

## THE FACTS & FIGURES\*

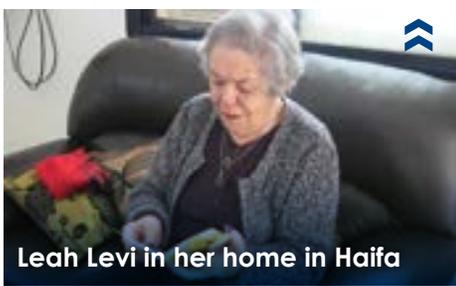
Let's take a look at the facts to get a better picture of the Holocaust Survivors living in Israel today.

- There are still 193,800 Holocaust Survivors living in Israel.
- The age range for Holocaust Survivors is 74 to over 100 years old, and 15% are over 90 years old.
- 1/3 were born between 1939-1945, and are now 74 – 80 years old
- 60% are women & 40% are men
- 64% were born in Europe (36% from the former Soviet-Union)
- 16% were born in Morocco
- 11% were born in Iraq and witnessed the Farhud in 1941
- 2% were born in Algeria
- 37% immigrated to Israel before 1951
- There are 24,000 married couples that both partners are Holocaust Survivors
- There are 13,600 Survivors living in Haifa

\* These statistics were taken from the Central Bureau of Statistics on the occasion of the International Holocaust Memorial Day (27th of January 2020), and are based on the number of Holocaust Survivors alive from December 2019.

### Passing On & Making A Difference:

As the years go by, our residents are slowly aging, and many are passing on. Another one of our long-term residents passed away this January. Leah Levi, who moved to the Home with her husband nine years ago, both survivors from Romania, succumbed to cancer and has left another empty space in the Home and in our hearts. We recognize now more than ever that time is running out for us to impact Holocaust survivors. Therefore, we invite you to partner with the ICEJ in continuing to provide the best care and love to Holocaust survivors in Israel today! 🌍



Leah Levi in her home in Haifa

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## ZACHAR'S STORY

### "I HAVE FOUND FREEDOM IN ISRAEL"

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ICEJ Homecare Nurse Corrie on one of her weekly visits with Zachar.

Every week, Homecare climbs the stairs with a small bag of groceries to visit Zachar and supplement his meager cupboard. Since he is 94 and nearly blind due to a war injury, he carefully handles each item, which is the way he 'sees' these days. Afterwards, comes the most important part of the day for him: The cup of tea and a listening ear.

Zachar was born in the Ukraine and, along with many aging Russian immigrants, was part of what used to be called the "Unknown Holocaust". Only with the fall of the Soviet Union did the stories of horror begin to emerge. Zachar's story is one such story.

As a teenager, Zachar was placed in a Ghetto in Vinnitsa, Ukraine, but somehow managed to escape. This was an area where most of the Jews were massacred and buried in mass graves in surrounding forests during 1941 and '42. However, he was eventually caught and by the end of 1943 Zachar found himself in a place of hell. The Pechora Concentration camp was set up in a former sanitarium for tuberculosis patients. The camp was packed with adults and children, and many died of starvation every day. Of the approximately 11,000 Jews crowded into the camp, only some 1,200 survived. Amazingly young Zachar was able to escape from this place as well. "I am not thankful for the suffering, but am very thankful to have survived it," he told Homecare Nurse Corrie. He joined the Red Army along with 1.5 million Jewish soldiers to fight against Germany's invasion. Zachar received many medals for his courage, including one of the highest orders.

After the war he did not return to Ukraine, but instead lived near Moscow for the next 50 years, until finally coming to Israel with his beloved wife. Sadly, his wife died after 60 years of marriage and his two children and their families still live outside of Israel. He feels lonely, but he does not regret his Aliyah. "I have found freedom in Israel," Zachar said.

At the end of the visit, there is always the same request: "Come again soon, I am waiting for you."

ICEJ Homecare takes the time to care for "the one" in practical and powerful ways with the love of God. Partner with Homecare today to continue to make a difference in the lives of Holocaust survivors and elderly immigrants in their homes right here in the land of Israel. 🌍

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