

Adopt a Holocaust Survivor

News from the Haifa Home Adoption Program

The day that victims of the Holocaust are remembered in Israel, falls on May 2nd this year. That date is the day that the Haifa Home hopes to see another Home opened and ready for survivors of that unspeakable period who are eagerly waiting to be part of the warmth and security that many now enjoy as residents of the current facility.

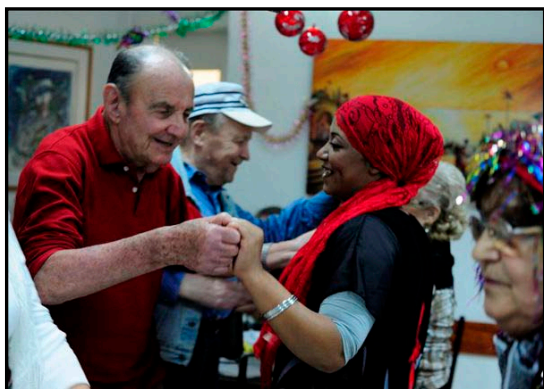
A Helping Hand

A Christian work group has been on hand to speed up the daunting task of renovating a building that had been in such bad repair. They have been very busy preparing and painting the rooms that will house the new residents. The group's efforts are very much appreciated by all connected to the Home. They easily interact with the residents and staff and are often visited by the waiting new residents to check on their future home's progress. A bond has been forged and the group feel loved and accepted. One of the men who had come to Israel last year to work on the first building told Yudit Setz of ICEJ AID, *"Coming back this year was like coming home."* What is special about this friendship is that this group is the Saxonian Friends of Israel from Germany, the country under which the Homes' residents all suffered, some vowing never to speak its language again. Yet it's German that many of them speak as they chat to the working visitors and in each group, the visiting Germans and the Survivors, a measure of healing slowly takes root.

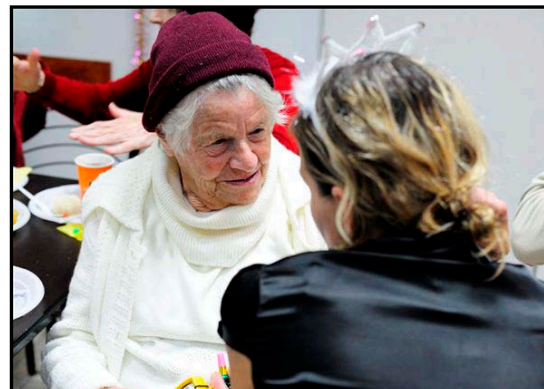


Purim Fun

Along with the rest of the Jewish community, the residents, staff, volunteers and survivors from the neighbourhood celebrated Purim. A Party was held at the Home complete with costumes, special pastries resembling the 'ears of Haman', and the reading from the scroll of Esther.



"This is like being in one big family," said Sarah to visiting ICEJ staff, and this is exactly the atmosphere that the visiting staff sense whenever they enter the Home.





Come ride with me...

On a recent visit to the Home, Director Shimon Sabag was keen to give Yudit a ride in the elevator that is at last completely ready for use. This has meant that more residents, who would have found the stairs difficult, finally can move in to the first building.

Giving the Survivors a Voice!

Christina, a Hydro Geologist, author, and also a Theatre Director, was on a train reading an article in a German newspaper. It was about the Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors. It inspired an idea – one that would in these days of Holocaust denial, be a moving and lasting reminder of the people who endured it. ICEJ AID facilitated this very special and important project. Along with a professional photographer the stories, drawings, family names and memories of Survivors have been lovingly recorded. The Survivors will have a voice through exhibitions in the very home towns they came from and in a book published by a leading publisher.

Nicola, a professional film producer also from Germany, is beginning a project in the Home of making a documentary of the lives of the Survivors and the impact their traumatic experiences had in their children.

Let's Finish the Job!

We appreciate so much the faithful financial and prayer support of sponsors of residents

in the Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors. However some major funding is still needed to complete further accommodation and infrastructure required for establishing a building that caters for assisted living for elderly residents. Please pray that this finances will soon be made available. Please consider presenting this need to your friends and church groups.

From this....



...to this!



Please help us complete this project.

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