

CHEVRA REPORT



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CHEVRA USA

Chevra is the American entity for our international effort. Chevra's work is a way people can make a real difference in the lives of many people in need.

A NEW DIRECTION FOR ISRAEL ▶

Several years ago, when I started talking about Holocaust survivors in Israel, Israel had 250,000 and 70,000 of them were in need of our help. Today there are 200,000 holocaust survivors in Israel, and 50,000 are in need of help. The reason is simple: They are dying. In the next few years, the last of them will be gone. Fifty thousand holocaust survivors need our help, and this may be our last opportunity to do something for them.

In the past, Chevra is pursuing a new strategy for helping Israel Holocaust survivors that we believe will help more people than before, and will work in conjunction with the efforts of local humanitarian outreaches. We are building a huge warehouse in central Israel, which will receive large shipments of humanitarian aid. We will also be purchasing iron shipping containers that we can place all over Israel as distribution points throughout the land, and keep them supplied from our warehouse. The local humanitarian works will benefit by having a storage facility, that is constantly supplied, and since they are local, they can do the work better than we can. Chevra USA has already purchased one such container, and we hope to purchase many more.

If your congregation or ministry would like to sponsor a container, the cost is \$3,000.00. We can tell you in exactly what city your container will serve, and put you in touch with the people who will run the distribution. You can

even visit your distribution point. Our goal is to put as many of these in the field as possible. If you can help with this worthy project, we would be grateful.

able to help us with a special gift at this time, we'd be grateful.

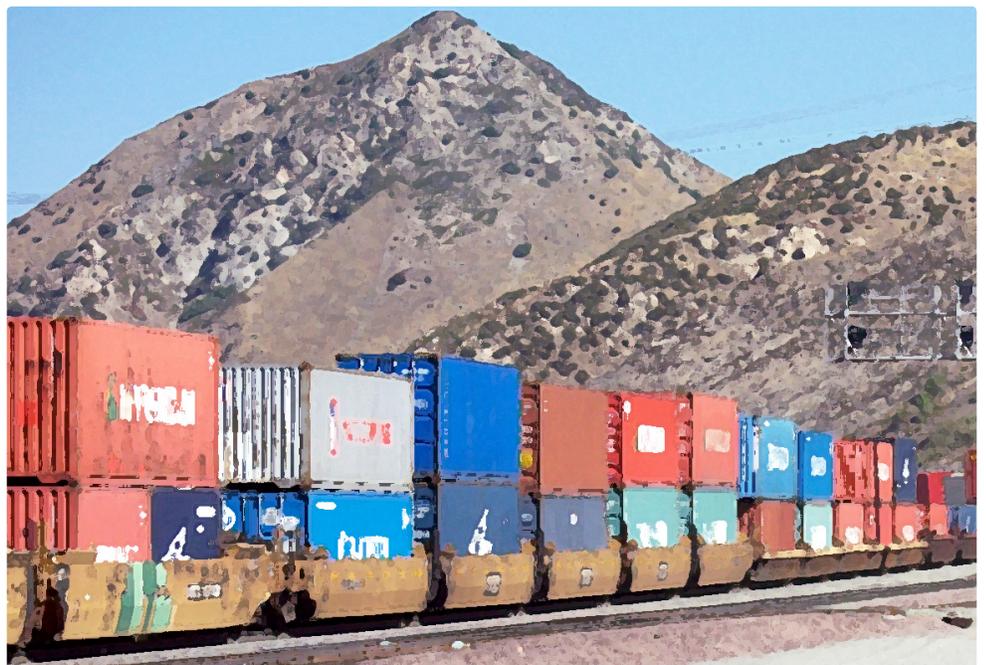
Thank you all for your support of our work.

Sincerely,

Michael Schiffman,
Chevra USA

FINANCIAL NEEDS

At this time, our funds are very low, and we have no extra funds to do more projects, and to be honest, I'm not sure we have the funds to meet our current responsibilities. If you are





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IREK'S APRIL REPORT >

Irek has been with a group of young Polish Catholic and Protestant volunteers in Ukraine. He writes:

I was with a group of 12 people made up of young Polish Catholics and Protestants in Ukraine. In Kiev, two Americans and two people from the Former Soviet Union joined us: Dzhambul, who is from Vladikaukas, who is helping Jewish People in the Caucasus area; and Sasha, a messianic leader from Crimea.

With such mixed group of cultures, languages, ages, and denominational backgrounds, we came to serve the Jewish Community in the Korsun area in Central Ukraine.

We've visited Uman, helping the Jewish Community there, visiting the sick, helping with medicines, replacing old and rotten beds, supporting people physically and spiritually. We met with Ghetto and Holocaust survivors and most of us were impressed by the testimonies they shared:

- During the German occupation in Uman large group of Jews were forcibly dragged into the basement with the help of the Germans and the local police. Connected hoses to cars and sent the exhaust into the interior.

Most of Jews were gased; however, there were a few people who survived.

- **Maria** (81 years) – She was 12 years old at the time. She was miraculously pulled out of this oppression and secretly smuggled into the country, thanks to God and good people there who remembered her grandfather and honored him (*photo 1*).
- **Evgenii** (71 years) – He was two years old at that time; his family escaped. He still remembers this nightmare, though he was then a small baby (*photo 2*).
- **Bela** (71 years) – She was two years old when her parents managed to escape from certain death at the last minute (*photo 3*).

Today, most of these people live in poverty, forgotten, with pensions of 80 Euros per month.

- **Raya and Evgenii** – Evgenii is a 47-year-old man who has a rare disease that is associated with withering and gangrene of his limbs (*photo 5*). He has now had his legs and almost all his toes amputated. His wife Raya is his nurse and they have two teenagers. With one small salary and pension it is hard to survive, but Raya is full of optimism and she has hope in spite of this terrible disease through which her husband goes. We

helped them with the purchase of a new bed; they were very grateful and surprised by us.

- **Frida** – she is 80 years old. She is alone and is very sick. She had a complicated life; her husband was wounded in the head during the II World War and has had mental problems. Forced deportations caused problems from the beginning. She raised three daughters and her husband died early. Ailing elderly are in need of help every day (*photo 4*).

People were crying and were very thankful for help. We also prayed with them and brought words of compassion and comfort to them. These visits also changed our people; they came back home with the new perspective and desire to serve and share with the poor, especially to God's beloved chosen nation.

We collected our money. Everyone paid for the trip and gave some money for us to offer for Jewish people, so we could do very good things for a Yeshua's glory. I send you thanks in the name of Jewish holocaust survivors in Ukraine. I hope one day we go with you to Ukraine.

With Yeshua's love
Irek



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