



The Foundation for  
the Welfare of  
Holocaust Victims

# SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT

## 2024



Dela Rasovsky



Asher Wollech



Esther Maza



Moshe Berger



Rivka Berger



Dan Bar Moshe

January 2025

# As long as they need us

## 31 Years of Activity

We remain dedicated to supporting all Holocaust survivors in Israel – wherever they are and in every way necessary to improve their well-being!

Currently, there are **127,000** Holocaust survivors living in Israel, with an average age of **87** years. The scope and variety of their needs are continuously growing as they face the challenges of time and their advanced age.

We at the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims offer support and address the needs of Holocaust survivors in Israel through a wide range of responses and solutions.

The past year has been complex and challenging due to the ongoing war that began on October 7, 2023.

During the past year, we provided **141,060** services to Holocaust survivors nationwide.

We proudly mark **31** years of addressing the daily needs of Holocaust survivors and will continue to be here for them as long as they need us.

We chose to present our work in the past year through the stories of six Holocaust survivors.





# Rivka and Moshe Berger



Rivka (86) and Moshe (94) Berger, Holocaust survivors from Romania, endured the horrors of the Holocaust, losing many family members and friends. They immigrated to Israel during its early years and settled in Kiryat Shmona. After 70 years in their home, they were forced to evacuate their home due to the war imposed upon us since October 7, 2023, which continues to this day.

Their home was damaged by the numerous rocket barrages that struck their beloved city – the home where they raised their three daughters and cherished family memories. Now, they are temporarily residing in Ramat Gan, awaiting the day they can return to their home.

Rivka and Moshe receive nine weekly hours of caregiving services from the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims, in addition to caregiving hours provided by the National Insurance Institute. They also participate in various social activities organized by the Foundation. The couple received a leisure kit, holiday gift packages, a tablet designated to the use of seniors, and they participate in a digital-social club. Additionally, Dr. Irit Hadar who volunteers through the Foundation, visits them weekly in Ramat Gan, chats with them, and alleviates their loneliness. They feel that Irit has become a family member and are delighted by her visits.

We, at the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims, will continue to do everything in our ability to ensure that Rivka and Moshe can age with the dignity and comfort that they deserve.

## 2024 in numbers:

58,144	Holocaust survivors received long-term nursing care.
22,243,531	Hours of long-term nursing care were provided.
290	Holocaust survivors received tablets, training, and joined the digital-social club.
1,700	Emergency kits designated for extended stays in secured areas.
19	Emergency grants (6,000 NIS per grant).
188	Emergency responses were handled by a volunteer squad.

# Dan Bar Moshe



Dan (89) from Yehud, immigrated to Israel from Iraq in the 1970s, when he was six years old. He and his family experienced the Farhud (anti-Jewish riots in Iraq inspired by the Nazis). A few years later, he saved the lives of hundreds of Iraqi Jews by smuggling them through Iran at a tremendous personal risk, eventually bringing them to safety in Israel.

Today, Dan supports himself and his wife by working as a school exam proctor. Despite the challenges he faces, he remains optimistic, grateful for any help he receives, and steadfast in his belief that tomorrow holds the promise of a better day. Dan receives financial assistance through the Foundation's program, "Adopt a Survivor", which provides monthly financial support from a designated donor. For several years, a social worker from the Foundation has maintained weekly contact with Dan, ensuring his needs are met. He also receives invitations to social events organized by the Foundation, such as plays and movies, as well as food packages, nine additional caregiving hours each week, holiday gifts, and birthday visits from volunteers. Additionally, a Foundation volunteer visits Dan weekly to spend time with him and offer assistance as needed. Their bond has grown so strong that they now share a relationship akin to longtime friends.

We, at the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims, will continue to support Dan as much as he needs to ensure he lives his life with the dignity and comfort that he deserves.

## 2024 in numbers:

- 11,369 Food packages were distributed to Holocaust survivors.
- 1,776 Holocaust survivors benefited from regular volunteer visits.
- 1,136 Holocaust survivors enjoyed enrichment and leisure events.
- 881 Holocaust survivors celebrated their birthdays with volunteers.



# Asher Wollech



Asher (90) was born in the town of Bijeljina, in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Asher was seven years old when the war reached Bosnia. He grew up in a middle-class family, which had a relatively good life until the war. In 1941, his father was taken to a concentration camp, and Asher, his mother, and his sisters spent four years hiding in the mountains with no proper clothes or food. Against all odds, they survived the war.

After the war, Asher and his mother remained in Bosnia. At age 63, Asher decided to immigrate to Israel and settled in Jerusalem despite not knowing Hebrew.

In recent years, Asher has been accompanied by more than 15 volunteers from the Foundation, including volunteers from the FIDF IMPACT program. The volunteers provide him with ongoing support, visit him, bring him gift packages, and celebrate his birthdays and Jewish holidays together. Asher deeply appreciates and cherishes all of them and has maintained contact with them over the years.

One of the volunteers who frequently visited Asher was Captain Avi Goldberg Z"L, an educator and philanthropist who tragically fell in the line of duty in November 2024 in southern Lebanon while defending the homeland. Avi had a deep commitment to bringing joy to Holocaust survivors, especially Asher, often sharing the gift of music during his visits. His contributions were invaluable, and his memory will remain in the hearts of many, including Asher's. May his memory be a blessing.

Asher's home is equipped with an emergency call button, funded by the Foundation, ensuring his safety and peace of mind.

## 2024 in numbers:

7,000

Subscribers to emergency call button services.

1,914

Holiday gift packages.

1,850

Loneliness-relief leisure kits, especially in northern Israel.

1,368

Phone calls and home visits were made by volunteers to Holocaust survivor.

# Dela Rasovsky



Dela (83), from Petah Tikva, was born in Kyiv. During World War 2, her family was evacuated to Kazan in Russia. Her father fought in the war while she, her mother, and her sister faced the hardships of living in an unfamiliar city, enduring some of the most challenging years of the war.

Dela recalls: "We had nothing to eat; we survived on potato peel soup. It was tough for my mother to manage with two infant daughters without her husband. We lived under harsh conditions while my mother worked tirelessly. When we returned to Kyiv, I was four years old. Health issues were widespread among us and other children, and my sister tragically passed away due to the great hunger we endured."

Currently, Dela lives alone in a small third-floor apartment in an old building without an elevator. Her beloved husband passed away 11 years ago, and unfortunately, she has no children. Through the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims, Dela receives an additional nine weekly hours of caregiving services, support from a social worker who helps her with all her needs, an eye exam, and customized eyeglasses, food vouchers, and a monthly food package delivered to her home by a dedicated volunteer.

Dela faces numerous health challenges, including heart failure and severe mobility issues. She relies on the Foundation's support. Despite her hardships, she expresses profound gratitude for the assistance she receives, acknowledging that she could not manage without it. At the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims, we remain committed to supporting Dela to the fullest extent possible, ensuring she continues to live with dignity.

## 2024 in numbers:

**1,092** Eye exams and customized eyeglasses.

**202** Dental treatments were subsidised.

**1,134** Home visits by social workers at Holocaust survivors homes.

**991** Holocaust survivors received personalized care from our social workers.

**25** Holocaust survivors participated in "Adopt a Survivor" program – a steady monthly financial support to designated survivors.



# Esther Maza



Esther (87) was born in Greece and was just four years old when the war began there. Her family was relatively well-off; her father owned a small and well-known fabric shop. However, after the war broke out, her family was forced to flee their home in a desperate attempt to survive. Esther recalls the kindness of their Greek neighbors, who tried to help by hiding Jewish children in their homes. The neighbors even warned her family about impending German raids, enabling Esther, her parents, and her aunt to flee to the mountains to hide. Tragically, their family members perished in the Holocaust.

After immigrating to Israel, Esther and her family stayed close, sharing meals and celebrating the Sabbath together at her grandmother's house. She learned to cook Greek food from her mother, a tradition she lovingly continues to this day, infused with cherished memories. Two volunteers from the Foundation visit Esther regularly, providing companionship and ensuring her well-being following the loss of her husband. In addition to their support, Esther is also taken care by one of the Foundation's social workers, along with food baskets, an emergency call button and additional essential assistance. She also participates in our recently established digital social club, "Connecting Together", which allows her to connect with fellow survivors in a supportive peer group, fostering social and emotional resilience. To ensure she receives the care she needs, Esther is provided with nine additional weekly caregiving hours.

At the Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims, we remain dedicated to providing Esther with a comprehensive support network, ensuring she can age with dignity, comfort, and the care she deserves.

## 2024 in numbers:

**1,364** Absorbent items kits were distributed to Holocaust survivors.

**767** Requests for medical equipment, essential products, and emergency aids.

**527** Food vouchers were given to Holocaust survivors to cover the cost of essential items.

**371** Holocaust survivors received short term nursing care.

# The Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims

## Summary of 2024

We provided **141,060** responses and services.



### Nursing Care:

**58,144**

Holocaust survivors received long-term nursing care.

**22,243,531**

Hours of long-term nursing care were provided.

**371**

Holocaust survivors received short term nursing care.



### Health and Personal Care:

**43,073**

Inquiries were addressed through the Foundation's hotline.

**11,369**

Food packages were distributed.

**7,000**

Subscribers to emergency call button services.

**1,700**

Emergency kits designated for longer stays in secured areas.

**1,364**

Absorbent items kits.

**1,092**

Eye exams and eyeglasses.

**767**

Requests for medical equipment, essential products, and emergency aids were addressed ("Immediate Assistance").

**527**

Shopping vouchers to cover the cost of essential items.

**202**

Subsidized dental care treatments.

**97**

Homes underwent accessibility modifications (average cost: 26,000 NIS per home).

**30**

Home repairs by "Midrag" volunteers, funded by Bank Leumi.

**25**

"Adopt a Survivor" – fixed monthly financial support.

**19**

Survivors received emergency funds (6,000 NIS per survivor, in total 114,000 NIS).

**8**

Homes were renovated by Applied Materials volunteers.





## Social Support and Loneliness Alleviation:

2,570

Holocaust survivors received visits from IDF officers and soldiers on Holocaust Remembrance Day.

1,914

Holocaust survivors received holiday gift packages.

1,850

Loneliness-relief leisure kits, especially for Holocaust survivors in north Israel.

1,776

Holocaust survivors benefited from regular volunteer visits through the "Building Connections" program.

1,191

Holocaust survivors enjoyed enrichment and leisure events, participated in lectures, tours, and recognition events.

1,368

Phone calls and home visits to Holocaust survivors by volunteers.

881

Holocaust survivors celebrated their birthdays with volunteers.

330

Holocaust survivors participated in continuous intergenerational social gatherings with high school students.

290

Holocaust survivors received tablets, training, and joined the digital-social club.

188

Emergency responses were handled by volunteer squads.



## Well-being and Emotional Support:

991

Holocaust survivors received personalized specific care from our social workers.

466

Lonely survivors who do not have family support received continuous assistance and compassionate support.

1,134

Home visits by social workers for Holocaust survivors.

546

Holocaust survivors with mental health challenges received personalized care.

28

Homebound survivors participated in a special program to address their unique needs and received support and emotional assistance.



\*The data also includes assistance provided during the "Swords of Iron" war, parts of which were included in the 2023 Social Impact Report.

# Our Partners

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dear partners. Your support enables us to assist tens of thousands of Holocaust survivors and allow them to age with the dignity and comfort that they deserve.



## Leading Partners:



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Claims Conference  
Conference on Jewish Material Claims  
Against Germany



## Main Supporters:

- Alfred Landecker Foundation
- Azrieli Foundation
- Bank Leumi
- Barbara and Fred Kort Foundation
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- Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ)
- Gav-Yam
- International Fellowship of Christians and Jews
- Jewish Federation of Broward County
- Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ
- Jewish Federations of North America
- Jewish United Fund – Chicago
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- Ted Arison Family Foundation (Israel)
- The Gottesman Fund
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- The Heritage Center for Jewish Communities of Salonika and Greece
- UJA – Federation of New York





## Key Volunteer Forces:

- Academic Institutions (providing 2 academic credits)
- Applied Materials
- Border Police
- FIDF IMPACT! Program
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Israel Aerospace Industries
- Israel Defense Forces
- Israel Police
- Israel Prison Service
- Midrag
- ORT Network
- Shahak Scholarship Program

We remember with pain and pride our dear volunteers, **Captain Avraham Yosef Goldberg** and **Master Sergeant Gilad Elmaliach**, who fell this year in the line of duty defending our homeland.

May their memory, along with the memory of all the fallen, be blessed.



Your support enables us to assist Holocaust survivors who are facing complex challenges in their final years.  
Our essential services are a true lifeline for Holocaust survivors across the country.

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Please join us in ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in Israel receive everything they need, especially during these challenging times.

We have a noble goal and a crucial mission, which we can only achieve with your support!

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Please support us so we can continue standing by the Holocaust survivors for as long as they need us.

They deserve it, and it is our moral duty.

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We are all waiting for the safe  
and fast return of the hostages!



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