

Dear Friends,

For most of us the eight days of Passover are a time for family celebration and recounting a long ago end to tyranny.

Unfortunately, not so for thousands of Holocaust survivors who remain in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

At our Seder we are asked to imagine ourselves as slaves in Egypt. The survivors of the Holocaust don't have to imagine. They survived a tyranny not unlike Pharaoh's slavery. Yet for all they have endured—loss of their families, homes, possessions, and more—they try to maintain their lives in dignity. Most cling to their Jewish traditions, including the upcoming feast of Passover. But how are they are able to celebrate it? There are no large family gatherings and bountiful tables that we take for granted. And especially in Ukraine, they are caught once again in political upheaval and turmoil.

Over 3000 years ago, the plagues were unleashed against our enemies. Today they are falling upon our own people. Holocaust survivors in their twilight years, some even more than one hundred years old, are suffering plagues: of hunger, illness, loneliness, and poverty so grinding it is a daily—and painful—decision to parcel out what few resources they have for food or medicine or heat for their ramshackle huts or threadbare rooms.

The Survivor Mitzvah Project is the only organization that provides ongoing financial assistance to the last survivors of the Shoah in Eastern Europe.

"The opposite of love is not hate but indifference." Elie Wiesel Will you help? Your special gift of \$50 will provide survivors with a memorable eight days of Passover and the comfort of knowing they are not forgotten.

Wish to extend your Passover giving? \$150 provides a survivor with food, heat and medication for the entire month!

Whatever you can contribute, know that you have made a difference in their lives.

Wishing you a joyful Passover,

Zane Buzby and everyone at The Survivor Mitzvah Project

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