

Lev. 23:4-8

„...it is the Lords Passover!“



## PROJECTS WITH THE POLICE: PASSOVER

I would like to share with you about two projects we recently had together with the Israeli Police for the survivors. But first let me share shortly with you, how all this connection to the police even started. I felt that some of our most faithful friends, who do not get our prayer up-dates online, might be wondering: “What does Ner Yaakov have to do with the police”? After all, they were used to hearing from me all about hospital visits and nursing, and now, such different projects. Well, „...all things turn to the good for those who love God!“ and for us it was a „break in“ at Ner Yaakov home over 4 years ago. Because of this theft, the police heard about us, and so started to come to visit the survivors, help with legal questions and even take the time to build the Succa (Tabernacle) with them. Here in Israel, the police and also soldiers share the interest to help, care for and protect the Holocaust survivors. We have witnessed that the officers we met, really do care. The most beautiful for us is, how the police officers honor the elderly survivors, and this I believe, honors Israel!

Our Pesach celebration was actually an initiative of the officer who asked me if we could do something together for the survivors, and we did! They were blessed and had a good time!

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY:

The past years the police had invited us to join their ceremony on Holocaust Remembrance Day. But this year, the new deputy had decided to do the whole ceremony with the survivors and the

officers of his station in the Ner Yaakov garden. On one hand I felt very blessed and honored, but on the other I thought: „God this is too big for me!“ But believing, that an idea like this could have only been born of God Himself, we went ahead. I have to say, it was a special time, starting with a blessing as I found one officer early in the morning in our garden with his prayer-shawl praying. The ceremony itself was very serious. One of the highest officers of Jerusalem, who seems very kind and humble, spoke with great authority! Arieh was given the honor of sharing about his life, but had to stop, because he got too emotional. After the official part they had refreshments—the volunteers had prepared many cakes for the about 80 people. It was precious to see how several policemen stayed on to listen to what the survivors wanted to share with us. One lit a candle, one shared a poem about Anna Frank, another wanted us to know about the Jews in Bulgaria and some talked about their experiences. However, maybe a bit unusual for this sad day, there was also laughter and even joking. I said to Sara, who always loves to talk to the young officers: „Sara, you are the oldest here, but you have so much life in you!“ „Yes,“ she responded, „and I am also the smartest here!“ She is just so great, you would love her!

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Passover: 1. Christina + Ana  
2. Yossi 3. Arieh + Michael singing  
4. Sara with officer 5. Meir  
Ceremony: 1. Arieh sharing  
2. Officers waiting 3. Sara, often funny 4. After ceremony officers

