

# CEREMONY AT HOLOCAUST

## REMEMBRANCE

### DAY:



Anna Palko and Sara lighting the candles - Saluted by the officers

This year's ceremony was quite a challenge! The day before, we and the police worked hard to prepare everything in our garden. But all our plans had to quickly be changed early in the morning, be-

cause of completely unexpected thunderstorms! However, approx. 25 survivors came—in spite of this cold and stormy weather—even from Netanya, Ashdod and Ariel. This was really a miracle! Of course, the elderly, often not healthy, are usually not so flexible, but God kept them in total peace as we all had to move over to the community center, where the police had started to get ready for the ceremony. As the whole nation is remembering these terrible atrocities done to their people, it is usually a day where the survivors are deeply depressed. At the ceremony I saw some tears, naturally, but I have to say, that afterwards, when we all had some fellowship and sat with the officers and back at the Ner Yaakov home having lunch together, the survivors were so peaceful and even sang many „Yiddish songs!“ Survivors singing on Holocaust Remembrance Day—very unusual and I thank God for His blessings! For me the most moving moment was when six of our elderly were lighting a candle and the officers saluted them! Honoring them will also bring some healing!



Purim at the restaurant - Police officers giving out Purim gifts to the elderly

### PURIM PARTY:

*„...Mordechai would not kneel down or pay him honor!“ Esther 3:2*

We decided to do something different for Purim this year and invited the elderly to a restaurant at the Botanical gardens. It was a nice party with lots of laughter and joking! Yossi, whose sense of direction is completely hopeless agreed with me to program into his GPS: Inge! And it will always lead him to us! Michael, „our musician“ did not come and without him we all sang terribly wrong and had a good laugh about it“ The restaurant was packed full and everyone had to wait very long to get their food. Patiently they waited! „What have you ordered to eat Julia?“, I asked! Everybody laughed as she answered me: „I forgot already!“ „And I forgot already how one eats!, joked Yossi. It was great that some police officers could join us for a while, and they brought—as it is their tradition— Purim gifts!

*„I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it,*

*declares the Lord!“*

*Eze. 37*



1. Pavel, Yossi, Arieh having a good time 2. Jòlanda and Katrin 3 Gregory with Inge 4. Officers with Miriam+Gregory