

Preparing to meet a Holocaust survivor.

Who is a Holocaust survivor?

A person who remained alive through the Holocaust, which was an event in which others perished. They coped and lived through extreme difficulties during this time and continued to live.

Zachor:

In the Jewish tradition, there is a command to learn about the past, it is called Zachor. Zachor is not just about memory, it is also about positive action to make the world a better place.

They truly welcome your questions, sometimes even difficult or personal questions. They will let you know if it is something they do not want to talk about.

The Holocaust survivors in our community volunteer their time to share their personal histories. They are first hand witnesses to this history. By listening to them with care, respect and compassion, you share the responsibility of collective memory. It is a generous act.

They are here to speak with you because they understand the value of their personal stories. Through listening, sharing, and learning, we can, together commit to build a more humane, dignified, and respectful world.

With a partner, write down any questions, worries, and thoughts you have about meeting a survivor:

What will you learn?

What will you remember?

What will you feel?

What will you think?