Celebrating our Elderly

Over 90

Of our 270 artisans, 11 are in the 90+ club!

Sofia was born in Ukraine in 1926. Originally an accountant, Sofia is has been a painter in our ceramics department for 23 years and despite declining motor skills continues to come to work every day. Sofia is very social and though she doesn't speak Hebrew or English, she loves greeting the visiting groups at Yad LaKashish.

"It makes me feel good to know people are buying the things I made."



Sofia, 93



Gregory, 91

Gregory, born in 1928, was just 15 years old during World War Two. He was sent to from Ukraine to work underground in Siberia. After the war, he worked as a train driver. He moved to Israel in 2003 and joined Yad LaKashish in 2006. As a side job, Gregory also worked as an entertainer and enjoys singing along to the radio in the Bookbindery while he works.

"At home I would be alone and bored, here I get to work, stay active, and feel good."

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Adele, 91

Adele, born in Ukraine in 1928, was an English teacher for 46 years before making aliyah in 1991. Adele speaks 5 languages: German, Russian, English, Hebrew, and French. She worked her entire life and came to Yad LaKashish in 2004 because she found being at home lonely and boring. At Yad LaKashish she is grateful to be more financially stable, have learned new skills, and made great friends.

"Here I get something to eat, the opportunity to meet people who are interested in my work, and it is just the best thing. I feel better here, I feel useful."



Isaac, 91

Isaac, who was born in Belarus in 1928, has worked in our Paper Mache workshop since 2015. He moved to Israel in 1992 but due to advanced age and other factors, Isaac does not know Hebrew. In Paper Mache, Isaac sits next to two other artisans from the Former Soviet Union and enjoys both the work and the community at Yad LaKashish. Recently, he injured his arm but he is still dedicated to his work and continues to come each day.