

Our new project: Assisting Holocaust Survivors

In my previous update I shared about the neglect and loneliness some of the holocaust survivors in Israel are experiencing, and of the urgent need to right this wrong. I am still studying this subject in depth. It seems like those who were in concentration or death camps during WW2, and filed a suit against Germany, live on a decent monthly stipend. This, alongside their retirement payments from the state of Israel, is enough to provide them with a decent life, at least financially.

But those who were smart enough and fled the Nazis, live under the poverty line and these are the ones we will try to assist financially. Either way, most Holocaust Survivors live in loneliness, aching for company and someone to lend an ear so they can share the horrors they've been through. This is where I hope we can provide assistance and ease their ache.

Why is it important?

Please remember that Israel is a widow. Not because she does not have a Husband, but because she does not see Him. In the spiritual realm, our nation lives in ruin and has no one to truly lean on (this is the OT definition of a widow. It is more inclusive than the modern one, who speaks only of "a woman whose husband died"). The day will come when she will not remember the reproach of her widowhood anymore (Isa. 54:4), but until then - the Israeli nation does not live or breath or behaves like the Bride of the Most High Groom. Israel is more like Naomi in the book of Ruth. She is coming back home from exile, but does not approach her Redeemer directly. Just like Naomi, all communication is done mostly through gentiles who love us.

The condition of those Holocaust Survivors is a sad mirror of our spiritual ruin. We need your help in order to see the Face of our Redeemer, your prayers and love - until this sad aspect of Israeli welfare policy is handled with righteousness and dignity.

First survivor on our list - Rachel

This week I visited the first survivor on our list, Rachel from Ashkelon (details have been changed for obvious reasons). Rachel is 86, of clear mind, generally healthy, full of life and absolutely gorgeous. With such excitement she welcomed us in, and for a while told us different stories about her childhood and her marriage.

She has children and grandchildren, but they live far from her and she mainly sees them during holidays and special events. She lives in a poor neighborhood, on a tiny monthly income of about \$600, a sum impossible to live on in a place as expensive as Israel.



Rachel was so thrilled to have someone come to just sit and listen. It seemed as if her heart was full of memories, just waiting to be spilled. She has a few friends, but she does not open her heart to them



With the deterioration of her sight, Rachel stopped some of her most favorite activities, which relieved her loneliness: painting, using the computer, reading. She uses a magnifying glass to read important documents, moving it along the line, reading only two or three words each time

Rachel's current need

Recently, Rachel's eyesight has deteriorated and the doctors are recommending she purchase a special set of glasses, which cost around \$1,500. Rachel, of course, cannot afford this purchase, so she bought an electric magnifying glass which she uses to read important documents she has to deal with. But this poor solution does not allow her to use her computer (she used to surf, chat and email, study different topics) or paint - one of her greatest loves and source of comfort.

I have contacted a special eye clinic in Tel Aviv, and asked for their cooperation in this endeavor to help holocaust survivors. Rachel is the first one they will work with, and if there are more survivors directed to them - we can talk about special discounts.

Rachel and her family were not in camps during the holocaust. She was 12 then, and when her family realized where things were headed, they fled their village in Romania, and for long months roamed the roads, slept in fields, survived on little food given to them by the villagers on the way. By God's grace they were not apprehended and taken in during the entire war, but the horrors of it did not pass them by: bombings, hunger, rape, the loss of family members right before their very eyes.

Since she was not held in any of the camps, up until now Rachel received no regular compensation from the Germans. I am helping her fill up mountains of forms and praying she will be recognized and approved for a decent monthly stipend that will improve her quality of life and allow her to live in respect and honor.

Would you like to sow with us into the field of restoring the widowhood of Israel?

Donations in the US should be sent to: HOS, c/o Sharp,
1005 Elaine Trail, Chattanooga TN 37421
Please include a note explaining it is for
Ot OoMofet or Orna Greenman
**(You will receive an annual receipt
for your donation)**

From outside the US, you can send checks to: Orna
Greenman, P.O. Box 2040, Kfar Saba 44641, Israel.

If you prefer to use PayPal or Western Union,
please email me for details.



*Rachel and some of
the pictures she painted*

Prayer Points

- ❖ **For Rachel.** Healing; German acknowledgment of her rights for compensation; provision of the necessary funds for special telescopic glasses. And of course, above all - salvation.
- ❖ **Ot OoMofet team.** We have gone through many changes as a team, especially since Stephanie and her family had to leave the country. We are still functioning as a team (thank God for Skype), but are asking God: what is the next thing? What do you want us to do together? Or separately? We need direction and a clear vision.
- ❖ **Website and blog.** I am embarrassed to say, but these are two things that we have kind of dropped the ball on for years now. Please pray with us for a quick and successful completion of these two wonderful and helpful tools.
- ❖ **Books.** I am still praying for the publication of the English edition of my book "Woven with Gold", which explains the process of healing through the Tabernacle. I have also started working on a workbook that teaches how we can manage our negative emotions, instead of letting them manage us. I need anointing as well as finances to produce these materials in Hebrew as well as in English.