

*„Those who honor me,*

*I will honor!“*

*1.Sam. 2:30*

*Ps. 15:4*



Hugs from Norwegian guest



Katharina and Michael with German visitors:

## **SURVIVORS FROM GERMANY VISITING:**

Michael and Katharina and Assija and Slava, who live at present in Germany came to Ner Yaakov to rest. It was such a joy and great privilege to host them. The younger couple—still very independent—travelled partly alone through the country. However, we spent real quality time with Michael and Katharina. They are back in Germany now, but won a special place in our hearts. We could see how much Michael liked to be here and loves ‘his Jewish homeland’. Carefully they watched everything and one could see how proud they were of Israel! „Here sings my heart!“ he said one day, and indeed he was singing a lot, mainly songs in Yiddish. Right from the beginning he started to become „our gardener“ and worked a lot, taking care of the plants. The volunteers played games with them, which was a good sign that they truly felt „at home“ here! We encouraged them to immigrate to Israel and told them that we would help them as much as possible once they come. We will see what the future holds for them.

### **Group from Germany visiting us:**

Michael and Katharina were also with us when German guests came to meet with survivors and hear their stories of survival. Michael who has survived the Holocaust in the Ukraine could not talk about this terrible time. It was too painful for him. However, other survivors shared their stories. Michael’s comment about this visit of our German guests was: „Now I know, that we have true friends!“ Esther Kluge, the leader of the group, wrote to me: „Thank you for this meeting! For us it was wonderful and blessed. I am so glad for the possibility to have these meetings at your place. I can feel how hearts and views are changed! It is so important! We pray for you!“

## **AFTERNOON WITH FRIENDS**

### **FROM NORWAY:**

*„..honor those who fear the Lord!“*



Norwegian friends with Michael

Why would Norwegian Christians want to meet with survivors, while traveling through Israel?

I think that this question was even answered before Jarle, who brought the group with his

wife Ragna—friends for many years— explained to the elderly why they came to Ner Yaakov. Right from the moment when they walked into our house, they came with so much love of the Lord and wide open hearts and ears to listen, and I believe from the beginning they won all our hearts. They came for lunch and several survivors ate with them before they told their stories. Looking into the crowd I saw many tears and felt that their hearts understood! It was not just words when Jarle shared with the survivors, that they love

Israel and stand by her side—believe me, the survivors are very sensitive and know— these elderly were truly comforted and blessed by our guests. The meeting did not end with tears, but also much laughter and singing. One man said to me: „I have been to Israel 12-14 times, but this gathering was my highlight of it all!“ What an encouragement for the survivors—but also us—that, even if it is so painful for them to remember and share their most horrific memories —it does bring fruit and makes an impact on our visitors’ lives!



Meir and Miriam having a good time