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VISITING SURVIVORS IN ARIEL



Visiting survivors with Boris Zabarko

and a granddaughter there **Anna Palko**

Holocaust survivors in Ukraine. So the little „outing“ into the hills of Samaria was a nice break for him. Beate Deij Ferrada, Boris and myself were welcomed by Anna Palko, who is heading the little organization for survivors in Ariel. She hosted us wonderfully and took us into the flats of several survivors who are ill or bound to their homes. It was a privilege to visit these wonderful people. We were deeply impressed by her commitment and her heart for each one of „her flock“. If anyone is in need and calls her, Anna leaves whatever she is doing, jumps on the bus and goes to help. Boris „inspected“ everything very carefully, asked the survivors questions and over and over again said to us: „They are living so much better than our survivors in Ukraine!“ Please pray for him and the situation of the survivors in the Ukraine. Who knows what the Lord will do in the future? As for us here, we surely would love to go back to visit survivors in Ariel.

Independence-Day and Home-Visits:

I was very blessed to be invited again to spend Israel's Independence Day with survivors, Arieh and Pavel, at the annual 'Israel Beitenu' picnic. They all were very welcoming to me!

Photo right: It warmed our hearts, to see how Ina laughed so wholeheartedly with Beate, while we visited her and Simeon and other survivors in Ashdod!



Inge

Arieh

Ina with Beate

„The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old!“

FROM THE LIFE OFF ASSIJA DEMSKAYA:

Assija Demskaya and her husband Slava live in Germany and came to stay some days with us at Ner Yaakov. So did our old friend, Pavel Rubinchik, the leader of the Holocaust Association in St. Petersburg. Pavel and Assija have known each other for many years and it was a blessing for them to meet again here in Israel. Just a few words about Assija's life:

Smuggled out of the Ghetto in a sack of potatoes:

Assija was born in the Ghetto Kaunas, Lithuania, in April 1942. A dentist helped the mother at the birth of her child. Through a miracle the mother even received a birth certificate from the Jewish committee. The small daughter got injections with sleep medicine to keep her quiet so she wouldn't cry and put everybody around in more danger when the Nazis came to kill the prisoners. Later a German officer warned them, that the Nazis planned



Assija with
Pavel Rubinchik

to bring all children to another camp and kill them there. In Kaunas was an underground-movement, led by Sofija Binkiene and her family, and even a few Catholic priests, who could help Jewish prisoners to escape from the Ghetto. Through their help, they flee from the Ghetto. The mother then worked at a doctor's place. Assija was baptized, and so they could hide her in a children's home. It was very dangerous to stay in Kaunas and their helpers again risked their own, and their families lives and helped them to come to a farm, where her mother could work; so they survived. In Sofija Binkiene and her family's honor a tree was planted in Yad Va Shem for the „Righteous of the Nations!“