

I AM READY.

I am a former English teacher, a classical guitarist, a poet, a resident of Tbilisi, Georgia in the former Soviet Union, and a beneficiary of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. I experienced a bitter divorce from an abusive husband. It ruined me financially, and my life took a downward turn. I have several serious illnesses, and I am nearly blind from cataracts. I can no longer leave my home. Through the JDC Hesed program, I receive help with bathing, laundry and housekeeping. I receive a hot meal every day and groceries each week. My JDC case worker is usually the only visitor I have. She keeps me connected to the world.

— Irina Davidovskaya

