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INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN EMBASSY JERUSALEM



December 2012 Haifa Home Update

Party Time:

Hanukkah is a lovely festival. For eight days the warm glow of the candles light each home in the winter evenings of Israel. Donuts and other traditional foods are eaten, songs are sung and a festive mood is in the air. Hanukkah is the celebration of an amazing victory more than 2,000 years ago over an enemy which was trying to eliminate all connections to Jewish belief and practice. It also celebrates the miraculous provision of the [oil](#) that was needed to relight the Temple menorah following its repossession by the Jewish people.



During its recent celebration, it was not only the candles that shed light and warmth in the Haifa Home each evening. Groups of students from different High Schools came to the Home to sing, talk and have fun with the residents. Their presence brought extra light into their lives.

Young Helping Hands:

The mentally challenged young people of Israel do not have to do army service as other 18 year olds do. However, many of them also want to serve their country and choose to

undertake community service. That is how one young man found himself working in the Haifa Home gardens with sprightly 85 year old resident, Nahum. How Nahum's eyes twinkled when he told ICEJ staff that the young man said he could not keep up with him.

Other young people were lovingly serving lunch in the dining room during ICEJ's recent visit. They were students from the university which [offers](#) various volunteer options including giving a hand at the Haifa Home. "We come every Wednesday for two hours to the Haifa Home to help here. Mainly we speak with the people. I like it very much", Alex from Germany explained. Many students from Germany who come to study in Israel have heard about the Home and are very keen to volunteer there. It greatly blesses the elderly survivors to see young Germans eager to help them.



Chava and some youthful volunteers

Moving Day:

Following the completion of the renovations of the area that used to serve as a soup kitchen, changes took place. Esti and her husband moved into a bigger two room apartment at which her husband eagerly exclaimed, "Look how much room we have now, it is very good!"

Leah was also excited. Now she could move into Esti's former apartment which is more appropriate for her needs. Her new neighbors Yossi and Dianna welcomed her with joy. Leah was thrilled to have them visit and together they enthusiastically inspected her new quarters.



Meanwhile other Holocaust Survivors have moved into the Home and become part of the Haifa Home family bringing the number of residents to 63. Among the new ones is Mordechai who as a young child, spent all the war years in flight from the Nazis. "I am very grateful to have now found a place in the Haifa Home. The staff have received me with a lot of warmth and love and I am very happy that I finally found a warm Home," he said.

Another newcomer Leon, kept telling ICEJ staff how grateful he was to have a home now and be given care.

As this year draws to a close, ICEJ AID would like to thank

you, the adopters and supporters for being part of this wonderful project. We appreciate you sharing the responsibility of our commitment to be part of providing ongoing care of precious Holocaust Survivors.

Please consider joining our Family of Adopters whose ongoing support is a vital contribution to the maintenance of this wonderful care facility.

Make next year a year of helping Holocaust Survivors!

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