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Holocaust Education Speakers Bureau



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Hershel Greenblat was born in the Ukraine in 1941. The first year of his life was spent hiding in a cave with his parents. When the German invasion of the Soviet Union began, Hershel's family moved frequently to avoid capture. Hershel's father was arrested by the Soviets in 1944 and spent the remainder of the war in prison. When the war ended, and Hershel's father was released from prison, the family fled Communist controlled Ukraine. Hershel and his family lived in Displaced Persons Camps in Austria until 1950 when they immigrated to the United States. Today, Hershel devotes much of his time speaking to school children about his family's experiences and teaching lessons of tolerance. Hershel is available for Zoom/virtual talks.

Keywords: Priest Grotto Caves Ukraine, resistance, DP camps, immigration to America, importance of family

Suggested Audiences: Middle and High School, College, and Adult Community



Harry Schneider was a young boy during World War II when Adolf Hitler led Nazi Germany on a mission to eradicate the world's Jewish population. Schneider was born to Jewish parents in Lomazy, Poland, shortly after the Holocaust began. His family joined many others by hiding in the woods to avoid being sent to concentration camps where death awaited millions of their people. After the Holocaust, his family spent the next four years in several displaced persons camps in Austria before U.S. President Harry S. Truman brought 100,000 displaced Jews to the United States. Now he dedicates his life to sharing the story of his own family and how they survived. Harry Schneider is available for Zoom/virtual talks and in-person talks!

Keywords: Poland, hiding, displaced persons camp, immigration to America

Suggested Audiences: Middle and High School, College, and Adult Community

Holocaust Survivors: Speak in-person or on Zoom



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Joel Biterman is the son of two Holocaust survivors. Both of his parents were Polish Jews - his dad survived multiple camps, including Budzyn, Mielic, Leitmeritz, Flossenbergl, Plaszow and Dachau. His mom was smuggled out of the Dubno Ghetto and posed as a Polish Christian from 1942 until the end of the war. Joel was born and raised and educated in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Until he moved to Bluffton, SC in 2019.

Joel speaks primarily in the Bluffton/Beaufort area.

Keywords: Polish Jews, Dachau, Dubno Ghetto, hiding in plain sight, multiple Concentration Camps, importance of passing on family history

Suggested Audiences: College, and Adult Community



Sandra Brett is the daughter of two survivors. Her mother survived the Lodz Ghetto, Auschwitz, and Mathausen concentration camps. Her father survived ghettos and work camps in Lithuania before escaping to join a group of Jewish partisans. As a practicing artist, Brett's special interest is art as it relates to the Holocaust. She has lectured extensively about her parents' experiences during the war as well as art of the Holocaust.

Keywords: Lodz Ghetto, Auschwitz, Mathausen, ghetto, Jewish Partisans, art

Suggested Audiences: Middle and High School, College, and Adult Community



Reggie Guigui was born in Germany, the daughter of survivors from Poland and Czechoslovakia. She grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, a teacher by profession, and began to share her family's story when she realized some students did not know what the Holocaust was. She was involved in Holocaust education in Cincinnati before moving to Charleston and serves on the REMEMBER Program committee. She has been sharing her parents' stories since 1990 using photographs that survived the war.

Keywords: Power of one person. Nuremberg Laws, liberation, DP camp, immigration story, focus on upstanders

Suggested Audiences: High School, College, and Adult Community

Children of Holocaust Survivors: Speak in-person or on Zoom



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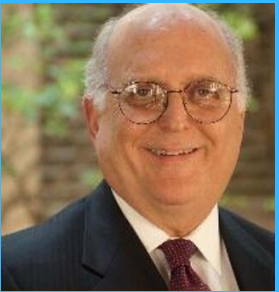
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Shirley Mills is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors. Born in a refugee camp in Italy and then raised in Israel, Shirley came to the States as a young teen. Her parents' story is of pain, hope, amazing courage, and resilience. In their memory, she shares their story because she feels that, "Humanity has not learned from the past."

Keywords: Poland, Warsaw Ghetto, Mauthausen, Dr. Mengele, Messerschmitt factory, President Eisenhower, UN relief camp, Palestine, Cypress internment camps, Romania, PTSD

Suggested Audiences: Middle and High School, College, and Adult Community



David Popowski is the son of two Holocaust survivors, Henry and Paula Kornblum Popowski. David's parents survived their internment due to their ingenuity. Henry made himself indispensable with his carpentry skills, while Paula courageously escaped from a labor camp to survive. David shares how his parents' stories of survival differed dramatically. David dedicates his time to Holocaust education, serving as Chair for the committee responsible for the Charleston Holocaust Memorial.

Keywords: Poland, Warsaw Ghetto, Uprising, several concentration camps, liberation, DP Camps, Immigration story

Suggested Audiences: College and Adult Community



Joe Rotstein was born in the Landsberg, Germany Displaced Persons Camp, in March of 1947 to 2 Holocaust survivors, Mala and Leo Rotstein. Mala was a survivor of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. Leo was a Survivor of Auschwitz. Joe and his parents immigrated to the United States in 1950, arriving through Ellis Island, and eventually settling in Chicago. Joe speaks to school groups of all ages recounting the story of his parents' Holocaust survival while also stressing tolerance of all people, honoring the memory of his parents.

Keywords: 1936 Germany Olympics, Lodz ghetto, Nuremberg Race Laws, US Liberation, several Concentration Camps

Suggested Audiences: Middle and High School, College, and Adult Community

Children of Holocaust Survivors: Speak in-person or on Zoom



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Fred Volkman is a child of two Holocaust survivors. His mother escaped a Polish ghetto, and then went into hiding with her uncle until the end of WWII. His father briefly worked with the Polish underground, but was captured and placed in various work camps until he was transferred to the Flossenburg concentration camp. Their entire families were murdered by the Nazis. Fred continues their legacy by sharing their story with students and community members and serving on the REMEMBER Program.

Keywords: 1936 Germany Olympics, Lodz ghetto, Nuremberg Race Laws, US Liberation, several Concentration Camps

Suggested Audiences: Middle and High School, College, and Adult Community



Anita Zucker is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, Rose and Carl Goldberg. Born in Jacksonville, FL she grew up learning the importance of education. Anita is an inspiring businesswoman and philanthropist, formerly serving as the Charleston Jewish Federation President, and one of the key individuals involved in shaping the Charleston Holocaust Memorial. Anita shares the story of her parents and how her mother saved many people through courageous acts shaping history.

Keywords: Resilience, hiding, resistance, DP camps, Wladimir-Wolynsk, ghetto, immigration to America, importance of family, repairing the world

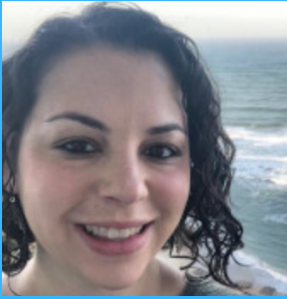
Suggested Audiences: Elementary, Middle and High School, College, and Adult Community

Children of Holocaust Survivors: Speak in-person or on Zoom



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Erin Boynton is the granddaughter of Holocaust survivor, Hershel Greenblat. You can read about their family's story on page 2 of this document. Erin is passionate about sharing her family's story of survival because of the example set for her by her papa. She shares his story and her own perspective along with the importance of being loving and accepting of all people. She currently serves as the Chief Impact Officer for the Charleston Jewish Federation.

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Marni Friedman is a third-generation survivor from Baltimore, MD. Her Bubbe (grandmother), Rosa Saks, was born in Warsaw, Poland. She survived 6 concentration camps until she escaped during an air raid. Rosa was the lone survivor of her family. At the end of the war, she met Abram Saks, Marni's grandfather, in the Lundsburg displacement camp. Abram Saks grew up in a small Polish town. He never shared his story, but through her own research, Marni discovered that he survived 3 concentration camps including Auschwitz. He and his brother were part of Horst Schumann's medical experiments. Marni's powerful presentation includes recordings of her grandparents. Her passion to tell their stories and continue their legacies is inspiring.

Keywords: Anti-Jewish decrees, Warsaw ghetto, several Concentration Camps, Medical experiments, DP camps, immigration story

Suggested Audiences: Middle and High School, College, and Adult Community

Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors: Speak in-person or on Zoom