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The Museum’s Survivor and Second Generation Speakers share their or their parents’ survival and life story with audiences at the Museum or your preferred location (grades 6+ to adults). You can view the flyer for speaker bios and click the link to request a speaker.

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Ralph Hockley
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Hockley was born in 1925 in Karlsruhe, Germany. He and his family escaped Nazi Germany in the 1930s and were refugees in France. There, Ralph became an interpreter for the American Friends Service Committee and a messenger for the American Consulate. Ralph secured visas for his family to emigrate to the U.S. in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943.

Paul Kessler
*Holocaust Survivor*
Kessler was born in Vranov Nad Toplou, Slovakia in 1939. After Paul’s father was captured by the Nazis in 1944, he and his family escaped the village and were sheltered until they were again forced to flee. Paul and his mother hid in a neighbor’s field covered with dirt, grass, leaves, and manure for approximately 8 months. He was the only Jewish child in his village who survived the war.

Hanna Schrob
*Holocaust Survivor*
Hanna Schrob was born in 1936 in Maastricht, Holland. The Nazis invaded Holland in 1940. Two years later, Hanna and her family were arrested by the Gestapo and deported to Westerbork Transit Camp. The family was held in Westerbork for over six months fearing deportation to the East. After transfer to other camps in Western Europe, Hanna and her family were liberated by the U.S. Army in France in late 1944. The family then emigrated to the U.S.

Magie Furst
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Rosian Zerner
*Holocaust Survivor*

Rosian Zerner was born in Kaunas (Kovno), Lithuania. When Germany invaded in 1941, Rosian and her family were confined to the Kovno Ghetto. When she was six, her parents helped her escape through a hole they dug under the ghetto fence. She was met by her father’s secretary and hidden by several rescuers before being liberated by Soviet troops in 1944.

Julie Meetal Berman
*Generations*

Berman is the daughter of Survivors Magda and Les Mittelman, Z”L. Magda and Les were born in Hungary in 1923 and 1919, respectively. During the war, Les was conscripted into forced labor for the Hungarian army but escaped and joined a resistance group. Magda and her family were ghettoized before being sent to Auschwitz. She was liberated in Germany.

Mark Jacobs
*Generations*

Mark Jacobs is the son of Holocaust survivor Mike Jacobs, Z”L. Mike was born in Poland in 1925. In 1939, he and his family were confined in the Ostrowiec ghetto. His parents, two brothers and two sisters, were murdered at Treblinka Death Camp. Mike survived several camps, including Auschwitz and was liberated from Mauthausen-Gusen II by the U.S. Army in 1945.

Phillip (Phil) Glauben
*Generations*

Phil is the son of Survivor Max Glauben, Z”L. In 1939, Max was 11 when the Nazis invaded Poland. Max and his family were confined to the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940. Max smuggled food and supplies into the ghetto. He was deported to Majdanek Death Camp and then to other concentration camps. He was liberated by the U.S. Army.

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Ron Schwarz

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Schwarz is the son of Survivor Charles Schwarz, Z"L. As a child during the Holocaust, Charles was hidden by the Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants (OSE), a Jewish aid organization based in Paris. After a very risky border crossing, Charles escaped to Switzerland. After the war, he was reunited with his parents in England.