

# The Holocaust Survivor Support Fund



## MEETING THE NEEDS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN THEIR FINAL YEARS

The Holocaust Survivor Support Fund (HSSF) funds critical assistance to Holocaust survivors in need, ensuring they receive essential support and comfort, and feel dignified in their later years. More than 150 Holocaust survivors in Georgia and 110 in the Southeast regional program supported out of Atlanta, average age 87, receive financial, social, or support services. Approximately 25% of survivors have annual incomes that fall below the Federal Poverty Level.

**As survivors' needs increase each year, so do the funding gaps.**

### HSSF Helps with Groceries and Transportation

Boris (name changed for privacy) is a 90-year-old Holocaust survivor from Moscow who lives alone in a subsidized apartment without family around. With no additional assets, he receives Supplemental Security Income. Medicaid covers his medical needs, and he receives food stamps.



However, Boris has struggled to afford enough healthy food. Funded by HSSF, Boris receives quarterly grocery store gift cards, so he can purchase nutritious items that support his health, as he has diabetes and high cholesterol. The cards also provide a sense of dignity and choice in what he eats.

Boris also received hearing aids through the JF&CS hearing aid program. HSSF provided transportation that made it possible for Boris to visit the audiologist. Boris once again connects with others and enjoys social interactions that had felt out of reach.

### HSSF Helps Survivors Impacted by Hurricanes

Hurricane Milton was a powerful and destructive tropical cyclone over the Gulf of Mexico that made landfall less than two weeks after Hurricane Helene devastated the area.



Hurricane Milton destroyed one survivor's home. Adding additional trauma, the survivor's belongings were stolen. The survivor needed temporary living arrangements while searching for an apartment, plus food, clothes, homeware, and assistance with hotel costs. HSSF provided funds to help during this traumatic time.

Other affected survivors were given additional grocery gift cards to replace food that was spoiled due to lack of electricity.

In an emergency, HSSF funds from generous donors helped survivors impacted by deadly hurricanes.

### Why is help needed?

The Claims Conference, founded in 1951, allocates German government funds to agencies caring for Holocaust survivors worldwide who suffered and had losses resulting from Nazi persecution. However, this resource is insufficient for this aging population because:

- Available resources cannot keep up with demand.
- There are restrictions and limits on homecare support.
- Medical assistance, dental needs, prescription assistance, food related assistance and other health related needs are underfunded.

### How the Holocaust Survivor Support Fund Helps

Dollars are diminishing, needs are increasing, and survivors have a short window to receive precious care. With generous support from donors, HSSF provides this special group with the opportunity to live their remaining years as fully as possible. We take care of the final generation of survivors as our responsibility to the Jewish community and to repair the world.

To learn more, be part of this community effort, or contribute, please contact Rich Walter at [rwalter@jewishatlanta.org](mailto:rwalter@jewishatlanta.org) or visit [www.jewishatlanta.org/HSSF](http://www.jewishatlanta.org/HSSF) to make an online donation.

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