

## ALEXANDER SHARES ABOUT OUR HOME-VISITS:

*"...to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." James 1:27a*



Alexander

We received great encouragement through the words of Alexander Vishnevetsky. Alexander is the co-leader and speaker of the Jerusalem Holocaust-Association. As often as possible, we go together on home-visits. Often we come to suffering survivors who can hardly leave their homes. Thanks to you, we are not coming empty-handed and all the joyful words of thanks which I so many times receive at these visits, I would like to pass them on today to you. On these home - visits we also see who needs practical help and as often as possible our Ner Yaakov volunteers then help the elderly in their private homes.

*From Alexander: „Inge, a Christian from Germany, and her Organization do an important work. „Ner Yaakov“ provides next to the material also moral support to these former prisoners of Ghettos and Concentration camps. Inge does her best to care for these sick and old former prisoners and organizes Christian volunteers for these people. I have to say that next to the financial support, which the needy receive, is the great importance of attention given to every problem these people have. They are tired, ill and sometimes even at the doorstep of death. The volunteers of Ner Yaakov are able to bring, with human, friendly, words and counsel, warmth to these people, and they are so thankful for it. Especially important seem to me the visits to the couples Gutman Shlomo and Yona, and Kopolovichi Baruch and Lila, because they survived the terrible death-camps like Mauthausen, Buchenwald and Auschwitz. In their high ages between 85 to 90, ill and old, they are still full of dignity and nobility. We also visited the eldest survivor of our organization, Sarah Landa, who is 94 and still has a bright and clear mind. The people of Ner Yaakov want to help from their hearts, and they do it! They also provide the possibility for lonely former prisoners to live in their Ner Yaakov-home. I am writing this not from ‚hear-say‘, but from my own experience. Our Jerusalem Organization has developed warm and friendly relations with Ner Yaakov. Thank you for this care! I want to wish many years of good health and luck and want to say: ‚Thank you‘ for this important work!”*

Alexander Vishnevetsky



Wilfried at Homevisit

Thea with Inge

Baruch , Inge and Lila

*“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field... leave it for the poor. I am the Lord your God.” Lev. 19:9-10*

## A SPECIAL ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY:

*“The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him ...He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes...but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.” Isaiah 11:2-4*

Our daily practical work is so simple, nothing very exciting in daily life! Sometimes it is just overcoming barriers of bureaucracy or battles.

However, we also experience quite some adventurous times with the survivors, and so I did on this years Independence-Day. Together with Arie Litvak I ended up at a picnic — picnics are a tradition in Israel for Independence-Day —with the political party: ‚Israel Beteinu‘, and met Ministers of the Knesset and our former Foreign minister. Arie is politically very active and I got a big surprise, finding another survivor we know well in this interesting crowd. A personal blessing for me was to meet Knesset Minister Uzi Landau, whom I respect a lot. I was embarrassed and did not know what to say to him, and here I stumbled: „...I am this ‚life-long

volunteer‘ in Israel..!“ „From Germany?“ Uzi Landau asked and started to speak German with me. We ended up rejoicing together when I shared, that it was my first Independence Day as an Israeli citizen. No matter which political stand these survivors have, it is great to see that they are true Zionists and love their country!



At the Picnic : Arie Litvak with Knesset Minister Sofa Landver, Knesset Minister Uzi Landau with Inge