

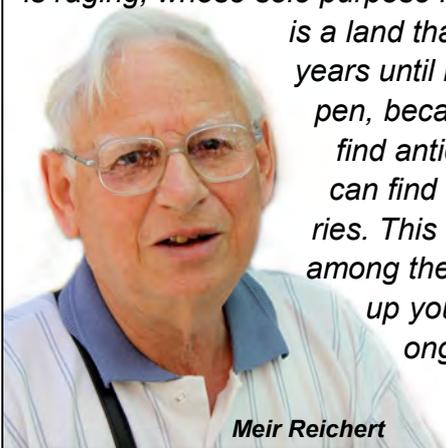
MEIR SHARES SOME THOUGHTS:

It is always a blessing when Meir and Sara come to us to share with our many guests from around the world! We can always learn from Meir! Here are some of his thoughts:

“Welcome to the hospitality of Ner Yaakov organization under the leadership of Inge Buhs. Here we are used to assemble and welcome guest-groups, who want to hear directly from Holocaust survivors who are still alive. Time is running out, and in a short time there will be no one left to tell of this dark past in our lives. Naturally, each and every group has its own character. To the groups that come from Germany I want to say, that we don't accuse the generation born after the war, much less the younger generation. But that does not mean, that we won't always remember and tell what happened to the Jewish people in the period of the Nazis.

What we would like to ask of you is, that you see the reality of our lives in the Middle East.

We live in a very small country—altogether 22,000 square kilometers. All around us extreme Islam is raging, whose sole purpose is to destroy and remove us from our land. But they will not succeed! This is a land that was promised to us, in which the people of Israel lived for thousands of years until it was conquered and they were exiled from their land. And it cannot happen, because we have no other place, no other land. Everywhere you turn you will find antiquities, remnants of a history in which Israel's kings once ruled. Here you can find many Nobel Prize winners, in proportion to the population in other countries. This is a land that turned from desert to a blossoming garden, with agriculture among the best in the world. You, and the young generation you are educating—lift up your voices and don't allow extreme Islam and anti-Semitism to rise up among you in Europe. We aren't guilty of everything bad in the world! Help us to develop, what we've only begun to develop. We are peace lovers, but we will not give up defending our land, security and peace!



Meir Reichert

And would that we, the last survivors of the Holocaust, live to see that peace. As it is written, Isaiah 2

“The Law will go out from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem!”

A FEW WORDS FROM RAISA RACHEL GROVEMAN:

Raisa was one of our guests, a group of four, from Hadera who stayed at Ner Yaakov in October. It was a joy to host them. Raisa wanted to share with you:

“It was a great pleasure for me to be a guest for a few days in this “Warm Home”. We received so much attention and warmth!

I came to this Home, because I was wounded in the time of the Holocaust. I was only two and a half years old when World War II started. My father was conscripted into the Red Army, and I and my mother—like all the Jewish residents of Tiraspol, Moldova—were exiled from our home. For more than three months we were thrown into all kinds of paths and ways. Several times the railroad cars we had to travel in were hit. We had to hide in the forests, and since it was autumn it was so cold already, and many children and adults became sick and died. At the start of the fourth month of the war we finally reached a village. The residents of this village attacked our people and harmed us. The village that we started to live in was next to Stalingrad. We saw the terrible battles between the Red Army and the Germans next to Stalingrad. Every day we were in danger of death. My father was killed at the front and my mother died after the war. I was raised by my grandfather. All on my own I learned and acquired a profession as a dentist. My husband was also a doctor and also a ghetto survivor. I have a lovely family: two daughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. We are so happy that we made it to Israel. We made Aliyah in 1979 and live in Hadera.”



Raisa Rachel

We love our small country and pray for its well-being!