

„Have mercy and lift me up from gates of death, that I may declare your praises in the gates of the Daughter of Zion and there rejoice in your salvation.“ Psalm 9: 13-14

... FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

“When I look back, being a guest in your house was one of the most moving and impressive days of the trip to Israel. I am thankful that the survivors let us, as total strangers, have insight into their inner lives. Please do thank them for me! It is fascinating how committed you are in your work, for people to receive healing!

Stephan Menzel, Germany

“The stories were tragic and heartbreaking. Many recalled miracles that occurred

with stories of sacrifice and courage. It is important for them to share so the world will not forget and to prevent it from ever happening again. It gave us a chance to let them know that we do care and will always keep them in our hearts and prayers! They are a living testimony of a story that needs to be told and to learn from, no matter what our faith and nationality. For me, it became more than that. I have developed a friendship with them all and each time I travel to Israel I make it a point to visit Ner Yaakov.” Phillip Bozarth, Police-officer, San Diego, USA



Mrs. Landau with German guest

Meir Reichert with guest from AKI

Our Jewish quest: “Why do we bring Jewish Brazilian students to visit Ner Yaakov?”

“In December 2009 I was introduced to Inge and heard about Ner Yaakov. Instantaneously I knew it would be very important for our project to come and see for ourselves the marvelous experience that exists in Jerusalem. The project takes Jewish Brazilian students between 20 and 27 years old to an intense trip to Poland where they get in touch with the Jewish civilization that lived in that country before WWII, and also invites them to a profound reflection about the de-humanization and humiliation processes committed against the Jewish people by the Nazi rulers. By visiting places like Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek and Treblinka it is possible to testify the grade of evil mankind could achieve. Many questions come up after these visits and most of them are very difficult to answer.

One main emphasis of our project is to overcome the pain and suffering and permit the students during the visit to Israel immediately afterward, to get to know different experiences, like social aid in respect between each other, which can be the opposite of the experiences during the Holocaust period. After visiting Ner Yaakov twice, I can affirm strongly that this project is one of the most beautiful places in the State of Israel for someone to learn the “other side” of the history and see how a human being can be dignified and honored by a woman’s vision.

Ner Yaakov is not only an answer for those, who after surviving the Holocaust could no longer believe in anyone or anything, anymore. When our group finishes their visit to Majdanek camp and circles the ashes-mountain that symbolizes the horror and the nightmare period during the War, they are invited to return to their lives celebrating ‘LIFE’ and pursue their dreams in order to make TIKKUN OLAM — the Jewish commandment to repair the world. We had to come to Jerusalem, in the Jewish State of Israel to learn how TIKKUN OLAM is made by a visionary group of people led by Inge Buhs, no matter their religion or nationality. This is the reason we bring our students to Ner Yaakov, to learn how the flame and the seeds of tolerance, respect and honor can be put into practice and to overcome the hard experience of testifying of the ‘beast’ side of man.”

Thank you!

Prof. Dr Celso Zilbovicius, Educational Director, Keren Hayesod, “March of the Living-Project,” São Paulo- Brazil



Tamara Harpaz, Brazilian guest with Pavel

Marcel Beer from Brazil

Psalm 100:4

„Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!“

A VERY PERSONAL BLESSING:

I received a personal blessing through the words of this young Brazilian Jewish man, photo above: At the end of our meeting he said to me: “If you are a Christian and German, then I am a Christian and German. If I am a Jew from Brazil, then so are you!”

Such a young man, - it really touched me!

...and in everything: *We thank the Lord our God!*



Julia with Chana

Michael with Elisabeth Pfendt