With My Own Eyes
About the Survivors in the Film

Stephen Adler

Steve was born in Berlin, Germany in 1930. At age seven, anti-Jewish laws forced him to leave school and attend a private Jewish school. In the wake of Kristallnacht, Steve’s father was arrested and held prisoner in Sachsenhausen concentration camp for six weeks. Not long after, Steve was sent to England as part of the Kindertransport. He now tells his story as part of the Holocaust Center’s Speakers Bureau.

Henry Friedman

Henry was born in Brody, Poland in 1928. In 1941, when Henry was 14, Nazi Germany occupied his hometown. He and his family hid on a farm owned by the Symchucks, a Christian family. For 18 months Henry and his family hid in a space the size of a queen sized bed. The Symchucks have been recognized as Righteous Among the Nations. Henry is an active member of the Holocaust Center’s Speakers Bureau.

Magda Schaloum

Magda was born in Gyor, Hungary in 1922. Following the German occupation of Hungary in 1944, Magda, her mother and brother were deported to Auschwitz. Through the window of a cattle car, Magda saw her father, being beaten by SS guards after attempting to give his family a package of food. That was the last time she saw him. At Auschwitz, she was selected for slave labor. She went on to work in a number of labor camps including Plaskow, featured in Schindler’s List. After liberation she was placed in a Displaced Person’s camp where she met and married Izak Schaloum.

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