



Anshe Emet Kristallnacht/Holocaust Program “Who Will Tell Their Story?”

Dear Faye and Ralph,

On behalf of the Anshe Emet Synagogue and their Men’s Club, I want to thank you both for participating in our annual Kristallnacht/Holocaust Program. Of course, we also want to thank Amanda Friedman and the Illinois Holocaust Museum for contacting you.

We will be conducting a Zoom interview with both of you, hopefully, either Tuesday 11/26, or Wednesday 11/27, sometime in the morning. Please let me know if these, or other dates, work better. Unfortunately, this coming Monday does not work. **You can reach me at 847-867-1360 or email at steve@iam-turner.com.** We can finalize the time when we hear your availability.

The presentation is titled: “Who Will Tell Their Story?” It will be a virtual presentation to the Anshe Emet Synagogue, November 9th, at 7:00 pm. Your portions will be PreRecorded and viewed at the event.

The structure of the presentation goes from historical footage of Kristallnacht to a story of hope. An educated and young generation, a generation of hope, will tell your story. And will never forget.

I, along with Alan Mintz, president of the Men’s Club, look forward to meeting you both.

I am enclosing a storyboard of the event and sample questions.

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Some Possible Questions

Because of time, we may only ask a few of these. You may want to speak to other questions.

1. Please describe your life before the Holocaust.
2. Do you remember experiencing antisemitism when you were growing up?
3. How did life change when the Nazis came to power? What do you remember about Kristallnacht?
4. What do you remember about the German invasion?
5. Did you live in a ghetto? If so, please talk about your life there.
6. How did you cope emotionally with your Holocaust experiences? What kept you going day to day in the ghetto, camp, or other place where you lived? How did you maintain hope?
7. If you lived in a concentration camp, what kind of work did you do? Describe a typical day there.
8. How did the Holocaust influence your faith? Did it strengthen/weakened your faith?
9. Were you with your family throughout the Holocaust or were you separated?
10. How did you start your life again after the Holocaust?
11. What message would you like to leave with the people here? What would you like people to remember about you and your experiences? How should people respond to genocide and human rights violations today?
12. When did you begin speaking about the Holocaust? Why did you decide to speak?
13. Are you able to say what you thought of humanity at the end of the Holocaust? Have your views changed in the years since the Holocaust and, if so, in what ways?
14. What do you believe we can do to fight indifference, hatred, racism, and antisemitism today?
15. Are you optimistic about the future?