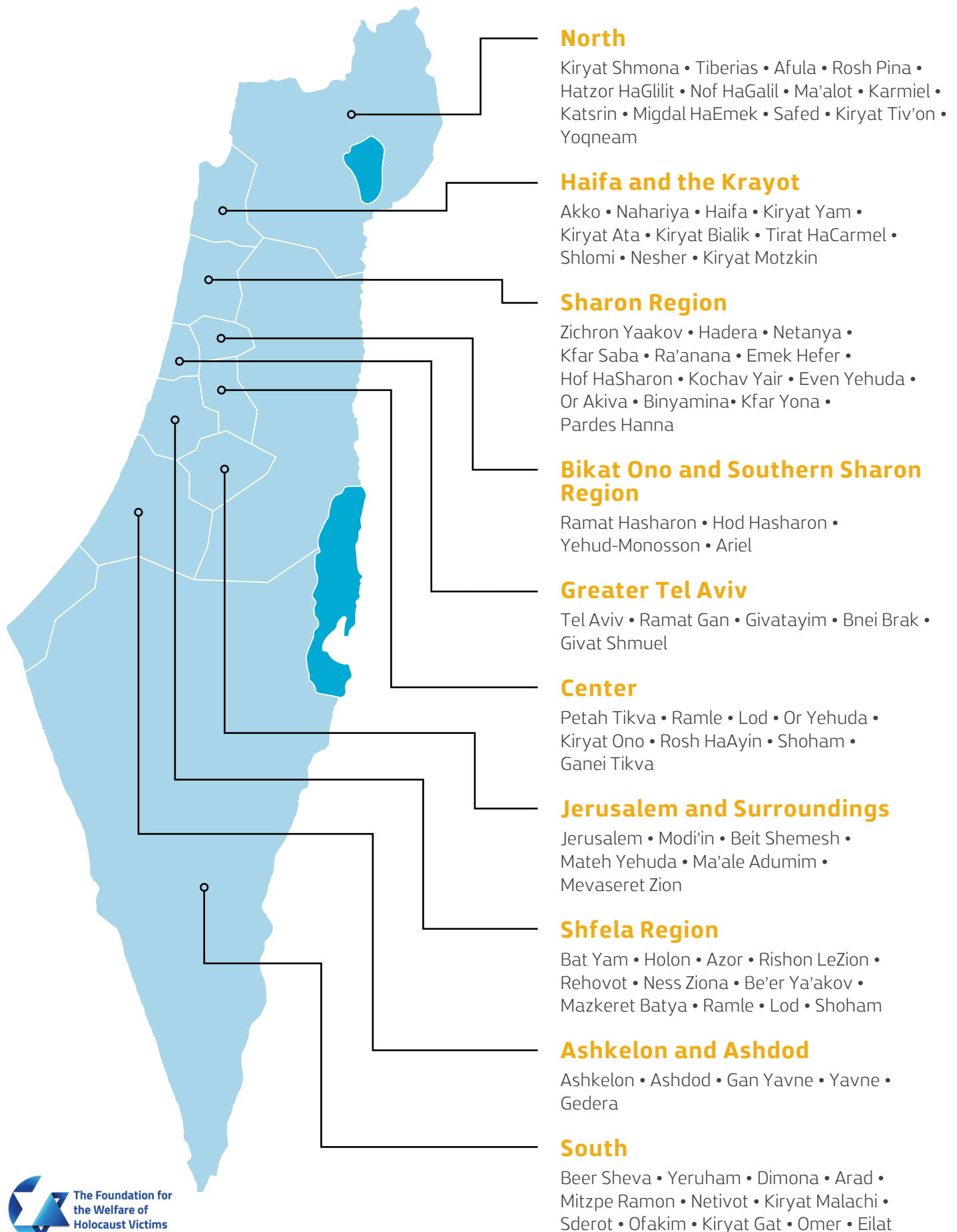
**3,573**  
Survivors  
provision of appliances  
and basic equipment



**853**  
Survivors  
monthly food  
parcels

# WHO WE REACH AND WHERE

81,000 Holocaust survivors in 791 localities across Israel



# AFTER THE LIGHTNING STRUCK – A RAY OF LIGHT APPEARED

A personal story

**They say lightning never strikes twice; but for Mykhalo Trakhtman and his partner Zoya Henryuk from Ukraine (88 and 86 years old, respectively) it struck three times, forcing them to once more flee the horrors of war.**

The first time was as children during the Holocaust, when they fled the Nazi invasion of Ukraine and lived on the run as refugees until the end of the war. After the war, they returned to Ukraine and settled in the Donetsk region. Mykhalo built himself a good reputation as a physician specializing in spinal problems, and Zoya worked as an economist.



When Russia captured the Crimean Peninsula in 2014, Mykhalo and Zoya were forced to flee again – this time to Zhytomyr.

The third time was last March, when Russia invaded Ukraine, and the two fled the war and immigrated to Israel. Following Mykhalo's brother who immigrated a few years previously, they rented a tiny apartment in the central town of Petah Tikva.

When they first arrived in Israel, with no Hebrew and no financial or social safety net, they felt isolated, lonely and helpless. On top of the struggles of being refugees, they were struck by another tragedy when their only son, who was living in Romania, died of cancer.

A relative posted their plight on Facebook, and one of our employees at the Foundation read the post and entered their lives and hearts. She immediately got in touch with them and became their point of contact for help, dealing with the National Insurance Institute of Israel, the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, the Ministry of Construction and Housing, banks, and their landlord.

We at the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims provide Mykhalo and Zoya with assistance on a daily basis, be it financial, in the form of grocery coupons; a 24/7 panic button service for emergencies; help accessing their rights as Holocaust survivors; and support in integrating into the community. Our social worker Sona Schwartz, who accompanies and supports the couple on behalf of the Foundation, says she serves as a real anchor for them, and helps ease their loneliness: "They entered my heart, and I always have the feeling that I want to do more for them."



# SOMETIMES ONE ENCOUNTER IS ENOUGH TO CHANGE AN ENTIRE LIFE

## A personal story

**Lila Hadar lives in a small apartment on a kibbutz in northern Israel, but she is not your average "kibbutznik". She is a Holocaust survivor who followed her children (themselves kibbutz members) to the kibbutz after the death of her husband.**

She was born in Odesa during World War II. Her father was a partisan fighter and her mother survived the war in various hiding places, while Lila was raised by her grandmother. After the war, she was taken from her grandmother's home and sent to live with her mother and mother's new husband, who abused her. Later the family immigrated to Israel, where they lived in a transit camp. At the age of 19, Lila married and had a son and daughter. Sadly, the marriage was short lived and, following her divorce, she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder.



Lila married again, but that successful union was brief. Her second husband passed away, her mental illness flared up again, and she was struck by another sorrow: her eyesight deteriorated greatly and she was soon pronounced legally blind. She lived on the kibbutz in blindness and extreme loneliness (her son having moved abroad and her relations with her daughter having soured).

And then a meeting with workers from the Foundation in 2016 completely changed her life, both financially and socially, and helped ease her loneliness. We at the Foundation work to ensure her welfare and help her access her rights, and our staff is in continual contact with her. With targeted and specific assistance, we helped her increase her disability benefits, installed a panic button in her home to give her a greater sense of security, and gave her blankets and a heater for the cold winter. Today, she is also far more robust mentally. Moreover, Hanoach Harel, the social worker who cares for her on behalf of the Foundation, arranged for a counselor to visit her every week, and a volunteer to help her deal with bureaucratic difficulties.

Lila's social life has greatly improved since making contact with the Foundation. She has already gone on holiday and is part of a group of Holocaust survivors who meet in the northern town of Nahariya. Her arduous childhood was also finally recognized through a "lost childhood" grant for Holocaust survivors from the Israeli government.

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*I was very, very sad about how everything turned out, and about the childhood I experienced. I also had two strokes and am having trouble getting back on my feet. I just didn't have enough love in my life. But from you I receive love – and that's no small thing.*



# FOR EVERY HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR IN ISRAEL – WHEREVER THEY ARE, FOR AS LONG AS THEY NEED US!



*We must do everything we can to support anyone who survived the Holocaust, making sure they have everything they need and that they live happily and well. The Foundation does this big-time, and being part of it is really important to me.*

Yeachiel Frankel  
Holocaust survivor and Board member



Your support helps us offer security and stability to Holocaust survivors in Israel. Your support enables them to lead a dignified life. **Please join us now** to make sure every Holocaust survivor in Israel gets what they need.

**This is a noble cause and an important mission – but we will find it hard to succeed without your support!**

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