

## Holocaust Survivor Questionnaire

Survivor's Name:

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For those of you who did not personally experience this, but only have stories to tell as related to your family, please adapt this questionnaire as necessary.

1. Please describe your life before the Holocaust.
  - What was your family like? Did you have a large extended family? How many siblings did you have?
  - Was your family religious?
  - What did your parents do for a living?
  - Were you attending school?
  - What were your hobbies?
  - What was your community like? Did you have many non-Jewish friends?
2. Do you remember experiencing antisemitism when you were growing up? If so, please describe the circumstances.
3. What camp, ghetto, or other place did you live in during the Holocaust and during what time frame?
4. 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? Did you make any friends that kept your spirit going on a day to day basis?
5. While living in the camp, what kind of work did you do? What kind of conditions did you work under? Describe a typical day there.
6. Did you encounter any Germans or others who tried to help you?
7. Were you with your surviving family throughout the Holocaust or were you separated?
8. Were you liberated by the Allied troops? If so, how did the

American/Russian/British soldiers treat you?

9. How did you cope with losing family and friends?

10. How did you start your life again after the Holocaust? What was your experience when you came to the United States?

11. Once back in the United States, did you experience any negativity or difficulties?

12. What message would you would like to leave with those that visit this exhibit? What would you like people to remember about you and your experiences and the Holocaust as a whole?