



## **Aid for Life End of Year Report 2022**

As the impactful year of 2022 has ended and we have entered a new year of humanitarian challenge, we would like to inform you, our dear partners, on the impact your generosity has made on the many lives of Holocaust survivors in need living in Israel.

The year of 2022 imposed many new challenges on the elderly population, especially with the rise of the cost of living. Since the beginning of the year, many of the prices of basic goods have skyrocketed, leaving many Holocaust survivors in need in even more dire situations than in previous years. In addition, many survivors are ageing, and therefore need more care to help them with their deteriorating health. We are always finding additional ways to find solutions to these new challenges and transform them into opportunities for growth.

This past year we continued with our mission to provide holistic care to Holocaust survivors, by serving 1,450 survivors on average throughout the year. Through food baskets tailored to the health of the survivors, home repairs, eyeglasses, and dental care, we were able to ensure that these survivors are less lonely and taken care of despite the many challenges. We wish to express our most sincere gratitude for your unwavering dedication and generosity, which has allowed Latet to continuously provide aid to over 1,000 Holocaust survivors, easing their medical, physical and emotional needs.

We are proud to present the following document as a summary of the activities of 2022 in the Aid for Life program. Your unwavering support of our mission allows us to continue helping Holocaust survivors living in poverty, while ensuring them that they are never alone.

**Thank you for your support in providing 1,450 Holocaust survivors with holistic assistance throughout the year. It is due to partners like you that we are fighting poverty in Israel - together.**





## Year in Review

### 2022 Impact

- 1,450 Holocaust survivors received complete, holistic support throughout the year
- 470 homes were renovated (110 more than the previous year)
- 122 dental treatments
- 196 survivors have received incontinence products on a monthly basis
- 531 pairs of glasses were provided
- 300 winter Packages and 100 radiators and blankets were distributed
- 250 summer packages were distributed
- 23 emergency buttons were installed
- 14 parties and gatherings for 270 survivors in total
- Distribution of food boxes to 19 cities throughout Israel (including periphery)

## Table of aid recipients according to location

\*Dec 2022

	City	Total of Recipients	Food Package Recipients	Coordinators
1	Beer Sheva	120	120	3
2	Netanya	113	111	2
3	Ness Ziona - Rehovot	51	51	2
4	Ashdod	88	87	2
5	Lod	94	94	3
6	Tel Aviv Area	79	79	3
7	Petah Tiqwa	92	92	2
8	Jerusalem	59	58	1
9	Hadera	44	42	2
10	Haifa	104	98	3
11	Acre	76	71	2
12	Krayot	53	53	2
13	Bat Yam	103	101	2
14	Rishon Lezion	128	128	3
15	Afula	22	22	1
16	Holon	66	65	2
17	Kiryat Gat	54	54	2
18	Rosh HaAyin	23	23	2
19	Kfar Saba	21	21	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>1370</b>	<b>40</b>

### Special Assistance: Jewish Holidays

During the holidays, Holocaust survivors receive special enlarged food packages, which contain additional food products tailored to the specific holiday during that time. This enables the survivors to enjoy the special holiday meals without worry since all their dietary needs are met and their holiday meals are taken care of.

In addition to the food boxes we distributed before the holidays, we distributed additional food boxes to Holocaust survivors in need who are not in our regular program but contacted us for one-off assistance before Passover and Rosh Hashanah. **This year we distributed 320 additional holiday packages to Holocaust survivors around the country who needed our urgent assistance.**



## **Making every Jewish Holiday a Special one for Holocaust Survivors**

To celebrate every holiday and make it a special one for the survivors, Latet always finds a way to mark the occasion. On Tu B'Shvat, survivors received a plant from volunteers, survivors attended a Chanukah candle lighting ceremony, and on Purim, survivors received cakes from volunteers. Together with volunteers, Latet staff and various institutions, we were able to mark every holiday by making it truly special, all while relieving the loneliness of survivors-all year long.



**Pictured: Survivors receiving Purim baskets made and delivered by our volunteers**

## **Passover Celebrations with Aid for Life Recipients**

After two years of isolation, kept apart from social contact, the Holocaust survivors in our program were able to reunite once more. In following the updated guidelines post-pandemic, we returned to our 'normal' pre-pandemic routine of celebrating Passover together. With the health of the survivors being our top priority, we celebrated the festival with in-person events in Tel Aviv and Netanya. Both the survivors and volunteers alike were so happy to dance and sing together once again and especially, with utmost care taken, meet face to face.



## **High Holiday Celebrations**

This year, we hosted 8 parties attended by around 200 Holocaust survivors around the country. With the assistance of volunteers, we collected the survivors directly from their homes and brought them to celebrate with us with food and dancing – all of the participants were incredibly happy to be socialising with others and celebrating the upcoming holidays.



## **Mobile Home Repairs**

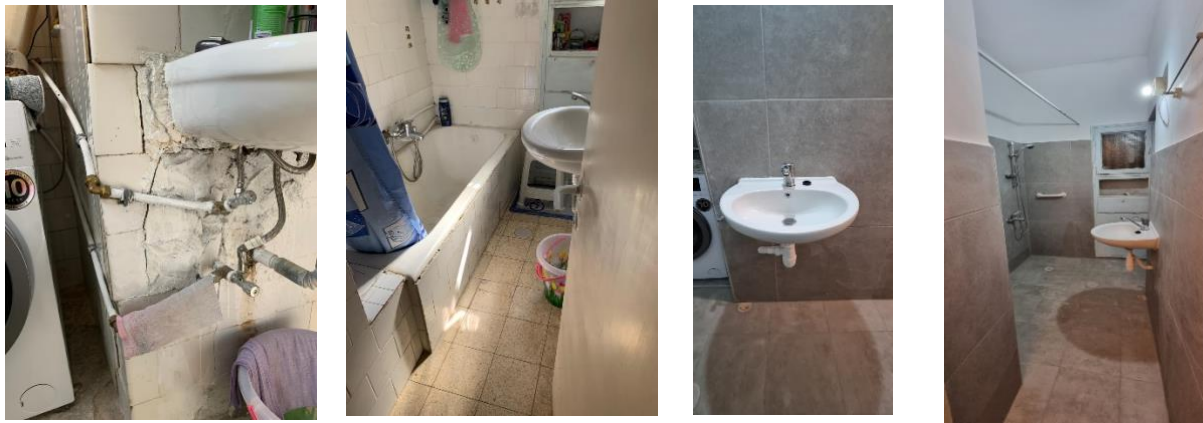
During 2022 we were able to renovate the homes of 470 of Holocaust survivors within our Mobile Home Repairs initiative, totaling to 110 more renovations than the previous year. We are constantly working to make the homes of these survivors not only safer with regard to health issues (for example, the removal of mold problems) but also far more accessible. Referrals for renovations are received by our volunteers, social workers or by requests from the survivors themselves, and we ensure they receive an efficient and prompt response. All home renovations are conducted by licensed professionals and the process is supervised by Latet staff.

**Here are just two stories of the life changing work done by the initiative:**

**Ludmila** is an 82-year-old woman who lives alone in an apartment in Bat Yam. She doesn't have family that can help her when needed. Due to her difficult financial situation, she joined our Aid for Life program a year ago. Ludmila does not speak Hebrew and finds it difficult to manage on her own only in Russian. Following the home visit we conducted, we realized that we must urgently renovate her bathroom, since the building she lives in is over 60 years old and has never been renovated. During this renovation project, we removed the tub since it is not accessible and is a danger not only in terms of accessibility, but also in terms of the condition of the walls which were peeling and cracking. In addition, we replaced the sink that was about to fall off the wall and expanded the bathing area because she was almost unable to enter the bathroom at all.



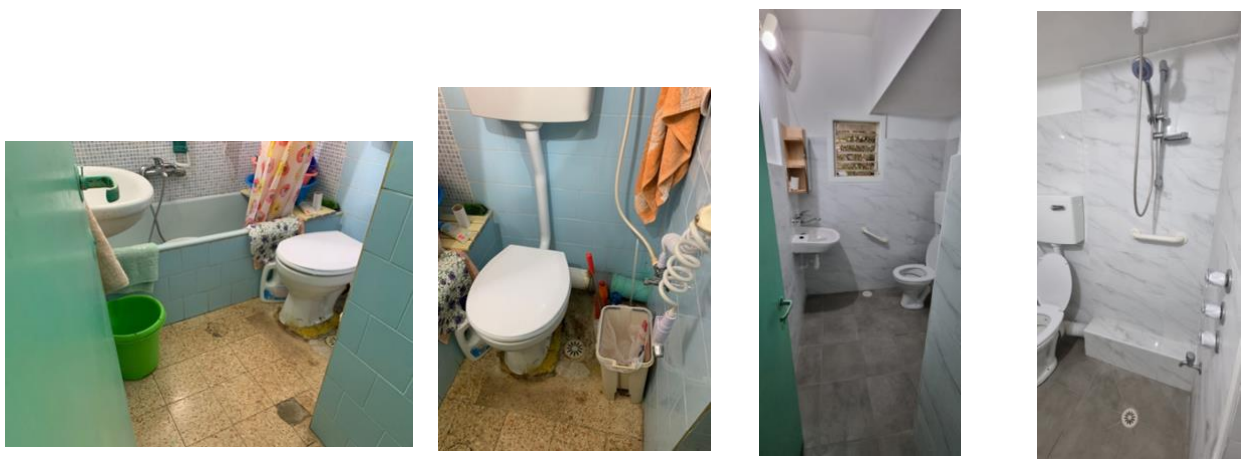
**Pictured: Before and after of Ludmila's bathroom**



**Galina** is 78 years old and immigrated from Russia after surviving the Holocaust. Galina is a widow and lives with her 45-year-old son who is disabled and unable to help financially, so she works as a caregiver in order to make a living and support them both. Galina also receives food assistance to reduce some of the financial burden upon her.

During the war the village in which they lived was bombed, and after the war they returned to the village and lived in an apartment with another family. Here, they live in a small, old apartment that was in need of a great deal in order to be fully functioning and liveable. Our team undertook a large amount of renovations, including: replacement of the bath into a shower, replacement of flooring including anti-slip tiles, installation of a new toilet and washbasin, making the size of the shower stall smaller and installing handles to increase safety and accessibility.

**Pictured: Before and after of some of Galina's home repairs**



### **Aid for Life Emergency Fund**

The Emergency Fund as part of the Aid for Life program was created so that no survivor should have to choose between basic food supplies and medical care. We believe that no Holocaust survivor should have to give up their medical care and forfeit the ability to see and hear properly.

The Emergency Fund provides Holocaust survivors with eye check-up and glasses, hearing aids, dental treatments, individually fitted incontinence products and medical expense coverage (for medication that is not covered by the Kupat Cholim- public healthcare). All medical care is given by licensed professionals free of charge, at the comfort of their home. This allows the survivors to receive the care they need without the overwhelming bureaucracy.



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### **Winter and Summer Aid Packages:**

As per every year, Latet held the annual Winter Operation campaign, inviting all to donate in order to provide proper winter gear for Holocaust survivors. Within this campaign, the survivors receive a complete winter package containing a heater, blanket, hot water bottle and more. **This year 300 Winter Packages were distributed.** In addition, Latet offers the survivors a complete summer gear package, consisting of fans and other equipment for the summer season. During this past year, we have distributed **250** special packages.

### **Sharing Memories**

Following the success of our Yom HaShoah campaign 'Sharing Memories' last year, we repeated the project this year joint with Meta Israel, connecting the younger generation to the testimonies of Holocaust survivors through Instagram stories. 22 prominent Israeli content creators held personal and heartfelt meetings with 22 Holocaust survivors – some of whom are supported by Latet – who talked about their childhood during the war and the daily struggle some of them experience today. The content creators then shared these stories on their Instagram story and as a result, many young people were able to have a rare glimpse into the stories of Holocaust survivors for the first time ever. This year, the campaign reached around 11 million people and was nominated as a **Light House by Meta Creative Shop.**



## **A Volunteer's Experience**

Puah, a young woman from Jerusalem, established the distribution within Jerusalem from the very beginning of the Aid for Life program, and ever since then she has been voluntarily coordinating the Jerusalem division. She knows each and every survivor by name in the area, knows their medical condition or needs, where to send the volunteers and in addition, what are the key points to know about the survivor before coming to them for their first-time visit. On the part of the survivors, they shower her with love and look forward to the parties in honor of the holidays so that they can see her.

In the photo you can see Puah together with Anna, happy to be at the Rosh Hashanah celebration after lunch and dancing. In her words, Puah feels that volunteering is an extremely important part of her life; in all of the past years, she has not missed a single distribution, and she is an important figure as a representative of Latet in the various forums of Jerusalem.

