

MSE09

Prompt 4

The Holocaust

This is my made up version of someone living during the Holocaust based on the experiences survivors have shared.

My name is David Eliezer Green and this is my story. It was the year 1943 in Germany and it was a day like any other, just me and my sisters and my brother playing outside until we got word that SS were in a nearby town and coming to ours next. Mom and dad rushed us inside to hide from them. We hid in a closet, behind the clothes and back panel. I was so scared. We were silent until my little sister sneezed, that's when they found us. They threw us in the back of a truck and we drove away. We stopped at another village on the way and collected more Jewish people, but one refused to go so this tall man in a uniform pulled out a gun and shot him. I did not know where we were going but wherever it is I don't think I'll like it very much.

We rode in a cattle car for three long weeks with barely any food, just a loaf of bread for the whole ride. We each had a crumb a day. My family and I made it but many were not as fortunate as us. When we got to the camp there was a man that yelled "women and children on the left and men on the right." Me, my dad and my brother went to the right and my mom and my sisters went to the left. As we went our separate ways I waved goodbye not knowing how long it

would be before I saw them again. That was the last time I saw them. It was hard not getting enough food to last the day but still having to dig holes. I did not know if I could do it especially when I heard what happened to my sisters and mother, they became the ash coming from the chimneys. Still I kept pushing day by day. I still had my brother and dad even though they looked closer to death than life.

I was moved around to multiple camps. I guess luck was on my side because every time I moved my family would follow...until they didn't. One day I got on a train and my father and brother did not. Two long days after my arrival I met someone who had also lost their family during these dark times. She was very bright though whenever I was feeling down or like I was gonna give up she was always there. After one year of working at this camp we finally were liberated. I was so excited to finally be free!

After all those long years I am finally free and the woman that I met at the camp is now my wife and we are living happily in America. A year ago if you told me that I would be free next year and be living in America with a wife and kids I would not believe you. This is a dream and I hope that the nightmare that I lived, no one will ever have to live that again.

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