UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM SURVIVOR SPEAKERS AVAILABLE TO SHARE

EXPERIENCES WITH STUDENTS

The Museum's Office of Survivor Affairs is proud to offer schools nationwide the opportunity to hear a Holocaust survivor share his or her experiences. Every year, our survivor speakers reach hundreds of different audiences, providing thousands of people across the country and abroad with the moving and memorable experience of listening to them recount their stories of suffering, loss, and survival.

The Museum honors as a survivor any person who was displaced, persecuted, and/or discriminated against by the racial, religious, ethnic, social, and/or political policies of the Nazis and their allies between 1933 and 1945. In addition to former inmates of concentration camps and ghettos, this also includes refugees and people in hiding.

In general, our survivor programs last an hour with the survivor sharing their personal experiences of the Holocaust for 45-50 minutes followed by at least 10 minutes for questions. If you would like to allow more time for Q&A, the program can last up to an hour and a half.

Tech requirements: Many of our survivor speakers have Power Point presentations that accompany their program and therefore, a computer and projector will be needed. A lapel microphone is preferable, allowing for the speaker to speak from a podium or chair, if needed.

For students, having a basic understanding of World War II and the Holocaust is helpful when listening to the survivor speaker. Prior to the program, the school will receive the biography of the speaker in order to help the teachers prepare their students for the visit. The Museum's website (<u>www.ushmm.org</u>), particularly our <u>Resources for Educators</u> page, is a wonderful resource for teachers looking to incorporate Holocaust education into their curriculum. For additional information, please contact Dr. Jorge Weingarten at <u>jweinga159@aol.com</u>.

Below are a few photos of our survivor speakers presenting in similar programs:

