

*„Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and go through the gates into the city!“ Rev. 22:14*

**„NEWS IN SHORT“**

**Our quest - project:** Over the past few months we have hosted Holocaust survivors from around the country. They are coming to us for one week to rest and have a holiday. The Lord has really blessed this project. We are glad to build closer relationships with some of our guests and these new friends come back to Ner Yaakov for different events.

**Conference in Yad Vashem:** Last spring was a conference at Yad Vashem, where leaders of Holocaust associations from other countries also attended. I was with many of these leaders, who are themselves survivors, in Russia and Finland last year. It was so great to see them all again! However, there was also some sad news. Pavel from St. Petersburg and Mischa from Minsk had asked me to bring them to the hospital, to see their friend Alexander, who was very ill. These three men had survived Minsk Ghetto together and stayed in touch all of their lives. It was sad, because Alexander was already unconscious on our visit and a

few days later he died! But at least they got to see him once more...

**Felix Lipsky and Moisey Ockerman visited us:** Felix and Moisey were also participants in the conference at Yad Vashem and stayed as guests with us. We showed them Jerusalem took them on an outing and had great fellowship. Actually I already knew Felix from the 1990's, when he was still the leader of the Holocaust Association in Belarus, where we visited. Today he and also Moisey and their families live in Germany!

**Holocaust-Remembrance-day 2011:** We have been very grateful for the invitation of the Israeli police to participate in their ceremony on Holocaust-Remembrance-day. This day is especially difficult for the survivors, but many of them came early in the morning to the Ner Yaakov center and we went together to the ceremony. The young officers cared so much for the elderly and honored them in a very kind way, so that one survivor even said afterward to me: „Inge, I go home with good feelings!“ In all the years of work, I have not heard a survivor say something like that on a ‚Holocaust-Remembrance-day‘. We thank God for the blessings he gave, thank you for your prayers and we bless the police officers and their families.

**10-year Jubilee celebration:** In March we were invited to participate in a celebration of the 10-year existence of the Holocaust Association in Hadera. Last year, the leaders and their wives had been at Ner Yaakov for one week, and ever since we are in good, close contact and friendship. Together with Sabine Wiech, who came to help us for some weeks, we went to join the joyful time with music and dancing.

**Mrs. Margarete Wolff:** Mrs. Wolff from Berlin comes every year to Israel to visit family and stays a few days at Ner Yaakov. It is a joy to see, that she really feels „at home“. We celebrated Purim together!

**Day at the Mamilla Shopping Center:** Our Friends from Germany spoiled us a little bit, blessing a group of survivors with a trip to a nice Cafe. Together with a good friend from the USA and her sister we went to a nice place at the Mamilla Mall. The atmosphere was very good and the elderly really enjoyed it....and so did we! Thank you!

There is a lot more to share with you, but enough for today.  
You see: It is never boring at Ner Yaakov!

*„Enter through the narrow gate!... small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life!“*

*Matth. 7:13-14*

1. Conference at Yad Va Shem
2. Celebration in Hadera - 10-years Jubilee of their Holocaust association
3. Felix Lipsky + Moisey Ockerman visit us
4. Group of survivors and friends from the US at the Mamilla Mall.



1. Michael Spivak with police officer  
2. Margarete Wolff—Purim celebration



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