



Soldier Alon with Meir

Sara with officer Chaim Shmueli

Officer Shai Nachman with Pavel

## OUR BRAZILIAN JEWISH FRIENDS ARE VISITING:

To host our Brazilian Jewish friends every year is a highlight for us! We are totally aware, that they have just come from a very hard trip to Poland, witnessing with their own eyes many of the concentration-camps and learning their own painful history. For some of them it is very personal, because their own grandparents are survivors. In Poland they are confronted for days with the worst pain in the Jewish people's hearts, and from there they travel straight to Israel and visit our German-Christian home! For us this is a miracle in itself!

The elderly found great comfort in seeing such a beautiful new Jewish generation —about 110 young people— who sat in extreme summer heat before them in our garden and listened with so much interest and with deep respect to their testimonies. Of course, it was emotionally very difficult, tears were seen on faces, but at the end, there was lots of singing and even dancing together. The elderly loved it!

I realized that this year many survivors talked to them about making Aliyah, encouraging them to immigrate: Home to Israel!

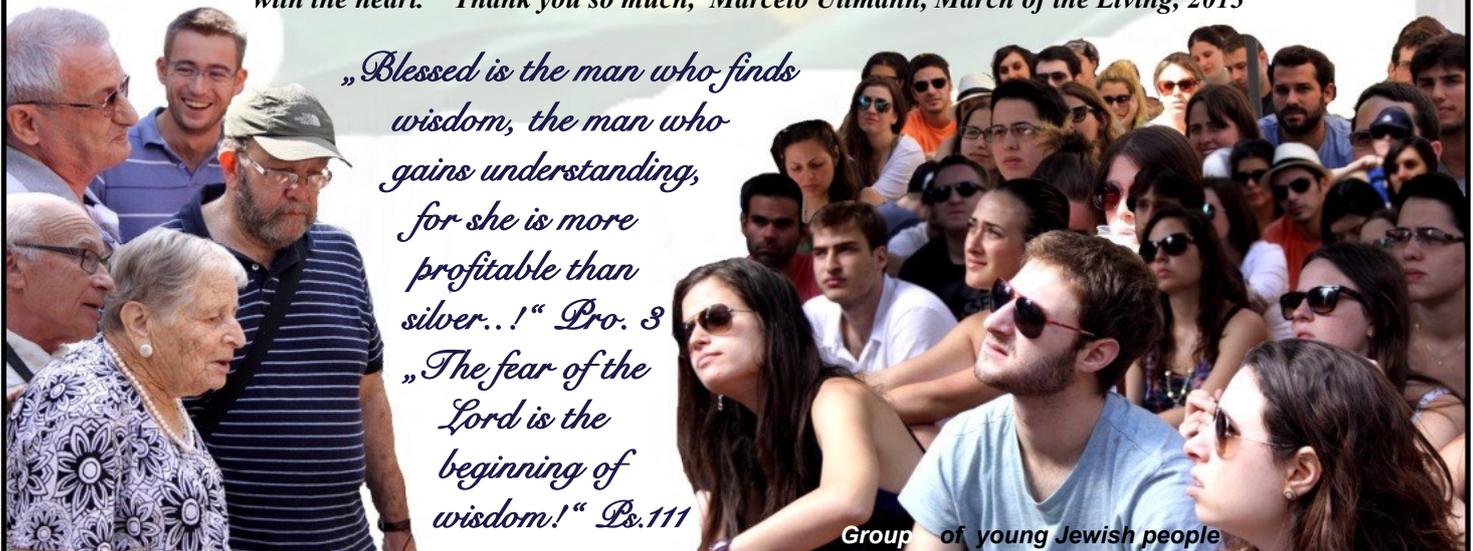
The presence and sharing of the police officers who came to join us helped them to see a clearer and different picture about Israel and was a real blessing. Alon, a soldier spoke as well with this wonderful crowd.

We want to share a part of a moving letter we received afterwards. It is a big encouragement to us, but as you read it, please know that we say: Toda la EI! Thanks be to God, who is touching hearts!

*„My name is Marcelo Ullmann...I thank you! I am sure that today all of us have had one of the most memorable mornings of our short lives. Being with you, your assistants and the survivors was a great class of humanity and love for us...the strong energy of you and the survivors reached our hearts directly, in a way that is hard to translate in words. When we were getting out of the institution the reactions of my colleagues were diverse: some of them were crying, others could not stop smiling, some groups were talking about everything that just happened, there were those who were just letting the thoughts come, alone, silently...but every single one was most of all impressed ...with the great message of solidarity...which was just given. We talked, we listened, we danced and sang with the survivors. They are just wonderful. It was really joyful –although sometimes painful– to hear their stories of life and the difficulties, and it was quite impressive to see the love, respect, and gratefulness they have for the land of Israel. They are just wonderful people, which once were young and passed through one of the greatest mistakes humanity had ever committed: the Holocaust.*

*After spending 10 days between Poland and Czech Republic, visiting concentration camps and Ghettos, we managed to have a deeper view and understanding of this catastrophe. Therefore, we were able to comprehend the situation of the survivors better...some of whom were left totally alone. There is no doubt that these people who survived the massacres need help; even more now as they are older...Your institution is an enormous instrument in this sense. We can see, behind the survivors' eyes that they love...your institution a lot. We can see that your institution in some cases, is the only thing they have. While they talked we comprehend the respect they get from you. We could feel that you are a huge family evolved with a lot of solidarity...We learned a lot...You are not Jewish! ...You are not in the generation of those who gave cause to the whole tragedy and you could have just lived in Germany and forgotten about that. Nevertheless,...your heart was telling you, that you needed to do something. I am sure you have an enormous heart, the same way as the people you care for in the institution. And today...the heart of every single one of us grew by some centimeters. We learned with you, that if something has to be done, we are the ones who shall take the initiative. And it has to be done with the heart.” Thank you so much, Marcelo Ullmann, March of the Living, 2013*

*„Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver..!“ Pro. 3  
„The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!“ Ps.111*



Group of young Jewish people