

## **Latet & Mitzva E.V** **Aid for Life Mid-Year Report 2022**

**Dear Johannes, dear members of the Mitzva E.V community,**

Latet is pleased to share our Mid Year report with you, highlighting the tremendous impact the support of our partners has had on our Aid for Life program. Thanks to your generous donation, we have continued to ensure the needy Holocaust survivors can live in dignity.

Since 2007, Aid for Life has taken care of the holistic needs of survivors living in poverty here in Israel through food packages, emergency funds for acute needs (dental care, eyeglasses, adult diapers, etc.) home repairs, and social visits from our dedicated volunteers. We aim to convey a message of solidarity, respect, care, and concern for our beneficiaries. Our holistic efforts towards providing physical and social assistance to impoverished Holocaust survivors in Israel would not be possible without partners like Mitzva joining our mission.

Thanks to the support of generous partners such as yourselves, we were able to expand our Aid for Life program to now serve almost 1500 needy survivors of the Holocaust. We have distributed 1432 food packages every month, completed 200 home renovations, provided 100 survivors with dental care, 190 survivors with hygiene products such as adult diapers and glasses to 179 survivors.

All of this would not be possible without your support. It is our honor to provide assistance to needy survivors, bringing them the life of dignity and respect they deserve until their final days. We are pleased to share with you highlights from this past year which you can find below.

**We thank you and the Mitzva community for your generous support and ongoing partnership. Together, we will continue to fight poverty here in Israel.**



## By the Numbers:

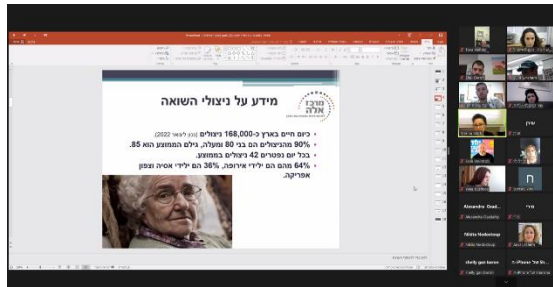
Location	Participants	Food Packages Delivered per month	Coordinators
Ashdod	100	93	2
Beer Sheva	129	129	2
Bat Yam	112	107	2
Gush Dan	80	80	3
Hadera	46	44	2
Holon	70	66	3
Haifa	108	108	3
Jerusalem	63	63	1
Kfar Saba	22	22	1
Lod	58	52	2
Lod-Bank Leumi	46	46	1
Nes Tziona & Rehovot	50	50	2
Netanya	114	114	2
Akko	77	77	1
Afula	21	21	2
Petach Tikvah	102	96	2
Krayot	55	54	2
Kiryat Gat	62	57	3
Rosh Hayin	26	23	2
Rishon Letzion	131	130	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1472</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>41</b>

## Exciting Updates

- ❖ After two years apart, we returned to being able to celebrate Passover together. With the health of the survivors as our top priority, we celebrated Passover with events in Tel Aviv and Netanya. The survivors and volunteers alike were so happy to dance and sing together once again, and especially, with the utmost care, meet face to face.



- ❖ We held a Zoom lecture for all Aid for Life volunteers to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day (the Israeli date). We held a virtual meeting where the volunteers received training with significant tools for dealing with the elderly population, with an emphasis on survivors in need.
- ❖ We collaborated with the 'Mashu Mimeni' (Something From Me) organization, which readies volunteers for Holocaust survivors in preparation for Holocaust Remembrance Day, where they meet with the survivors and give them a small gift to show their care. The volunteers from the organization met with survivors through Latet on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day and on the day itself, and the survivors stated that the meetings were very exciting and positive.
- ❖ We have started a very special activity for our survivors - we call it the 'Third Parliament' - which meets on Zoom once a week. Usually this starts with physical activity, and continues onto lectures on various topics, as well as sharing life stories with one another. This is an extraordinary collaboration in which each survivor receives a tablet to keep so that they can connect to the meeting, with the support of a volunteer who assists with technical difficulties.



## Home Repairs

Over the past six months we have renovated the homes of 200 Holocaust survivors in need. We continue to witness the importance of this project for the survivors in the Aid for Life program, unable to address alone the many disabilities in their home. Currently we are trying different ways of caring for Holocaust survivors despite social distancing. This is a test time for us, and we are prepared to work harder and faster to help them through their loneliness and isolation in the safest and most embracing way. Latet is a well-known address for Holocaust survivors

and has been providing a holistic response to Holocaust survivors all year long. Therefore, we know how to provide a broad response to the needs of the survivors. The home repair project makes it possible to maintain the quality of life of the elderly within the walls of their homes, to make their environment safer and more adapted to their physical needs, as it occurred in the story of Esther and Leah.

**Esther** is a Holocaust survivor who is almost completely blind, has heart disease and high blood pressure. Because of her eye condition, she barely leaves her home. The house was mostly damaged by moisture in the walls, old faucets that she could barely turn on and off, as well as burnt electrical outlets. We repaired the moisture damage and fixed the electrical outlets. We also repaired the blinds.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**Leah**, from Holon, lives alone in an old and neglected apartment. She does not leave the house at all and most of the day sleeps and sits at by her door. We replaced her air conditioner in the living room that did no longer work and



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

installed stronger lighting in the living room and her sitting area. During the home visit, there were signs of moisture and mildew in some of the walls of the house, which we repaired as well.

## Volunteers

*We are so lucky to have so many amazing volunteers who go above and beyond to care for our Aid for Life recipients*

Hadas Barzilai volunteers with a couple, Israel and Etty, in our Aid for Life program. Hadas has accompanied the couple for 5 years. Every month she distributes a food package, makes sure to contact them on a regular basis, and makes sure they are not missing basic necessities. Hadas has become a “granddaughter” for the couple- they ask of her well-being and make sure she eats properly. This is just one of many stories of the relationships that are created thanks to the program, and continue beyond volunteering hours.



**For all the things you are allowing us to accomplish, we send you our sincerest gratitude and wishes. May this year continue in hope and achievements for you and your surroundings.**

**Best regards, Latet Family**