

NEW FRIENDS—GROUP FROM HOLON:

„Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I settle you in your own land!“ Ezek. 37:13



Luba and Boris Burle

with Arkady and Boris

„I did not want to live, where skeletons are lying on the ground!“ Boris Burle

It is so good to have new friends! We wanted to bless and comfort our four guests— Holocaust survivors from Holon— but **we** received a big blessing by getting to know them! Boris Burle and his wife Luba— the leader of the Holocaust association from Holon—came with two more men, Arkady and Boris, to stay with us. Boris is a Journalist and a very educated man. So is his wife Luba, a doctor, but what impressed us the most was, how lovingly he cares for the other survivors. It seems he gives everything for his „sheep“ in his organisation, and this is a real example. We learned that Arkady means Abraham and Boris means Baruch – Blessed– We asked them if they can eat everything and Arkady replied. „Years ago we could eat everything and had nothing! Today we have everything and cannot eat everything, because of health reasons!“ Our hearts rejoiced when they shared their love for Israel with us and why they made Aliya:



Singing together at our Shabbat meal with Michael

„I have a „Yiddish heart“, that’s why I came!“ Arkady said. Luba as a small child already had a deep wish to come and live in Israel. We had a wonderful Shabbat dinner together with many Yiddish songs. It was great, but I saw sadness in Boris eyes. „I had to think of my grandmother, and saw her before my eyes,“ he said. Boris was born in 1940 and survived the Ghetto for three years. After the war he was raised partly by his „Babushka“ -grandmother– I was sorry that I could not write down everything he shared with me, while walking one day in the city together. But the reason, why he did not want to live in the Ukraine, and his wish to immigrate, gave me the chills. After the Holocaust as a young boy he saw beside the streets unburied human bones lying around. And this did not happen only once in his life. Later on he again saw skeletons near a graveyard! „I did not want to stay in a land where human bones are lying on the streets!“ Thank God, they are now in Israel, and they are not „only“ in their homeland, they contribute so much to the people and land! We are thankful to have them as new friends!

„...I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord!“ Eze. 37:14b

SURVIVORS FROM KIRYAT YAM AT NER YAAKOV:

„In April we hosted nice guests from Kiryat Yam, Raissa and Ifim and Bella and Isa. We spent wonderful days and hours together. Both couples immigrated from the Ukraine more than 20 years ago, together with their families. Consciously, or maybe subconsciously, they fulfilled the will of God by making Aliyah. All of them had survived as children the terrible horrors of the second World war. And afterwards they also had a very difficult time, living under the Communist regime, being Jewish, and encountered anti-Semitism again and also because they were ‘outsiders’ in the community. We all can just be amazed about God’s ways, His plans and workings with His people!



Isa

Ifim, Bella and Raissa

He brought them home!“ Katrin Lauter