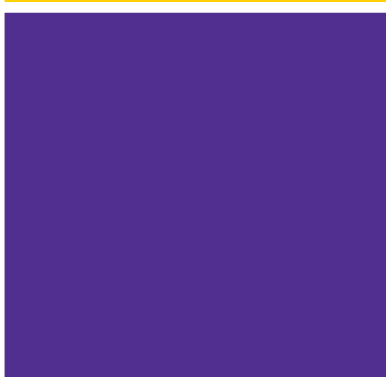




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Esther Raab Holocaust Museum
& Goodwin Education Center

IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to teach people about the past and educate them for the future through the painful lessons of the Holocaust. Our objective is to reduce prejudice and lessen hatred, bigotry, bullying, and violence against all groups.

MESSAGE FROM DAVID SNYDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is with great pride and much privilege that I serve as the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey. This is in large part due to the truly incredible professionals and volunteers involved with the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center who I have the good fortune to work with and learn from each and every day. You hold in your hands a labor of love that we hope conveys not only the incredible scope of programs and activities of the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center but most importantly expresses the impact our Center has had and must continue to have throughout the community as we strive to combat prejudice, bigotry and hatred of all forms.

MESSAGE FROM HELEN KIRSCHBAUM, DIRECTOR

I would personally like to thank all the speakers, volunteers, educators, community partners and donors who have made our Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center programs become such a valuable resource in our community and beyond. Whether you give your time, expertise or financial support, everyone's contribution makes a difference. The dedication of the volunteers never ceases to amaze me. Survivors, who never say "no" to students, despite the painful memories they must face; children of Survivors, who must deal with the responsibility of continuing their family legacies; facilitators and Museum docents, who plan their own calendars around the programs that we offer; and Guest Readers who share their passion, all working together. I hope that you are all as proud as I am to be part of a team that works tirelessly to impact our community, as we remember the history of the Holocaust and most importantly the lessons that will help to achieve our common goal of making our world a better place for all.

A special thank you also to Carol Orwitz, Renee Siegel and Joan Wechter for their time and dedication in helping to put this book together.

Make sure to share this book with all your friends and neighbors as you brag about the important work that you do!

This book, as well as all the work and programs of the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center, is dedicated to remembering and honoring the Holocaust survivors and concentration camp liberators who have been part of the South Jersey community. Their stories of survival are awe inspiring. They remind us all that the human spirit will always endure and that it is the responsibility of each individual to speak out against prejudice, bigotry and violence against all groups.

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For the contribution of the Anolik family made in memory of Erna Anolik, which allowed us to publish this book. Erna was a Holocaust survivor who owed her life to the courage of Righteous Rescuers. She shared her story in the hope that her experiences would be an incentive for students to realize that they must always try to help people facing discrimination.





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In 1941 when Germany invaded Czechoslovakia, seven year old Ruth Bodner Salzman fought alongside her parents Leo and Blanca on the front lines of the Czech resistance movement.

Ben Garberman and his family were forced into a ghetto and eventually transported to Auschwitz. In many months and eventually transported to Auschwitz with many other Jewish prisoners, he received a tattoo at the concentration camp. The Nazis tattooed prisoners of their identities and referred to them as...

Eric Bloch was born in Munich, Germany in 1928. He witnessed the rise of the Nazi party and the evil changes that occurred within German society. At the age of 11, he and his parents were fortunate to obtain exit visas to escape Germany.

At the age of four Alice Kraus and her mother fled their home and made their way to the Soviet Union to escape the Nazis. The entire length of the Trans-Siberian railroad followed by the family. Alice and her mother arrived in San Francisco, Japan and Hawaii. Alice's father was imprisoned in an internment camp in Cuba. The family was eventually reunited in the United States.

Leona Kleiner and her family were forced into a ghetto by the Nazis in their Polish town. After two years, she and members of her family were sent to Auschwitz where they remained for two years. When Auschwitz was evacuated by the Nazis, she and two of her sisters were sent on a death march until they were finally liberated by American troops.

Nathan Herskovits was born in 1919. During the war he worked in a labor camp but managed to escape. After the war, he emigrated to Israel and joined the Israel Defense Forces. During the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, he helped transport immigrants across the border to escape Communist Hungary.

At the age of twelve, Sheila Garberman left her parents and avoided being sent to an extermination camp. She eventually found the Bleiski brothers and lived in the forest with their partisan unit in German-occupied Poland for over a year.

Ann Strauss was born in Nuremberg, Germany. During the war she attended Gross Breesen, a Jewish agricultural training camp that was designed to help 150 Jewish teens gain exit visas to escape Nazi Germany and emigrate to countries that needed skilled agricultural workers. That training enabled her to escape to relative safety in England, where she remained through the war.

Lottie Stern was just 9 years old when she left Germany alone on the Kindertransport. She arrived in England and for more than a year she lived with a Catholic family who wanted a playmate for their daughter. Eventually she was reunited with her parents in England before...

During the war, Jack Beder lived with his family in the Warsaw Ghetto and eventually went into hiding. Jack was discovered and was sent to a Russian labor camp and remained a prisoner there until 1953.

When the Nazis occupied Hungary in 1944, twenty year old Terry Herskovits was hidden by a Christian man for two months. She was discovered and placed on a box car heading to Auschwitz. She was pushed off the train by a man in an attempt to save her life. She acquired false documents from Raoul Wallenberg which allowed her to survive the war. Andy Davidovits, Terry's first husband, was born in Czechoslovakia in 1918. He worked in a German labor camp throughout the war and was one of the few prisoners who survived there to the end of the war. He married Terry in 1945 but was killed in 1950 by the Russians while trying to escape Communist Hungary.

Goldie Finkelnstein was ten years old when the Nazis invaded her home in Poland. Eventually Goldie was separated from her family and was sent to Gross-Rosen concentration camp. She remained there for two years until she was transported to Bergen-Belsen where she was eventually liberated. While in a DP camp in Germany, she met Goldie's future husband, the poet Finkelnstein. One year later they married and she moved with her family to America.

Originally from Poland, Finkelnstein was the youngest of five children. During the war, he was hidden by his brother Jacob in the horrors of the Radom Ghetto. He was eventually liberated from Mauthausen. Eventually he reunited with his mother and sister in a German DP camp.

Ludwig 'Lou' Stern was 14 years old when his family fled Germany on September 3, 1938 aboard the Queen Mary which was headed for New York. Lou joined the U.S. Army in 1943 and was a machine operator and translator for his unit when they entered Germany.

Survivors Speak to Students

Our Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center is fortunate to work with a dedicated community of Holocaust survivors who graciously share their eyewitness testimony with local students, educators and community members. Survivors speak at the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center, at schools and at community events. Through Skype and other current technology, the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center has brought Survivors to classrooms throughout the State of New Jersey and beyond. This technology has enabled Survivors to share their first-hand accounts of one of the darkest periods of human history.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“I may not have been able to fight back against the Nazis with bullets, but I have fought back today by having wonderful children and grandchildren.”

– Mala Geldner

Children and Grandchildren of Survivors

As the number of Holocaust survivors diminishes, their children and grandchildren are sharing their families' histories and honoring their families' legacy by speaking at the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center, in classrooms, on Skype and at community events.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“It is important to reach out to the next generation of students to help them understand what happened. Remember that each individual has a responsibility to stand up for what is right and not to tolerate the injustices we see.”

– Max Bouton

Docent-Led Museum Tours

The Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center is the only Holocaust museum between New York City and Washington, D.C. Though small in size, it displays an extensive number of artifacts and personal stories of resilience. Schools and community organizations register for tours given by trained docents for a more in-depth exploration of the history of the Holocaust and its lessons.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“I share my experiences with students to help them understand not only the rise of Nazism from its inception but also the individual responsibility that each person must take for his or her own actions and the responsibility that we all have to give back to our community.”

– Ann Strauss

Docent-Led Museum Tours



SURVIVOR
Quotes

“We don’t have the explanation for the hatred and prejudice that we saw during the Holocaust, but help other people when you see discrimination. Don’t let anyone pull you into something that you know is wrong.”

– Ryfka and Jacob Finkelstein

Dear Esther

Dear Esther is a play based on the true story of the late Esther Turner Raab, a Holocaust survivor who escaped from the Nazi death camp Sobibor in Eastern Poland. The play was inspired by letters from students who had written to Esther about how impactful her story was to them. It illustrates her commitment to teaching the lessons of the past and the effects of bigotry, prejudice and hatred. This performance is appropriate for grades 6-12. A member of Esther's family is often present after the performance to answer questions.

A NOTE FROM THE PLAYWRIGHT AND AUTHOR, RICHARD RASHKE

Dear Students and Audience Members,

I'm flattered that you'll be seeing the performance of my play *Dear Esther*. I hope you find it challenging and worth your valuable time. If it hadn't been for students, I would never have written the play.

Dear Esther is based on the life and experiences of Esther Raab, who escaped from a Nazi death camp in eastern Poland more than fifty years ago. When the movie based on my book, *Escape from Sobibor*, was aired on television, schools in New Jersey, where Esther lives, began to invite her to speak. Many of the students who heard her story were so moved by her courage that they wrote her letters and poems. Those letters taught her a lot about hope and love, and she treasures each one. She has them bound in a notebook and proudly shows them to anyone who visits her home.

One day, I was talking to Esther on the phone. "You know," I said, "your letters are so important, we ought to do something with them. How about a play?" She agreed and that's how *Dear Esther* was born. She only agreed to let me write about her after I promised that students would be encouraged to see it. She would have loved to visit every classroom in the country and tell each of you her story personally. But that's impossible. The play is the next best thing.

When you watch the play, remember one thing. It's as true as it can be. The events are real. The feelings are real. The issues and doubts are real...and the letters are real. I hope that after you see the play, you will want to talk about it in class, among yourselves, and with your families. You can be proud. It was students who made it all happen.

Dear Esther

A NOTE FROM ESTHER

When I think about the events portrayed in *Dear Esther*, I don't just remember them, I re-live them. I feel all the sorrow and pain of those times even though they happened more than 50 years ago. Knowing this, you might wonder why I put myself through this experience by speaking about Sobibor all these years. I do it for several reasons. When we were about to escape from Sobibor, (my cousin) Leon made us pledge to speak out and let the world know what happened at Sobibor. I'm sure he is listening now. I do it for those who were martyred, who can't speak for themselves. But, most importantly, I speak out to inform students about the awful consequences of hate. Students are our hope for the future, and that is what *Dear Esther* is about. And so, I would like to thank the thousands of students across the world who have written to me over the many years.

They hold a special place in my life and my heart. When Richard asked me if he could write a play, I told him yes – as long as students can understand it. My hope is that watching *Dear Esther* will make a difference in your life.

IN MEMORIAM: 1922-2015

Esther Turner Raab passed away on April 13, 2015 at the age of 92. Her contribution to humanity and tolerance remain an important part of her legacy through the play, *Dear Esther*, and the book entitled, *Children's Letters to a Holocaust Survivor: Dear Esther*.



SURVIVOR Quotes

"People must know what happened during the Holocaust, and they will believe the eyewitness testimonies of Survivors more than anyone else."

– Edith Listman

Through the Eyes of a Friend

Through the Eyes of a Friend presents the world of Anne Frank. Audiences witness the pain, loss, and hope of young people during the Holocaust. This moving program is a poignant portrait of friendship and survival through the eyes of Anne. This multi-media production, for grades 6-10, is followed by a panel presentation by local Holocaust survivors.



SURVIVOR Quotes.....

“Survivors are passing away very rapidly. Because I can, I am driven to speak so young people can say they met someone who was there. We have to remember the message of the *St. Louis* even though it’s a minuscule portion of the entire Holocaust story. Even though I was not in a concentration camp, I feel I have a message. The *St. Louis* has a message about what anti-Semitism and hate can do to people. If I can reach five percent of the children I speak to, and they can say we can’t deny that the Holocaust happened because they met someone who was there, that is important. Otherwise, the Holocaust will become a fairytale in a book and it shouldn’t become that.”

– Eva Weiner



The Town That Fought Hate

Based on Dr. Janice Cohn's book, *The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate*, this puppet show is presented to students in grades 3-5. It is based on events in 1993 Billings, Montana where a hate group harassed Jewish families and others. The residents banded together to resist the threats of bigotry that threatened their community.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“I will spend the last breath of my life convincing children to be *Upstanders*. I want to be able to influence people to say you can't bully my friends in the schoolyard, to stand up and speak up rather than stand by and let things pass. This is a wonderful country of diversity. Get to know people as individuals. If you only know them as 'other,' it raises suspicion. Suspicion breeds fear and fear breeds hate. Hate leads to persecution and it's a slippery slope. Remember, we are all human beings first. If you remember our common humanity, then our differences won't matter. Love and humanity are more powerful than hate.”

- Vera Goodkin

The Boy Who Would Be Captain Hook

In *The Boy Who Would Be Captain Hook*, a moving and humorous look at growing up without a right hand, actor David Harrell relates how he wanted to be a part of the normal playground games, but was only included as the other kids recognized his prosthetic hook as being perfect for portraying Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*. David clearly demonstrates that by not judging a book by its cover, everybody grows. This performance is shown to students in grades K-2.



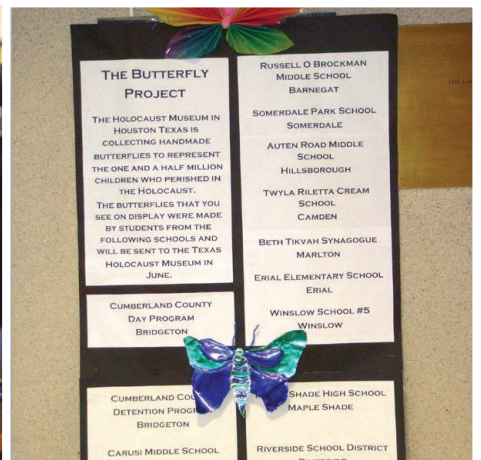
SURVIVOR Quotes

“I hope the kids should never know what we went through. I hope that people will stop to think and stop wars and make peace with each other. It should be a nice, beautiful life for everyone. And the times should change for better and people shouldn’t be hating each other for nothing. Remember to think about your words and not hate for no reason.”

- Hka Bloch

Butterfly Project

The Holocaust Museum in Houston, Texas is collecting 1.5 million student-created butterflies to represent the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. Representatives of the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center visit 4th and 5th grade classrooms to help each student create a beautiful butterfly and share a lesson based on the poem *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. The poem was written by a young boy, Pavel Friedman, while he was imprisoned in Theresienstadt. Pavel was later murdered in Auschwitz in 1944. The completed butterflies are then sent to the Houston Museum to become part of their collection.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“If you persevere and work hard, things can work out for the best.” – Fred Stern

Community Partnership Programs

NUMBER THE STARS

Performed by Haddonfield Plays and Players, *Number the Stars* is a tender and intense adaptation of Lois Lowry's novel about one of the most inspiring episodes in human history, the rescue of the Danish Jews during World War II. Annemarie Johansen is surprised when her best friend Ellen Rosen arrives in her apartment to spend the night. When two Nazi soldiers appear at the door looking for the Rosen family, Annemarie's parents pretend that Ellen is their own daughter. Annemarie comes to realize that all the Jewish Danes are in terrible danger, and that it is up to their Christian neighbors to help them escape to neutral Sweden.

The play, written for school-age children, has given the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center an opportunity to partner with this theater group and have Holocaust survivors speak to the cast and audience after each performance.



SURVIVOR Quotes

"I have come to realize that my testimony carries so much more weight with them than anything that they have read in a book or have seen in a movie."

- Charles Middleberg

Community Partnership Programs

The Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center, in partnership with colleges and universities in the South Jersey area, offers film screenings and educational lecture opportunities open to the community at large.

The Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center also partners with the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) and offers teacher training programs, as well as programs specifically designed for Hebrew school students like *Confronting Anti-Semitism*.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“If we don’t watch what’s happening to us now, it will happen again. Young people are the only ones who can change things, opinions. When you get old enough, you have to make sure that these things don’t happen, that there is no prejudice, that people are treated equally. It doesn’t matter if you are red, white or green, or have green or yellow hair. What matters is that we are all treated equally.”

- Joel Fabian

Café Europa with Students

At the intergenerational Café Europa, sponsored in partnership with Samost Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Southern New Jersey, high school students and Holocaust survivors have the opportunity to sit down for lunch and discuss, through personal conversations, the experiences of the Survivors during the Holocaust and their views of the world since their arrival in America.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“We, the hidden children, are the last witnesses of this period, and I feel it’s my duty to tell students what happened because there are so many deniers out there who claim that the Holocaust never happened. These children today will be faced with so many lies and I want them to know what happened. I feel that the Holocaust is the most horrific event in human history, and I feel it is very important to bear witness. I will do it as long as I am able.”

- Ruth Hartz

Café Europa with Students



SURVIVOR Quotes

“I speak not for myself but for all the children who couldn’t go to school like you, for all of those children who couldn’t grow old like me. I have to be the voice for the thousands and thousands of children who died because of the Holocaust.”

- Ellen Litman

Guest Reader Program

LESSONS IN TOLERANCE

A program ideal for students in grades Pre K-5, volunteers read stories as a starting point to focus on grade-level appropriate conversations about acceptance, bullying and prejudice. Our volunteers discuss the concepts of respecting others, understanding differences, working together to bring positive results, problem-solving, understanding how our actions affect us and others, and defining *Upstander* and *Bystander*.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“Until hatred and bigotry no longer exist in this world, the meaning of the words ‘Never Again’ cannot be realized.”

- Rita Palkovicz

Guest Reader Program



SURVIVOR Quotes

“It is very important that people, especially children, should know about the Holocaust. It was not something invented by anybody. There was a Holocaust and six million people died for no reason at all, other than because they were Jewish. Not only Jews were killed. There were five million others who were also killed. Everyone should know about it and the children should remember it and also tell those who don't believe it that they met somebody who went through it.”

– *Lisel Van Dyk*

DuBois Award



The Richard C. Goodwin - Josiah DuBois Annual Humanitarian Award, given annually by the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center, is presented to outstanding high school juniors and seniors in South Jersey who demonstrate by their deeds and community involvements the high moral and ethical ideals of Josiah DuBois, Jr.

Born in Camden and raised in Woodbury, New Jersey, DuBois, a distinguished attorney who served in the United States Treasury Department during World War II, discovered information about the mass murder of European Jews by the Nazis. Frustrated and outraged by the failure of the State Department to take any action to rescue the Jews, he documented the information he had discovered about the Nazi “Final Solution,” presented the evidence to higher authorities, including the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, ignored repeated threats directed at him and fought for rescue efforts on behalf of the Jews.

As a result of the actions taken by DuBois, a rescue agency, called the War Refugee Board (WRB) was created by President Roosevelt. DuBois was appointed General Counsel. The WRB is credited with saving upwards of 200,000 Jewish lives.

Josiah DuBois, Jr. was truly a courageous and inspirational hero. The students who are recognized as DuBois Award recipients seek to emulate his actions by striving to make a difference in their own communities, each in his or her own unique way.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“I know that the time has come for me to honor my mother’s dying request that ‘If you survive, tell the world what they did to us!’”

– Frances Neuman

DuBois Award

STATEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS DUBOIS AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Josiah DuBois helped others because he said it was “just what a human being should do,” and I completely agree with that sentiment. Because of my love of service, I have been encouraging others to join my volunteer efforts.

Kaelyn Darrow, Pitman High School

Inspired by the work of Josiah DuBois, I strive to actively take responsibility for supporting and upholding the fundamental rights of human dignity. Kindness, generosity and empathy are the core values that guide me in this commitment. While DuBois showed unparalleled public courage in social justice for people who were persecuted, I know that even the smallest, most private moments of advocacy matter as well.

Rebecca Plant, Moorestown High School

DuBois’ work demonstrates that it does not matter that you are only one person; one person is all that is needed to stand up and advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Emily Lichtenstadter, Cherry Hill High School East

Like Mr. DuBois, I do not want to be a bystander to life.

Charles Castillo, Seneca High School

Whether it is helping a stranger who seems to be having a bad day, or standing by a group of people who are being discriminated unfairly, we must remember one thing - everyone deserves to be treated equally, no matter what they look like or what they believe in. Carrying out the beliefs of Josiah DuBois in our world today is important because it is the only way we can ever achieve true peace and harmony in our world.

Gina McAleese, Highland High School

My grandfather’s life was saved because others decided not to be bystanders even in the most horrific of circumstances. You never know how one small act can save a person or an entire world. In order to heal the world, we must all stop being bystanders. The world must unite and radiate DuBois’ moral principles.

Joey Ellis, Haddonfield Memorial High School

SURVIVOR Quotes

“I have hope, hope for you children that whenever you see bigotry and hate, you try to stop it. When it gets out of hand, this is what happens.”

– Agnes Lieberman

Teacher Training

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

Every December, the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center hosts a one-day bus trip for educators and Survivors to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the National World War II Memorial and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C. This trip offers educators the unique opportunity to tour these sites with the added insight and perspective of Holocaust survivors.

The Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is able to offer this annual trip through the generous funding provided by the Sydney and Martha Newman Memorial Fund.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“I share my experiences with students with the hope that I can help eliminate hatred from the world that we all live in.”

- Susan Graham

Dr. Paul Winkler Award



The Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center established a fund in memory of Dr. Paul Winkler (November 3, 1936-July 12, 2016), offering a stipend of \$500 each year to one teacher who enrolls in the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education Summer Seminar. The seminar takes teachers to sites in Central Europe with the goal of helping them to better understand the history and lessons of the Holocaust.

Dr. Winkler was an advocate of Holocaust Education serving as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. As a teacher, principal, superintendent, and state education official, he was formally involved in Holocaust, genocide and prejudice education since 1974. He wrote numerous articles dealing with

Holocaust and Genocide education, trained teachers and gave presentations to students.

Dr. Winkler's leadership resulted in the New Jersey Commission becoming a national and global model for Holocaust and Genocide education.



SURVIVOR Quotes

"I saw anti-Semitism at its worst and supporting a strong and vital State of Israel is important for all Jews."

- Yehuda Hammer

Yom HaShoah Community Observance

Yom HaShoah is the internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day, which corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. The date marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943. The Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center commemorates the anniversary with a solemn community program.

Each year, we remember that there were over six million Jews killed during the Holocaust and five million other innocent victims. We remember the liberation of the concentration camps and the end of World War II. We remember the Jewish Partisans and the Righteous Rescuers who saved many Jewish lives at the risk of their own. We remember the valiant Liberators who uncovered the awful truth of the camps. And we especially remember and honor all of those who fought against impossible odds to survive.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“Future generations must understand what happened to us and our families so when Survivors are no longer able to tell their own stories, people will never forget this horrible part of our history.”

– Sheila and Ben Garberman

Yom HaShoah Community Observance



SURVIVOR Quotes

"I hope that you will learn from these horrible events so you can help make the world a better place for all of us."

- Eric Bloch

Kristallnacht

Kristallnacht (Crystal Night or Night of Broken Glass), is the anniversary of state-sanctioned violent pogroms coordinated against Jews throughout Nazi Germany, Austria and the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia from November 9 to 10, 1938. Synagogues were burned, Jewish-owned stores and community centers were destroyed and Jewish homes were plundered. Jewish men between the ages of 16 and 60 were arrested and sent to Dachau, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen and other concentration camps.

Each year the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center memorializes this turning point, which marked the shift from anti-Semitic rhetoric and legislation to the violent and aggressive measures which led to the Holocaust. We host a current author, during the JCC's Arts Books and Culture Festival, to speak about this period in history and its impact in today's world.



SURVIVOR Quotes

“I survived because when I thought about my future husband, who had escaped to safety in the Dominican Republic that gave me hope. I also had the hope of being reunited with my family.”

- Lilo Altenberg

Generations After the Shoah

The Generations After program was created for the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors who share the desire of honoring their parents' and grandparents' legacies and preserving their family histories. The mission of this group is to provide a forum for educational lectures, social programming, shared resources, and addressing issues of mutual interest. The Generations After program helps descendants of Survivors keep their family stories alive in order to educate future generations about the Holocaust, using its lessons to create a community of mutual respect among people of all races and religions.



SURVIVOR
Quotes

“Life is not always simple and we are all faced with difficult choices.” – *Izador Einziger*

March of Remembrance

The two-mile March of Remembrance, held during the New Jersey legislated Week of Respect, enables participants to learn many of the lessons history has taught us about the consequences of hatred and bigotry, pay tribute to many of our local Survivors, and become educated about the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center. Following the March, walkers and non-walkers are invited to attend a community program.

There are no words that could accurately express the emotional journey I was on yesterday. The March of Remembrance was a moving educational experience that was beyond my realm of imagination. Wow! When I awoke yesterday to the sound of rain, and one by one my group bowed out. I, too, was going to take a pass on the actual march. And then I thought about my family and all the painful marches they were forced to take battling elements of nature. Then I knew I had to partake in the March of Remembrance, and I am so grateful I did. The Survivors leading the way, the Bethel Baptist Church choir singing in Hebrew, the police escort, and, yes, even the rain and wet feet, the play and meeting the students provided me with a memorable day that I shall never forget.

- Marlene Rubin



SURVIVOR Quotes

“Although it is very painful and emotional for me to relive the horrors of my childhood, it is very important to honor the memory of those who were brutally murdered. The most meaningful experience as a speaker is receiving the many beautiful letters from students telling me how hearing my story has made a big impact on their lives. I am pleased that I can make a difference in young people’s lives and help lessen some hatred and bigotry.”

- Nella Glick

March of Remembrance



A friend of mine attended with her partner for the first time yesterday. As we were slogging up Springdale Road complaining about the weather, she said to me that this was nothing compared to what the World War II prisoners had to endure wearing a lot less than we were and in much colder weather. That was an observation from someone who had never attended such an event and whose family was not involved in the Holocaust.

- Michael Bass

SURVIVOR Quotes

"I think that right now, we need to educate children more than ever. We will die out, all the Survivors. There aren't too many. We're getting old. I made a commitment to my father that as long as I live I'm going to speak to children."

- Sam Kujawski

DEAR SURVIVOR

While I think many are too quick to criticize millennials, I also think that we struggle to feel compassion in such a detached world. You established a connection with us, a feeling which cannot be created by a history book or a news story. Your story made me realize that the Holocaust wasn't just a history lesson. It was an event that hurt so many lives.

Student, Camden Catholic High School

I think you are an amazing speaker. I loved how you talked about your own personal miracles, like how the officer gave you extra food. You were always scared. You were constantly starving. You were being tortured, and you still believed there was good in the world. Your story has taught me to appreciate the little things; that things we take for granted can quickly be taken away.

Student, Haddonfield Memorial High School

I happen to be Mexican and Mormon. I can kind of relate to the feelings felt in the Holocaust because many people criticize me for my skin color, race, and religion. I have a greater desire now to teach my family, peers, and even people I don't know about the importance of not letting hate grow bigger.

Student, Sterling High School

Your kindness and the manner in which you presented your story were so engaging and interesting to our staff and students. I always tell my students that Holocaust survivors are like super heroes because they demonstrate unbelievable strength and perseverance. You possess those qualities and are a person for whom I have tremendous respect. The two parts of your story that are amazing to me are your mother's planning and determination to keep you and your sister safe and your own attitude and outlook towards others. I truly believe that through education and example we can change the world.

Mrs. Carrie Aloj, 8th grade teacher, Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School

Hearing your story was truly inspirational. It taught me more about the Holocaust than any textbook could ever do. You are one of the most inspiring and incredible people I have ever met. I have already shared your story with my family. It changed them, as you did me.

Student, DeMasi Middle School

I will remember the moment I hugged you and shook your hand with tears in my eyes.

Student, Chestnut Ridge Middle School

Thank you for coming to our school to talk about your terrible experiences during the Holocaust. Hearing your personal account has turned my world around. Your speech brought tears to my eyes. It showed me that you should never lose hope. It taught me the valuable lesson that bigotry and racism should never be allowed to thrive in any community, state, or country. It made me realize what a privilege our life is now.

Student, Moorestown Upper Elementary School

SURVIVOR
Quotes

“HATE is the worst four letter word that exists.” – *Mathilde Middleberg*

DEAR SURVIVOR

Your story became twice as important and powerful since there aren't many people still alive who share similar experiences to yours. Seeing that you were able to have a life after the Holocaust and everything you went through is so amazing and gives not only me, but many other people, hope to go on with our lives despite the challenges we may face.

Student, Willingboro High School

Your story made me realize that we learn about the past to prevent what could potentially become a disaster in the future. Your words allowed me to embrace my large family and realize that their presence enhances my individual strength. From your personal history, I took these lessons: always look to the future, embrace your family's ties and roots and always hold on to your will to live.

Student, Rosa International Middle School

Thank you so much for not only giving your time, but sharing your story as well. It has been an experience that I will never forget and a story I will continue to share with my family and friends. You are an individual that I look up to. You are someone I see as strong and admirable. You have taught me a valuable lesson, to persevere, to be brave, and to never give up.

Student, Beck Middle School

I loved how you persuaded us to make the world a better place and be good citizens within our community. As a result, I now go help my friend serve the homeless people food in his soup kitchen. To be honest, I never really thought much about helping my community and now I can never get enough of it! The joy of serving people that are less fortunate is so great.

Student, Southampton Township Schools

Thank you so much for sharing your story. You taught me that even through the toughest times, I should stay strong, positive, and most importantly hopeful. You have changed my life forever. You made me even more thankful for what I have and you have inspired me to make the world a better place. I want to make a difference in the world when I grow up, just like you.

Student, Stoy Elementary School

The only way to never let something as horrific as that happen again is to educate the next generation. My generation is the last to hear the stories first-hand. I know you already know this, but you need to keep doing what you're doing. You need to be heard, and people need to listen.

Student, Sterling High School

SURVIVOR Quotes

“The inhumanity I experienced should never be allowed to happen to anyone again. It is not only fellow Jews who need to be protected from the hatred and prejudice that I experienced but all people who need to be treated with dignity and respect.”

– Simon Birnbaum

DEAR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

I was blown away with how much you knew about your grandmother and her experiences. My grandfather was in Vietnam, and I don't know his story, but you have made me want to sit down with him and let him tell me his story.

Student, Haddonfield Memorial High School

Hearing you talk makes me more interested in the Holocaust, and has opened my eyes to what is going on in the world and history. I believe that your grandparent's story brings attention to the fact that these people aren't just a piece of history. They lived, loved, and felt things that I could never imagine. Your presentation really showed that this future generation can do something to help.

Student, Indian Mills Memorial School

Sharing your mother's story takes strength. It is making an impact on people's lives. I felt so honored to meet you. What really touched me was how your mother stayed positive even after going through these events. "The power of kindness" is a good motto to live by.

Student, Northeast High School

What touched me most was that your mother made a choice each day to be happy and grateful to be alive. Telling audiences about the atrocities and losses that she suffered was more important to her than the risk of remembering and reliving her own pain.

Community Member

My students loved how the speaker made the story come alive by using clips of her mother speaking about her experiences in the death camps. One student even wrote down her mother's quotes so she will remember them to help her get through tough times.

Teacher, Sterling High School

Hearing your mom's story truly changed my perspective on the Holocaust. I know I will pass on and never forget the words, "We are not born with hatred; we learn it."

Student, Moorestown Upper Elementary

SURVIVOR Quotes

"I felt extremely guilty that my grandmother, aunt and cousins were suffering and I didn't as much. I wasn't going to talk about it. We never talked about it in my family because we escaped. When we found my cousin Sonya's drawings in an exhibit of children's artwork from Terezin during a family trip to Prague with my wife, children and grandchildren, suddenly this whole thing came back and then I realized that I could have been one of those innocent people, one of those children like my cousin. And I keep looking at these drawings and I think, 'Gee, my cousin Sonya could have been a famous artist, this girl.' And why did she die? Because of this crazy hatred just because she was Jewish. I don't want people to forget it. I don't want people to forget what prejudice and discrimination can do."

- Robert Fischl

DEAR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

Your story really touched my heart and I think your family was very brave. Just so you know, there should be more people like you and Anton in the world. People who don't care about how you look or talk, but know it is your strength and personality that counts. You should be proud having the blood of Survivors running through your veins.

Student, Steinhauer Elementary School

Thank you for sharing your mother's amazing journey with us. I love how the woman in striped clothing saved her. Overall, your mother's story has taught me to appreciate everything in my life. She's truly a hero.

Student, Philadelphia Futures

You said your mother spoke about her experiences to make people know that the Holocaust really did happen. It's amazing that your mother was strong enough to educate and not to hate. But after all, she did teach that hating is useless and nothing good can come from it.

Student, Haddonfield Memorial High School

On Friday night, I shared your story with my husband and four daughters. On Saturday morning, I shared your story with a dear friend as we walked. On Saturday night, I shared your story with a family we hosted for dinner. Today, I will share your story with a principal at a neighboring school. I will do my best to honor your family by sharing your story when I can. Thank you so very much for your time, your story and your passion. What a gift you gave to all of us, students and faculty. I will remember the day I met you forever and am ever grateful for the experience.

Teacher, Steinhauer Elementary School



SURVIVOR Quotes

“This horrible time in world history and Jewish history should be remembered. People have the image that the Holocaust happened to people only in camps. Other people were negatively affected. All stories need to be told.”

- Edith Kalech

COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS

Thank you again for the amazing experience that you have provided for our students. They will never forget hearing the stories and speaking to these courageous and inspiring men and women. Today, our students shared their Café Europa experiences with students in other classes. It was truly a privilege for us.

Father Allain Caparas, Director of Catholic Identity, Religion Department Chair, Gloucester Catholic High School

I want to thank you for coming into my Genocide Studies class and sharing your Doctors Without Borders experiences with me and my classmates. Thanks to you and my teacher, I have been educated about the awful things that happened in Darfur. I am going to college to become a pediatric nurse, so I hope one day I can take the skills I will learn and bring them to other countries. You are truly an inspiration and we need more people like you in this world.

Student, Delran High School

Thank you for providing our youth with the opportunity to meet and speak with a Doctors Without Borders witness of the Darfur Genocide. Dr. Jerry Ehrlich reminded us that people brush the Darfur conflict to the side as other new events occur in the world each day. Yet through your valuable outreach and support for teachers and communities alike, the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center keeps the issues of current genocides in the minds of our students in order to produce, hopefully, a solution in their future. My students are still talking about Dr. Ehrlich, his patients and the drawings.

Caitlin Como, Teacher, Genocide Studies Program, Delran High School

The faculty and administration of Paul VI High School were impressed by the students' responses at the Lunch with Survivors event. We hope to continue to build our relationship with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center. I have always told my students these programs are not about the Survivors; they are about the young people. What will be their responses when they encounter prejudice, hatred and injustice in their lives? Thank you for all you do for the students of South Jersey.

Joseph Burke, Assistant Principal for Discipline, Paul VI High School



SURVIVOR Quotes

"Be vigilant and learn from the Holocaust so that 'Never Again' is a promise we can all keep."
- Rita Palkovicz

In your role of Director of the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center (Helen Kirschbaum), you contribute greatly to our community as you captain the resource that explains the Holocaust, remembers its Survivors, and is often the first experience that provides accurate and meaningful contact with that chapter of our people's history. That alone would define the importance of the Center's work, but you have been able to expand its impact and make it part of the culture in the tri-county area. The Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is also prized for its development of volunteers, training of docents, and history of encouraging active participation. One might wonder where else could young people gather to learn about Josiah E. DuBois, Jr., participate in a March of Remembrance, and commemorate both Yom HaShoah and Kristallnacht. Traditions start with educational activity and become concrete with generational interaction. The Center provides both and anchors our community's ability to create worthwhile memories.

Lawrence M. Glaser, Executive Director, New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education

As an educator of forty-two years, I must say that the entire Holocaust Education Center has been one of the most outstanding and effective aids to me in teaching.

Sister Irene T. Kervick, IHM

The museum itself provided tremendous resources in what we were able to see and what we were able to read about. Perhaps most importantly, our hearing from a Survivor was an important moment and life changing.

Dr. Noah Tennant, Principal, Haddonfield Middle School

It just gives the kids, especially the Camden kids who may be experiencing prejudice in their lives, a sense of what can happen if prejudice is taken to an extreme.

Fred Alden, Teacher, Camden Promise Charter School

The Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is such an important resource for Holocaust education in our community. I grew up hearing about the Holocaust from my Survivor grandparents. But now that they, and many of the Survivors, have passed on, the work of the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is even more essential. Their archive of video testimonies of Survivors, artifacts, and knowledgeable and skilled presenters, help us make sure that the stories of those lost in the Holocaust will live, and that the lessons of the Holocaust will continue to inform our personal behavior and our agenda as a Jewish community. I know that when we partner with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center at TBS or within the community, they will provide excellent materials, thoughtful questions, and important lessons for both children and adults. The Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center makes sure that our community, and our family, remembers the past, and therefore, helps us build a more caring, tolerant, and committed Jewish present and future.

Rabbi Micah Peltz, Temple Beth Shalom

SURVIVOR
Quotes

"I share my experiences because I was a part of history and history is forever."

- Leona Kleiner

COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS

The Holocaust Education Center is one of those worthy institutions that is required to secure the financial support of this community, so that it can continue to run years after we're no longer here.

Rick Goldstein,

Past President, Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey

Thank you so much for coming to speak to our 4th graders at Bear Tavern Elementary today. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to have met you and to have heard your stories. Thank you for reading *A Gift from the Enemy* and showing the class pictures and videos. Your lesson fit in perfectly with what they were learning and World Kindness Day. The students really enjoyed your presentation, learned a lot and were fully engaged the entire time. I have included some of their quotes below:

"The lesson today that I learned was- treat others the way you would want to be treated."

"When the odds are against you, never lose hope."

"One little act of kindness can have a big effect."

"People can make big differences. A person can change the world."

"Today I am walking away with (the knowledge) that kindness is more powerful than hatred."

"I learned that if you want to make it through life then you have to believe in yourself."

"One thing I learned from the stories that you told was that one random act of kindness can change someone's life."

Samantha Selikoff, Teacher, Bear Tavern Elementary School

Holocaust education is part of my work as a rabbi in ways that are so crucial. It is a tragic period in our history that speaks to me as a Jew and as a human being. As the grandson of Holocaust survivors, the atrocities of 1940s Europe urge me every day to not only bring the story of the Holocaust to our community, but instill in those around me a sensitivity to those who are different than we are. To me, "Never Again" means striving toward a place of greater tolerance and empathy across all would-be boundaries: political, racial, geographic, and religious. I am thankful that we live in a time when we have access to myriad documentaries, books, and exhibits, helping us to wrap our arms around what happened and why. I would add that it is not lost on me that Holocaust survivors are fewer and fewer in number with each passing day. We must hear their words. What they witnessed with their eyes must live on in us, in our daily choices, in order for the many messages of the Holocaust to continue to live.

Rabbi Ben David, Adath Emanu-El

SURVIVOR Quotes

"I feel it's very, very important that we speak about it, that we memorialize it and create museums like the Holocaust Museum in Washington and the Museum right here for kids to understand. The fact that we are studying and we are teaching and we are learning what happened may not prevent us from repeating itself as a whole, but at least it teaches us to be aware of it and try to stop it sooner rather than later."

- Shelley Zeiger

As a French and Holocaust/Genocide Studies teacher at Sterling High School, I have been actively teaching about the Holocaust since 2009 when I first developed a relationship with the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center. This extraordinary partnership resulted in a myriad of student fundraising activities and programs ranging from public service announcements, trips to Holocaust museums and plays, videoconferences, Survivor presentations, assemblies, outreach reading programs, community awareness events and humanitarian scholarships. I believe it is more important than ever to build a positive culture for diversity and acceptance of others by encouraging student advocacy in the classroom, the school, and the community. The Raab/Goodwin staff and volunteers have been invaluable in helping me to inspire my students to respect others and become *Upstanders* and not onlookers and to speak up in the face of hatred and dehumanization of any human being or group of people.

Michelle Myers, Teacher, Sterling High School

We touch students and that means that we'll make the world a better place. It also means we go beyond the Jewish community and reach thousands of other citizens.

Vicki Zell, Past President, Jewish Community Relations Council

I think hearing a Survivor stays with the students much longer and it makes a greater impact and impression than merely reading a history book.

Eva Schlanger, Past Chairperson Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center

I cannot thank you enough for providing our youth with the opportunity to meet and speak with both a son of a Survivor and a Survivor of the Holocaust. It provides so much power and passion behind the lessons in the classroom to have incredible individuals like Mr. Marvin Raab and Dr. Robert Fischl share their heart-wrenching stories. With each year that passes, the events of the Holocaust get lost in our minds as new history is made every day. We look forward to many years of working with the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center to continue to enrich our Genocide Studies Program.

Caitlin Como, Educator, Delran High School



SURVIVOR
Quotes

“We should not tolerate inhumanity and should never stand by when we see injustice.”

– Leah Kalina

COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS

Cranberry Pines School in Medford, New Jersey has had the privilege of attending *The Town That Fought Hate* for over a decade. The message of unity, tolerance, and acceptance resonates in these troubled times more than ever. Our students have benefited from the valuable lessons they learn in coordination with our guidance program and anti-bullying efforts in our school. Additionally, the artists have been able to expose children to the creative arts of puppetry and theatrical design. The puppeteers are able to communicate a very important message in a format that is very entertaining and informative. When we return to school, *The Town That Fought Hate* serves as a springboard for further exploration into human rights and Holocaust studies.

David Levin, Lori Griffith, Patricia Atkinson - Fourth Grade Team, Cranberry Pines School

Our students at Catholic Partnership Schools (CPS) have had the pleasure of partnering with the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center for the past two years. The Center's mission is to teach people about the past and to educate children for the future through the painful lessons of the Holocaust. Their objective to reduce prejudice and lessen hatred, bigotry, bullying, and violence against all people coincides beautifully with our CPS mission statement: Catholic Partnership Schools is committed to strengthening and sustaining the educational excellence of the Catholic K-8 schools that serve the children of Camden. Our five Partnership Schools nurture communities grounded in faith and values. And our Vision: The children of the Catholic Partnership Schools will be intellectually confident, actively compassionate, and morally courageous. Our students are committed to living and building a more just and peaceful world. Teaching the lessons of the Holocaust is an important and effective means to reduce prejudice and affect attitudes to lessen hatred, bigotry, and violence against all groups. Character education, specifically anti-bullying and acceptance of all people, is core to our Catholic Partnership School curriculum.

Our students from Kindergarten to grade 8 enjoyed such performances as *The Town That Fought Hate*, *Dear Esther*, *Through the Eyes of a Friend*, *The Boy Who Would Be Captain Hook* and our primary grade students took part in appropriate conversation about the ideas of tolerance and prejudice as they welcomed readers into their classroom through the Guest Reader Program. Our junior high students have often commented on their experience of the panel presentation last year by the Raab family member after seeing the performance of *Dear Esther*.

Not only our students, but also our teachers, have had occasions to further their own growth in Holocaust education. They've been offered various opportunities in the way of education and professional development. Last month three of our teachers attended the Professional Development for Middle and High School Educators on *Echoes and Reflections: Leaders in Holocaust Education* at the Center. This workshop included a highly qualified guest teacher, a large Teacher's Resource binder, visual history testimonies, and introduced them to a website with supplementary multimedia sites to teach this important time in world history.

We at Catholic Partnership Schools are honored to partner with the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center. Thank you for the opportunity!

Sr. Sharon McCarthy, SSJ Instructional Coach, Catholic Partnership Schools

SURVIVOR Quotes

"I remember those who showed me kindness even if it was at a risk to themselves."

- Helen Rieder

“Life-changing.” That accurately expresses the impact that the programming through the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center has had on my students and on me. For the past several years, all the 8th graders at our school, Rosa International Middle School, one of Cherry Hill’s three public middle schools, have traveled to the Center to attend a play directly related to their study of the book *Night* and of other literature and history related to the Holocaust. The play, *Through the Eyes of a Friend*, tells the story of Anne Frank and brings the brave Jewish girl to life in a way that mere words on a page cannot. The Center, through the efforts of its excellent director, Helen Kirschbaum, arranges the performance, which includes vital background information relayed to the students by the actress prior to the performance and a question-and-answer period afterwards. Students talk about how they are moved by the performance and about learning more details about Anne’s life, particularly the agony she suffered in various concentration camps. If that were the only experience my students had, it in itself would be enough to have an impact on their lives in terms of increased understanding and empathy for those who perished as well as survived and of grasping what resilience in the face of horror looks like.

But there is more, much more. After the play, a panel of Holocaust survivors, assembled by Helen, makes a presentation of their life stories to the students. Each Survivor’s story is different but the theme of resilience is a constant. My students hear from those who lived through one of the darkest periods of human history and their hearts are touched by what they hear. I know this by watching their faces as the Survivors speak, seeing the tears that form in the eyes of many and observing my students form lines to personally meet the Holocaust survivors after the presentations because they want to verbalize their thanks to them for sharing their difficult but important stories. My students are so moved that they write letters of thanks to the Survivors upon returning to school. It is as though my students’ eyes have been opened in a way they have never before experienced, and they feel the need to tell these elderly heroes how their stories have moved them and how they will work to make sure the world remembers how hatred can lead to the darkest of times.

I am passionate about my association with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center on behalf of my students. The programming we have experienced has enriched us all. At the end of the Holocaust unit of study, our 8th graders produce a very personal project of their choosing to express their learning. Many choose art projects related to *Night* and the Holocaust. For the past several years, Helen and several of the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center’s volunteers have made a point of visiting our school to see the projects. She and her staff then select a number of them to be on display at the Center to be seen by Survivors and visitors. My students know that the Center values their learning and that it has made the commitment to promote it. Currently, our school librarian is working closely with Helen and the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center to bring an author of a book related to the Holocaust to speak and work with our 7th and 8th graders, as well as provide special programming for our 6th graders. I am indebted as a teacher and my school is indebted as an institution of learning to the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center for providing the resources and expertise to enlighten my students in a way that will make them better human beings.

**Lillian Halden, Eighth Grade English Language Arts, Advisor-Peer Leadership,
Rosa International Middle School**

SURVIVOR
Quotes

“I knew that I had to inform people of the greatest tragedy of human existence.”

– Bill Zimmerspitz

COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS

We have been so fortunate in Southampton School District to be a part of so many wonderful programs that the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center has provided. Each year our 5th grade students attend the puppet show *The Town That Fought Hate*. Year after year to hear 5th grade students rave about the show is truly wonderful. The students are amazed at how the whole town comes together to squash hate. The students especially enjoy the behind scenes lesson on the puppets and special effects.

Our eighth graders attend *Dear Esther* and their awe and silence at the performance says it all. It has also been a true honor to have such dynamic Holocaust survivors come and speak to our students. There are no words to describe what an honor it is to hear first-hand stories from such heroes. Thank you for the remarkable service you do for the community.

Jennifer L. Horner, Principal, Schools #2 and #3, Southampton Township School District

I have been a Holocaust educator for eight years, working in the Evesham Township School District. During that time, the Goodwin Education Center has been an invaluable and essential resource in support of our program. With the Center's support and assistance, my students have had the profound experience of meeting with Holocaust survivors and concentration camp liberators, something that most of them would never have had an opportunity to do otherwise. Many of my former students have come back for a visit and have shared with me that their afternoon with a Survivor was the most memorable experience of their 7th grade year. I have also received a number of other resources from the Center which have translated into lessons for my classes.

My work as a Holocaust educator has been enriched and enlivened with the help of the Center's resources and staff. I know my students feel the same way.

Dave Austin, Teacher, DeMasi Middle School



SURVIVOR Quotes

“Children cannot be indifferent to suffering, to prejudice, to anything that creates the condition in a world that allows evil to survive. Speak up if you see bullying or prejudice. There is a timeliness to speak up. Students who study the Holocaust do it not just to see how bad the evil was but how to prevent it.”

- Fred Kurz

If we had ten thousand tongues, we couldn't thank you and the Raab/Goodwin staff enough for the wonderfully meaningful visit yesterday. Meeting Mr. Stern was a distinct honor. We are humbled by his willingness to share his experience and we look forward to the opportunity to invite Mr. Stern and your staff to our school to see and hear how our students processed the experience.

**Antoinette C. Dendtler, EdD, Lead Person/Founder &
Head of School, Eco Charter School, Camden, NJ**

The first time I experienced Yad v'Shem in Jerusalem, I began to reconstruct my family history, which my parents, as Survivors, were reluctant to tell. "Yad" means "hand" and "Shem" means "name" and it was then that I understood that it was my calling to use my hands and my name for them; to honor my grandparent's memory, and to raise high their legacy. The sacred work of the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is to connect a new generation with the past in the hope of creating a kinder, more gentle and better future.

Rabbi Jerry David, Temple Emanuel

I have been working with the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center for five years. My students have participated in many videoconferences with Holocaust survivors and the children of Holocaust survivors over these years. This organization provides a vital link to the past for my students, a link that educates them on the persecution and genocide of Jews. The programs offered by this organization do, indeed, fulfill their mission, which is "to reduce prejudice and lessen hatred, bigotry, bullying, and violence against all groups." These sessions have prepared my students for 21st century learning by promoting a deep understanding of the Holocaust, by holding high expectations for students to be prepared to speak to Survivors from around the world, by helping the student to improve listening and speaking skills, and by staying abreast of emerging communication technologies. These sessions have impacted me as an educator by helping me to develop strategies to incorporate first-hand accounts and first-hand dialogue into my classroom.

Kathleen Menake, Social Studies Teacher, Passaic Valley Regional High School



SURVIVOR Quotes

"Most of the Survivors won't be here much longer. It is really important for us to share this testimony so that you can say and you can refute when people say the Holocaust never happened. You can say you met a Survivor."

- Sybil Ehrlich

VOLUNTEERS SPEAK

Watching the engaged faces of the students while listening to the Survivors' testimonies and realizing how meaningful the stories are to the young people by the powerful questions they ask the Survivors after they speak, make me aware of why I am a docent. I am hoping that the students understand from the testimonies, the ramifications of hatred and bigotry and, as a result, will help create a better world.

Bernice Glazier

People often ask me what being a guest reader has to do with the Holocaust. As guest readers, we read age-appropriate stories to young children about bullying, accepting differences among people and treating others with respect and kindness. If you think about it, the Holocaust was taking the act of bullying to the nth degree. Hate, prejudice and racism were ingrained in the people who brought such terrible atrocities upon the Jews and other groups simply because they looked different or spoke a different language or had different religious beliefs. If we can reach very young children and instill in them the values of tolerance, acceptance, and kindness to others, perhaps we can prevent another Holocaust from ever happening again. We engage children in discussions about standing up for those who are being bullied and accepting others who may look different from themselves. We encourage them to look beyond the physical appearances of others and to look inside to find their good qualities. We provide children with constructive tools to use if they are confronted with bullies in their school or in their neighborhoods. As guest readers for the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center, we are, indeed, "impacting our community."

Beverly Glass

Inspired by my middle and high school French teacher, a child Survivor who was hidden at a convent school in France, I feel it is my obligation as a Jew and a citizen of our democracy, to teach about the history and lessons of the Holocaust so that people learn that everyone who lives in a free society has a role in standing up against hatred, prejudice, bigotry and anti-Semitism.

I often see that students have a moment of clarity and understanding during my Museum tour after they have heard a Survivor speak. The most meaningful experience occurred when I took a group of young men from Camden County Juvenile Corrections on the Museum tour. They were all African-American and had an understanding of oppression and living in a ghetto. They asked what the difference was between their ghetto and the Warsaw Ghetto. Light bulbs went off in their minds that there have been other people in the world oppressed and persecuted. That revelation led to many intelligent questions and comments. I could see the light in their eyes connecting what they heard and learned with their own situations in life. They were receptive, respectful, emotional and extremely grateful at the end of the morning. I had hope after they left the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center that day that perhaps they could face their own personal problems with an understanding of the broader world that would help them cope with their circumstances and maybe rise out of them.

Carol Orwitz

SURVIVOR
Quotes

"I need to speak for all of those who can't speak for themselves." – *Helene Bouton*

As a child of Holocaust survivors, the work done is important to me because we must never forget what happened to our people and do all in our power to ensure such atrocities never happen again to any peoples on this earth. The Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is doing precisely that.

David Jacoby

As the grandchild of Holocaust survivors, the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is important to me because of the valuable work it does to educate the community about the Holocaust and empower future generations to make sure that such a horrific part of history never happens again. Out of the many critically important programs and resources the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center provides, the opportunity to hear from a Holocaust survivor stands out the most to me. Hearing my grandparents' stories and knowing that their stories will live on makes me extremely proud and grateful that because of them, I am here today, ready and able to share their experiences for generations to come.

Aaron Sauer

I really believe in the Guest Readers Program. By starting young children to think about their words and deeds, just maybe it will prevent them from bullying, and hopefully, we will create *Upstanders* who help protect those who are denigrated because of their race, religion or physical being.

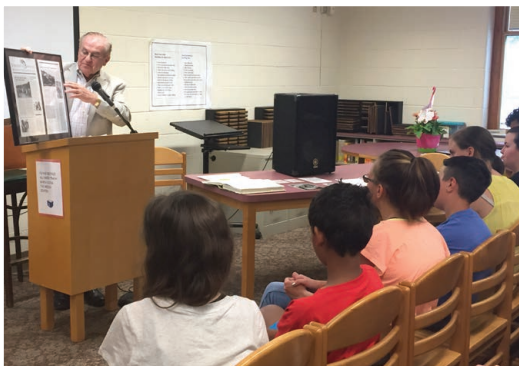
Gloria Andersen

It is important for me to volunteer for the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center because I truly believe that students who hear a Holocaust survivor speak, tour our Museum or attend a program will not be perpetrators of hate crimes.

Janet Simons

It is important to volunteer as a museum docent, because in that way, the promise made to Survivors, to keep the memory of what happened alive can be kept. It has been my experience that Survivors usually tell me two things. They speak to ensure the events that happened during the Holocaust will be believed, and after they are gone "who will tell the story" so it will be remembered. Talking to as many people as I can at the Museum, lets me do my part to keep the promise.

Jeff Green



**SURVIVOR
Quotes**

“Until hatred and bigotry no longer exist in this world, the meaning of the words ‘Never Again’ cannot be realized.”

- Fred Behrend

VOLUNTEERS SPEAK

My late father, Shelley Zeiger, always told me that it was extremely important to tell his story of survival. I am proud, as a second generation Survivor, to continue his tradition of speaking to students and audiences of all ages. The Survivor's story not only reinforces the wonderful attributes of the human spirit, but also it shows how Survivors turned that horrible situation into motivation to be successful later in life. I am grateful for any opportunity to share that story and those lessons.

Jeffrey Zeiger

It has been an honor to serve as a small cog in the wheel of the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center. As most teachers come to realize, affecting the hearts and minds of young people by raising their awareness, takes concerted effort over a period of time. The plays, programs, speakers, creative art student exhibits and docent-led tours provide significant emotional and intellectual foundations for the future adult citizens who have the opportunity to participate.

Joan Wechter

As the child of Holocaust survivors, I appreciate very much the opportunity the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center has offered to my mother and me to share her story with students. Both of us understand all too well that stories like hers must be shared with younger generations to fight against hatred and bigotry. I also appreciate the chance that I have had through the Center to work with children and grandchildren of Survivors to prepare them to tell their families' stories, and to work with some wonderful volunteers to select local students to receive recognition, through the Josiah DuBois Award, for their contributions to their communities. I look forward to continuing my support for and involvement with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center.

Judy Wizmur

When I volunteered to act as facilitator to Holocaust survivor, Erna Anolik, as she spoke to groups of students, I could never have imagined the impact Erna would have on my life. We bonded the first time I heard her tell her incredible story. After that, we were a team for almost ten years. I was in awe of her bravery and spirit, and so were the thousands of students she touched. We're all part of her legacy to teach tolerance and to stand up to bigotry. But it's my personal relationship with Erna that I cherish the most. Four generations of my family were blessed to get to know and adore her. I will always draw inspiration from Erna's example and love.

Marcia Brown



SURVIVOR
Quotes

“People need to know what happened and, please G-d, it should never happen again.”

- Erna and Harold Bratt

From the time I was very young, I knew that my maternal grandparents, as well as many other relatives, friends and neighbors of both of my parents were murdered during the Holocaust. Those who, like my parents, survived, were profoundly affected by what had occurred. What my parents and family shared with me about the Holocaust had a tremendous impact on me as well.

Despite what they went through and the losses they endured, and, indeed because of what they experienced, my parents taught me to be kind, tolerant and respectful toward all people. After my parents retired and followed me to Cherry Hill, they became involved with the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center. Under the auspices of the Center, they began speaking to students to tell them about their experiences during the 1930s in Vienna in the hope that they could teach young people the same values and attitudes they had taught me.

Shortly before I retired from my career as an educator, my father died. At that time, I made the decision that when I retired I would do volunteer work for the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center. I felt that by doing this I could honor my father, as well as the grandparents and other relatives I never was able to know. When I actually retired, I took some training as a docent for the Museum. As a docent, I learned that it was best for me to begin my tours with the photos of my parents on the wall quilt. In doing this I could show my connection to the Holocaust and personalize what I had to share with the guests.

I have taken my mother and other Survivors to speak at local middle and high schools. I am always awed by the strength of the Survivors as they share their often devastating experiences. The resilience they have exhibited in their lives after the War (remarrying, marrying, raising families, becoming educated, finding ways to earn livelihoods) is also a very important lesson for the young people they address. Above all, the Survivors seek to convey to the students the need to show decency and tolerance to everyone. One could hear a pin drop in the classrooms as the speakers tell their unique and remarkable stories.

I also became a Guest Reader in the wonderful Raab/Goodwin program that teaches respect, tolerance and ways to cope with bullying to young schoolchildren all over the area. The school administrators, teachers and the children always give us a warm welcome. The children are very open to our message which seems more important than ever now. I am proud to be part of the extraordinary work of Helen Kirschbaum and the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center.

Carrie Chein

SURVIVOR Quotes

“I want you to think about prejudice and bullying and not doing anything if you see something like that happening. It can happen anywhere. Germany was a democracy. It had a president. It had a constitution. It had a supreme court. This can happen anywhere if good people don’t pay attention to what is going on around them.”

– Inge Bass

VOLUNTEERS SPEAK

As a child of Holocaust survivors, the endeavors of the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center are fundamental for me. It is turning the horrors that my parents and extended family lived through and perished from, into lessons which educate and enlighten adults and children alike, to the imperative to be *Upstanders*, and to not let hate or hate-speech or bigotry or bullying take seed and grow. To use the history of my parents' ravaged childhoods for something good gives purpose to my parents' experiences. Each time my father tells his story, I see so many

minds and hearts profoundly impacted. The students write letters of thanks, and refer to things from his speech that have really touched their hearts. They ask questions and my father responds with the hope to teach the children not to hate, not to follow hateful speech, not to let others be bullied without stepping up. One day, when my father decides he can no longer go and tell his history, I will keep his story alive for as long as I can tell it to continue his legacy of teaching tolerance and respecting diversity. The part I currently love doing with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is the Guest Reader Program. I have always loved reading to children and I deeply enjoy reading stories that spur them to think about how our words and actions impact those around us. I love watching them as they think and process how important it is to be an *Upstander*. And I like to see the light go on in their eyes when they start to embrace and enjoy the differences and similarities of a diverse community.

Lynne Warszawski

If we do not, as a group of volunteers, continue to help educate our and other communities about what can result from hatred, bigotry and anti-Semitism, we will have failed future generations. It is gratifying to see the responses from event attendees and to hear how moved they are by what they saw and heard. Hearing Survivors tell their stories... not sure how they do this repeatedly, they must be very strong people to do so. We must teach the next generation and future generations the history of what happened, as well as why it could happen again, if hatred and bigotry is not kept in check. If we don't get this message across properly, our children and grandchildren could be doomed.

Mike Bass

As the grandchild of two Holocaust survivors, the work of the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is important to me because it carries the torch of remembrance into the next generation, both within and beyond the Jewish community. One day, people like my grandparents and the communities they come from - which are all gone now - will seem as remote as the Maccabees. It is our job to bring their trauma, as well as their lives before the War, to life in the interest of promoting peace and tolerance.

Rachel Howe

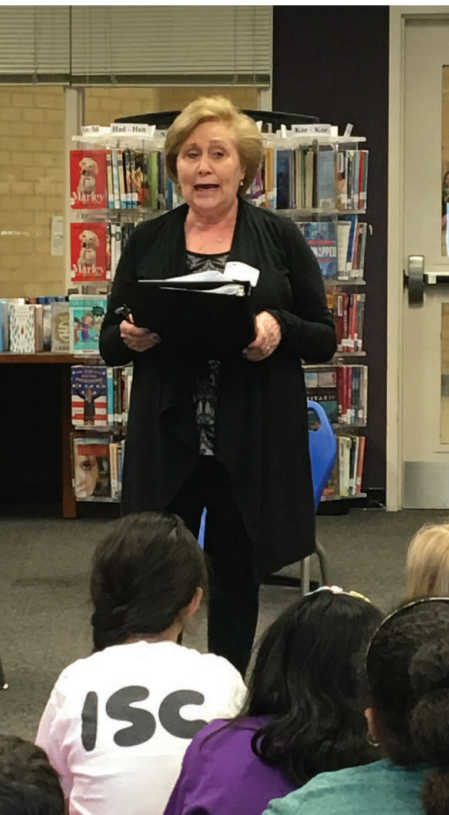
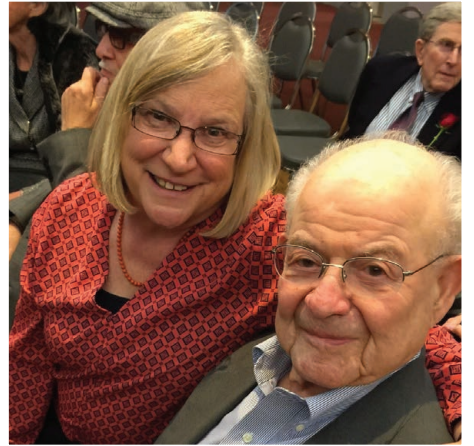
I enjoy and am enriched as I work side-by-side with other dedicated volunteers. Just knowing we all share the same goal of educating the public is meaningful to me.

Sidney Williams

SURVIVOR Quotes

"I wish everyone could live in peace; you do not have to love everyone but at least respect people. Everyone has the right to live and let live."

- Elizabeth Goldstein



VOLUNTEERS SPEAK

I'll confess, when I was first approached by Raab/Goodwin staff to consider speaking as a child of Survivors, I was quick to say, "No, I can't do that." I was terrified by the idea of speaking publicly about something so painful and personal. Yet in my heart, I knew I wanted to honor my family's memory and keep their history alive. I wanted to honor my mother's resilience as a Survivor of Auschwitz, and as a woman who was able to move past her personal pain to create a productive and thriving life for herself and her family. I was eager to

find other ways in which I could volunteer for the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center because I believed in the Center's mission. "Maybe I can start by stuffing envelopes," I joked.

My involvement with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center grew over time, and in time, I was eventually able to work through my fear of public speaking and take on the responsibility of speaking as a child of Survivors. Now, whether serving in the role of guest reader, Museum docent, Survivor facilitator, second generation speaker, or even envelope stuffer, I can say that I am very proud to be part of this amazing team of passionate volunteers and dedicated staff. They are an inspiration.

Of all my different volunteer roles, the one most meaningful to me has been the opportunity to share my mother's history. My mother, Helen Rieder, had been an active speaker with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center, educating students about the atrocities of the Holocaust and urging them to refute hatred, bigotry and anti-Semitism. As her health deteriorated, she urged me to take up her cause and continue telling her story. She worried, as do many Holocaust survivors, that the world will forget or deny what happened without being able to hear Survivor testimonies. Daunting as the task seemed, I reassured my mom that I would honor her wish and carry on her legacy. I created a PowerPoint presentation to share with students, incorporating interview excerpts and video clips from her Shoah Foundation testimony. I was able to show it to my mom and get her "seal of approval." Although my mother has now passed away, I am essentially bringing her back into the classroom by using this presentation. Her voice joins mine as we teach students about what can happen when prejudice goes unchecked and people do not stand up against hatred. Perhaps most important, my mother's story serves as an illustration of the strength and resiliency of the human spirit. It is heartwarming to hear students say that her story inspires them and makes a positive impact on how they wish to lead their lives. Their feedback encourages me to continue speaking. Keeping my family's memory alive is now much more than a responsibility; it is a privilege that I cherish. By sharing my mother's story and messages, I hope that I am able to promote greater compassion and respect in our world. As she always said, "Be kind to one another, make something of yourself, and don't ever take anything for granted."

Renee Siegel

The Guest Readers Program is very rewarding in that it helps children learn to respect and accept themselves as unique and lovable. Teaching them that friends should stand up for each other when bullied is a very important lesson. The Guest Readers take on the challenges children face every day and make a difference in young lives.

Helen Hansen

SURVIVOR
Quotes

"To survive you need self-respect... to survive you need hope." – *Esther Raab*

Growing up as the son of a Holocaust survivor, and never knowing my grandparents, aunt, uncle or many other relatives who were killed in Auschwitz and other concentration and death camps, I feel comforted that the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center exists in our community. My mother spoke little of her experiences until she was asked to speak to my daughter's grade school class and about the same time was interviewed for the Shoah Foundation. It was not until then, when I was well into my 30s, that I learned in detail about that portion of her life. Later she spoke many times to school groups for the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center, and although it was very difficult for her, she felt it was critical that the events not be forgotten and that people speak up when injustice to other people occurs. If we do not learn from and remember the past, we or our children or our children's children will be doomed to relive it. My mother never let her Holocaust experiences define her, but she felt so strongly that we all need to respect one another and always stand up to fight against hate and intolerance. Even though my mother is now gone, through the efforts of the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center her work will continue.

Jonathan Anolik

Volunteering at the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever known. The programs that the Center offers are simply amazing. They are geared for students of all ages and are effective in teaching difficult and sensitive subjects such as bigotry, racism, anti-Semitism, and genocide. As a former history teacher, I have always enjoyed working with children and currently participate in the Guest Reader Program. I read books to elementary age children that emphasize the importance of tolerance and acceptance. These values will, hopefully, help them make good choices in life, especially in the way they treat others.

The people I have met through my work at the Center are some of the most dedicated and interesting people I know. The staff, volunteers, and especially the Survivors are very committed to educating members of our local communities about the atrocities of the Holocaust. I am always impressed by the impact that a Survivor's story has on the audience. For many people, this is their first introduction to one of the darkest periods in history.

I am very proud to be part of a group of individuals whose goal is to help make this world a better place. By reaching out to others and teaching about tolerance and acceptance, we hope to help produce a more inclusive society.

Marcia Libster

SURVIVOR Quotes

“For 50 years I never talked to anybody. I hardly talked to my own kids. Then when I heard about people saying the Holocaust never happened, I got upset, and I decided I wanted to tell my story to somebody. If I talked about what I went through every day for 6 years, I couldn't finish in a week talking about all the stuff that happened to me. Every day was like a year, what I went through...”

- Joe Komito



The involvement I continue to have with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center has only been positive. When I sat in on planning meetings for events or worked with other community members, it allowed me to connect with others who share a deep passion for Holocaust education and advocacy. Working with individuals with whom I wouldn't have normally crossed paths, has opened my eyes to learning and programming about the Holocaust in ways I wouldn't have necessarily thought to do. Despite my younger age, I have never felt that my suggestions and efforts have been looked down on or ignored. If anything, those that I have worked with have encouraged me to speak up or step up in the planning process and that is an incredible feeling.

The most meaningful experience I had while interning for the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center was undertaking the second Survivor Photo Tapestry. For well over a year Helen put her trust in me to go out to Survivors' homes, meet them and document their stories, and design the photo tapestry. She was so supportive of my writing skills and the layout I put together of this taxing project. Even though she had to reapply for grants to keep the project alive, she knew how important it was to the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center, as well as the Survivors and their families, who desired so much to be included in this meaningful project. Not only was I moved to see the photo tapestry hanging in the Center for the first time, I was so excited to notify Survivors that it was proudly hanging and that they should bring their families with them to see it. The skills I acquired and developed during this time are priceless, and I am so grateful that this project will remain as part of the permanent exhibition for years to come.

Andrea Heymann, Former Intern

I began volunteering for the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center in the Fall of 2016 and am very happy to be a part of the community. I have worked with Helen for many years, as I taught an elective course on the Holocaust for more than a dozen years at Haddonfield Memorial High School. Helen was supportive in all my endeavors in Holocaust education and I am very thankful for this level of support. I was looking for something to fill the space that was previously occupied by teaching about the Holocaust and I decided that giving the time I could to Helen and the Museum and Center would be good.

I believe that Holocaust Education is vital and necessary to a quality education of young people today. I look forward to working with the other volunteers in various projects across the school year. A few highlights so far have been the chance I have had to escort Sybil Ehrlich, a Survivor, to talk at a Hillel gathering at the College of NJ; the chance I had to escort Carly Altenberg, the grandchild of a Survivor to talk to students at Sterling High School; and the ongoing work with Jeff Green in the Museum. I am glad that my background and skill level are worth something at the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center.

Christopher Gwin

SURVIVOR Quotes

“I hope that sharing my experiences will be an incentive for students to realize that no matter how risky, they must always try to help people who are facing discrimination.”

- Erna Anolik

VOLUNTEERS SPEAK

One of my most memorable events while volunteering for the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Museum was an evening with Charles Middleberg and actors from a local theater group based in a church. I was serving as a facilitator. The group was in rehearsals for *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and they wanted to speak with a Survivor to better understand the experience of living through the Holocaust. Charles Middleberg explained his life during that time and the cast listened intently and asked a variety of questions. Charles then turned the conversation to them and asked each cast member which role they were playing and how they were approaching the performance. It was a most interesting evening hearing him coach the actors on how to approach their character.

Becky Simon

My primary purpose in life is to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust are both understood and passed on. The Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center provides an opportunity to interact with students and adults, to answer questions correctly and with meaning, provoking empathy and involvement. Today's youth must navigate the world as it is presented to them and it is always my goal to empower each student, helping them to understand that their voice always matters and that silence translates to acceptance.

I always tell others I consider myself a gardener, as well as an educator. I plant seeds of awareness and empathy as I personalize history. I consider it a privilege to speak not only from my expertise but also from my heart, always getting back much more than I give and leaving with a sense of community and fellowship. The most meaningful experience I have had as a volunteer has been in the role of facilitator, accompanying a Survivor who is speaking to a group. There is always that one moment when one witnesses the connection in the eyes of the students and through their thoughtful questions. To watch how powerful that is to a Survivor confirms that once again the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center has created the connection to make a difference, not in just one life but in many. The story is shared and moved forward by these students, which for me is my ultimate goal.

Diane Bannon

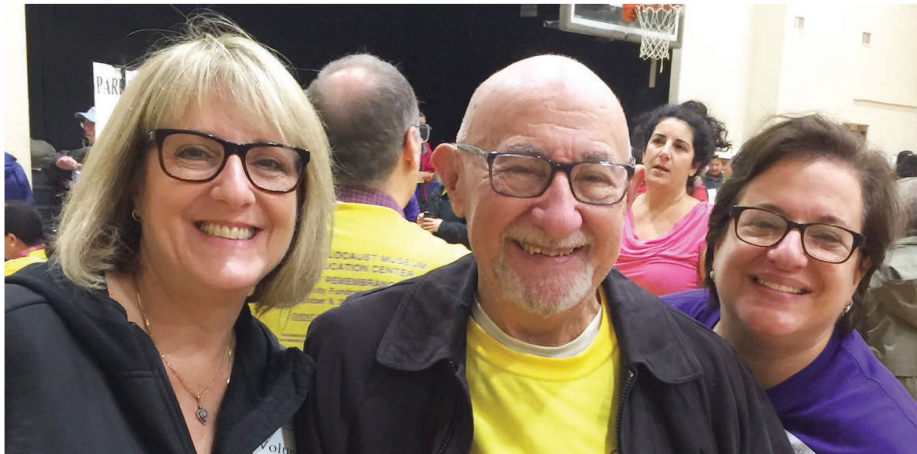
I am a new volunteer Guest Reader with the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center as I recently retired from teaching after 39 years. Now that I have the time, it's important to me to volunteer in our community. As a former middle school Reading Specialist, I am passionate about sharing the experience of reading. After each of my positive, interactive Guest Reader experiences, in the Fall of 2016, I knew that I was meant to be a teacher. I want to continue to share my love of reading, while stimulating students' thinking and communication skills.

Pamela Austin

SURVIVOR Quotes

"I still believe in humanity. I still believe there are good people in this world. I hope to G-d this is never going to happen again. People should care for each other, especially the young. When they hear people who are anti-Semitic, they should speak up because they never know when it can happen to them. They should not keep quiet. They should stand up for what they believe."

- Charlotte Weiss



VOLUNTEERS SPEAK

This is among the most meaningful volunteer experiences in which I have been fortunate enough to be involved. I have felt this as a part of my being long before becoming a volunteer. Whether driving a Holocaust speaker and facilitating, ushering school children at a program, being a docent in the Museum, or putting out informational leaflets, it doesn't matter. I know I am helping and among many others who see it as so vital in keeping this part of our history alive and at the same time saying "Never Again" for all human beings.

Michael Zorfass

Being a volunteer for the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center is an opportunity to both share and learn the lessons from the Holocaust. As an educator, I look to pass on these lessons to students and their teachers so that we educate towards compassion, respect and kindness. When you see first-hand how impactful a teacher in-service or a classroom reading is, you know that our work is so very important. I am always moved as a participant and honored to have a role in "repairing" our world.

Irene Afek

The first time I heard my grandmother, Erna Anolik, tell her Holocaust story, I was in 4th grade. My class was reading Lowry's *Number the Stars*. The teacher asked if anyone knew a Survivor who could speak to us. I raised my hand. That time, I learned the major plot points of her story. She and her family were deported from their home in what was then Czechoslovakia. Her mother, older sister, younger brother, and father died in Auschwitz. She and her remaining sister, Elizabeth, were sent to a series of concentration camps before they escaped with the help of a righteous German gentile named Fritz Nierman.

As I grew up, I learned about the hardships my grandmother endured: the miles she marched in the snow in broken, wooden shoes, the single daily meal of bread and soup, and the hard, physical labor she was forced to perform. She described how it felt to sleep on a real bed with white sheets for the first time since she left home. Her story became part of my narrative as an American Jew and as a granddaughter. Her bravery, resilience, and commitment to Judaism have informed many of my personal and professional decisions.

Whenever she told her story, my grandma stressed the importance of speaking out against injustice and intolerance. Especially now, as we see increasing acts of injustice and anti-Semitism in America, it is so important for organizations like the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center to ensure we don't forget the atrocities of the Holocaust or turn a blind eye toward modern-day intolerance and injustice. On a personal level, it also is important to me, that thanks to the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center, students will continue to learn from my grandmother's experience even though she is no longer here to share it.

Jennifer Anolik

SURVIVOR Quotes

"What I want students and future leaders of our communities to remember are not the horrors, but, more importantly, that they can make a difference in creating a more accepting world for all of us to share."

- Sol Finkelstein

When I first gave my presentation of my grandmother's experiences throughout the Holocaust, I was a junior in high school. It was an assignment for my history class. The reaction I received after presenting is one I will never forget. This encouraged me to speak again. That is when I got in contact with Helen Kirschbaum and the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center. Since then I have spoken to many classes at many different schools, ranging from 7-12 grade students. The reaction has been just as amazing each time. As I have continued to speak, I have been able to reach audiences that I never knew possible. Last year, I was approached by the German teacher at Haddonfield Memorial High School. He asked if his class could translate some of the letters and documents my grandmother had saved from the war. I was very excited by this as most of the documents I am unable to read. The way those students were able to translate those letters was amazing and helped me to learn even more about my grandmother during the time of the Holocaust. I was also able to tell her story to those students, and they were so excited to hear it as they had only read bits and pieces in the letters. They were also able to contribute to my presentation, telling me things I had not known from the letters. This was truly an incredible experience for me.

Last year, I was also asked by *SJ Magazine* if I could be interviewed about my grandmother's story. An article, titled *Remembrance*, gave a short summary as to what my grandmother had gone through during the War. Because of this article, I was recently emailed by a man in the Netherlands whose mother had worked with my grandmother before she was taken into a concentration camp. He had found letters and pictures his mother had saved from my grandmother. I found a letter from his mother my grandmother had saved as well. We have continued to email back and forth and I hope to be able to meet him in person someday.

This whole experience for me has been truly life changing. I had never realized how important a role we have in educating others in sharing the stories of our loved ones during that horrible time. It encourages me to speak again and again in order to reach the largest number of people I can. Hopefully by doing this, my grandmother's story can change the lives of others because it most certainly has changed mine. Telling her story makes me feel closer to her and that all of the horrible things she went through were not for nothing; her story can be used as a tool to educate others. Speaking helps you meet other people and sometimes they are able to provide insight that you did not have before. I continue to tell my grandmother's story because I think it can really make an impact on the people who hear it. I encourage others to speak as well because spreading a message of unity instead of hatred can really make a difference in the world.

Carly Altenberg

SURVIVOR
Quotes

“You shouldn't close your eyes if something is happening. You should do something about it. It's important to be vigilant. You know some Polish people saved Jews. I often wondered if something would happen here, would we do the same? We are all just people, you know. Different religions, but just people.”

– Ruth Werner

VOLUNTEERS SPEAK

When I retired in 2009, after teaching the Holocaust through literature for many years, I was afraid my interest and passion for this travesty would retire along with my position. But Helen informed me I wasn't finished yet; she "offered" me the position of volunteer. I still get to attend Holocaust and tolerance related plays, puppet shows, workshops, and most importantly, I am privileged to be able to hear and meet many of our Survivors as they share their journeys of despair and hope. Their stories will live on, not just on some kind of technology,

but in the hearts of their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and also in the hearts and minds of all the children with whom they have shared their stories. In a special corner of our Media Center at Southampton Township School, we created a Remember the Children Center. I volunteer in honor of all the Survivors, but especially for all the children we have lost.

Patricia King

As the child of Holocaust survivors, whose grandparents perished in the Holocaust, I feel deeply devoted to the work of the Esther Raab Museum & Goodwin Education Center. It is crucial that we raise awareness in our community and educate future generations of the tremendous risk of those who seek power by preying on the fears and ignorance of people, encouraging their beliefs in bigotry, racism and intolerance. We must preserve our families' stories and teach all children to fight for what is right and to stand up for acceptance, understanding, and respect for all human beings. I believe this is the important work that is being accomplished by the dedicated staff and volunteers who work diligently to promote and support these values.

Brenda Pollack

My mother, Esther Raab, felt that Holocaust education for our children was the best weapon to fight bigotry and hatred. She felt that it was stronger than bombs and weapons. Educate them young and open their eyes to see that bigotry and hatred have no place in our world. It was important even to change one child's mind. That is why the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Center is so important. The Center has educated tens of thousands of children through all their programs yearly. This is the way that we will win the battle against bigotry and hatred.

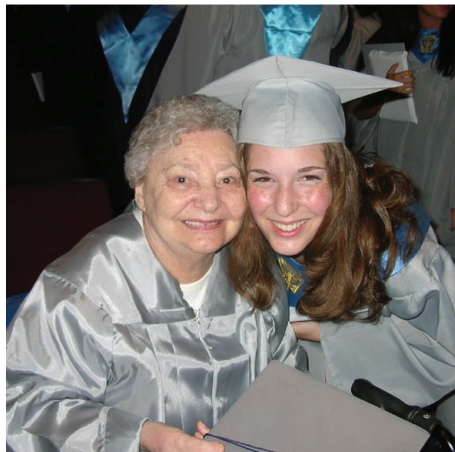
Marvin Raab



SURVIVOR Quotes

"You have to take the responsibility of making sure that what happened during the Holocaust never happens again."

- Ernest Kaufman



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