

Angry About Anti-Semitism

Real People who Triumphed over Adversity



As a teenage boy, David Wolnerman was taken to Auschwitz concentration camp. He watched the Nazis send the sickly, the very young and the very old into one line while those able to work went to another. He made a quick decision to lie about his age and say age 18. This was the lucky lie that saved his life. Since this book has been written about his life, David has spoken to hundreds of students in the greater Des Moines area.

#poland#antisemitism#holocaust#iowa



Two girls named Anne and Eva went into hiding with their Jewish families to escape the Nazis. Both families were discovered and sent to concentration camps. Eva and her mother survived, but her father and brother did not. Anne, her sister and her mother perished, leaving behind their father, Otto Frank. He fell in love with Eva's mother. The two married and traveled the world together, often speaking about Anne's famous diary.

#netherlands#tolerance#purpose#england



Teens created compelling text and images to share the life of Roman Frayman. Born Jewish in Poland, Roman believes it was a miracle he survived WWII. As a young boy, he was hidden in a work camp. Later he was hidden again with a neighbor, while his mother hid in a coal bin in the basement. After immigrating to America, Roman shared his wartime experiences and the danger of judging people by the religion they follow.

#poland#miracle#tolerance#ohio



German-born Ralph Troll was raised by his Jewish mother and Christian father. The Nazis took his mother to a concentration camp. Once his teacher found out he had Jewish blood, he was told he was not worthy of an education and was sent home. Thankfully, his mother survived, and his family immigrated to Chicago. Dr. Ralph Troll provided an education to students of all colors and faiths as a professor at Augustana College.

#germany#tolerance#antisemitism#illinois



Young Frances Shnurman survived the Lodz Ghetto, along with the gas chambers of Auschwitz, Stuthoff and Nuestadt concentration camps. After liberation, she was aboard a ship when she was tossed into the freezing, shark-infested waters of the Baltic Sea. After many tragedies, most did not make it but Frances survived this, too, living to marry, have children and immigrate to the Midwest. She was in a nursing home when she met her young author, who came to hear and preserve her story.

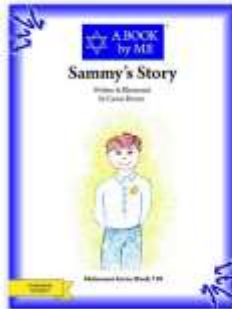
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David Tuck was born in Poland, where life became difficult when the Nazis invaded. For many years he suffered in a forced labor camp and three concentration camps. At one point, David's only possession was a red cup and he claims it saved his life. This 15-year-old was liberated in May of 1945, weighing only 78 pounds. He was fortunate to immigrate to the United States and start a new life.

#poland#annihilation#fighter#pennsylvania



Sammy Harris was one of the youngest Jewish children to survive a concentration camp. He lost his parents and four siblings in the camps, but during the war he dreamed of being an "American boy." He was only nine years old when liberated, and that dream came true. Sam played a key role in establishing the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. He believes "beshert," which is Yiddish for "destined," was at work in his life.

#poland#destiny#victor#illinois



Fritzi Lorber was born in Vienna to a wonderful Jewish family. They experienced the horrors of Kristallnacht, when Jewish stores and synagogues were burned. The worst came when his father was taken to a concentration camp. His father eventually returned, and his family was able to escape to America before things got worse in Europe. In New York, Fritzi changed his name to Fred and, after marrying, he moved to the Midwest.

#austria#terrorized#immigration#iowa



Paul Hauck was born in Germany, and his family came to America before WWII. Speaking German made him very valuable as an American soldier during the war, and he worked as a translator for high ranking officers. He often complained about being dirty, shot at or bombed. He'd wondered, "What are we doing here?" But, when he entered Nordhausen concentration camp and saw the inhumane treatment of the Jews, he understood.

#germany#armystrong#blessedlife#illinois



During WWII the parents of a young boy feared for his life and wisely sent him to live with his aunt and uncle. Fredrick Kahn became "Freddy Lejeune," which was a fake, non-Jewish name. This may have saved him from death in a concentration camp. He was finally reunited with his parents and immigrated to America. As a college student, his idea for a presidential debate in 1960 became televised and changed the world of politics in America.

#germany#presidentialdebates#hiddenchild#virginia

