

Survivors

The Second Generation and Beyond



Irving Wandersman, Abe's younger son Jeffrey, and Abe Wandersman.

"Anyone who survived the Holocaust had to be resilient and had to have the survival instinct. I'm quite persistent and resilient as a result."

Abe Wandersman, son of Holocaust survivor, Irving Wandersman, with his youngest son, Jeffrey.



Abe's older son Seth, his father, and younger son, Jeffrey Wandersman

Abe Wandersman is a second generation of 2 holocaust survivors, Hadassa and Irving Wandersman. His father, lives in Queens, NY, and has 2 children: Grace Marshak and Abe Wandersman.

His parents and their friends did not talk much about their concentration camp and work camp experiences so as not to frighten their children.

While he acknowledges that all the children of Holocaust survivors were affected, he believes that most, including himself, were positively affected.

"My grandparents not only taught me the traditions of my religion, but also instilled in me a perpetual dedication to it. When I focus deep in prayer and blow the Shofar on the most holy of Jewish holidays, I instantly think of them and could never forget who I am, and what they endured, over 60 years ago, so that I could have the opportunistic freedoms that I vow to never let be taken from me."

Philip Goldberg, grandson of Holocaust survivors, Bluma and Felix Goldberg.



Leah Greenberg, granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Bluma and Felix Goldberg

"Growing up with grandparents who were Holocaust survivors was extremely meaningful. They instilled a feeling towards Judaism that is powerful and unbreakable. My grandparents make me want to be a better Jew, and to appreciate everything I have. It is hard for me to imagine the amount of pain that they went through early in their lives, but their love and appreciation for family has always been strong."

Jason Goldberg, grandson of Holocaust survivors Bluma and Felix Goldberg.



"As a grandchild of Holocaust survivors, I dedicate my life to advocating tolerance and understanding of all religions and ethnicities. It is often the seemingly insignificant, casual comments and actions that make prejudice and bias socially acceptable. As the future generation of leaders, we must have the courage to stand up to those who promote such biases, so that we can truly say "never again."

"I think it's important to remember not only what survivors of the Holocaust endured, but also what they achieved despite the inhumanity they faced. Knowing what a beautiful life my grandparents were able to build for themselves and their family, with a little help from a small Jewish community in the American South, reinforces my own faith in the nurturing power of family and community, and in the inexhaustible strength of man."

Dawn Miller, granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Cela and David Miller.



"Being the grandchild of Holocaust survivors has taught me to value family above everything, to be proud of my religion, and to strive to take full advantage of all of the opportunities that exist in this nation. It has also taught me to never utter the phrase 'that is not our problem' as it pertains to conflict in other parts of our world, as injustice against one people is injustice against humanity."

Rachael Raynes, granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Ben and Jazia Stern, with her son Maxwell Aaron.



"It is with immense honor and a deep sense of indebtedness, that I tell my grandparents' stories. I can think of no better way to pay tribute to their sacrifices and strength, than to teach the tragedy of the Holocaust to the next generation, with an emphasis on the triumphs of the survivors, and the way in which these incredible men and women make their voices heard."

Rita Blank Jackson, granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Cela and David Miller.

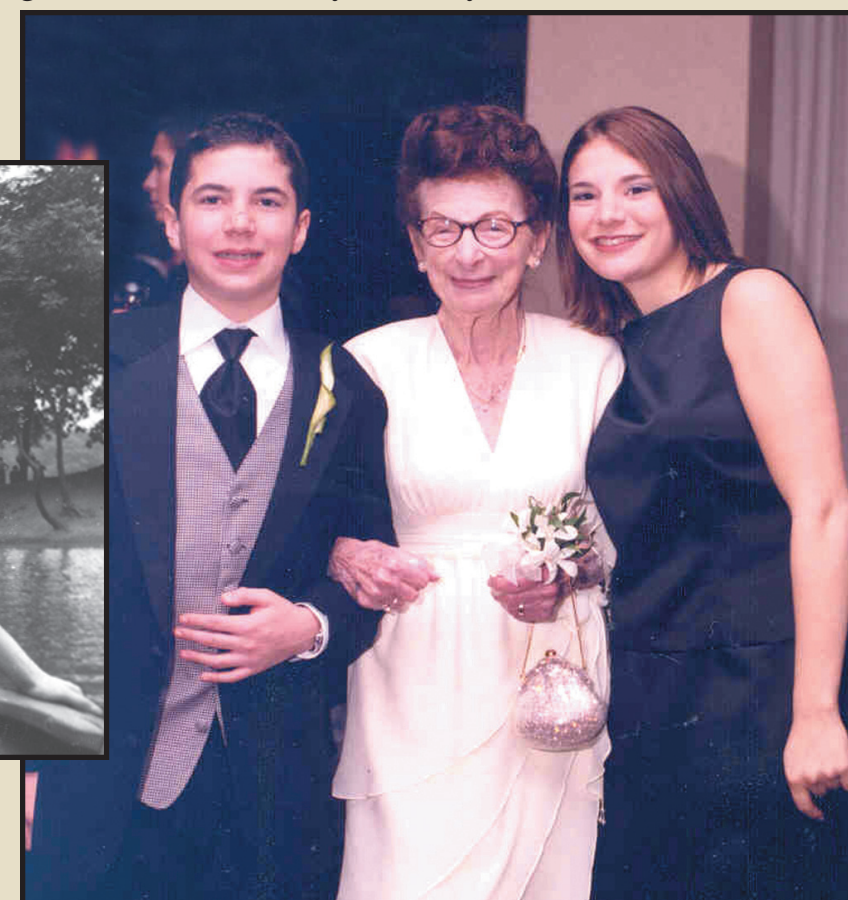
"...there must be history in order to have a future. Our past has not been easy, our present is uneasy, and our future must be guaranteed. It is up to me and my generation to learn from our experiences and continue to make Jewish History. NEVER FORGET!"

Ashley Kornblut, granddaughter of Holocaust survivor, Barbara W. Rosenberg.

Mrs. Barbara Wertheimeyer Rosenberg, and grandchildren, Ashley and Hayden Kornblut.



Two pictures of a younger Barbara Wertheimeyer.



"As a child of a survivor.... I remember she (my mother) used to look for her Mother in the night. She was always afraid of the dark. ... Her Dad was murdered, and I got the feeling she had a very special bond with him. They were arrested together. When she spoke, I do remember a couple of significant rules of life that gave her the emotional energy to live:"

- *'You cannot hold hate in your heart, you will only destroy yourself.'*
- *'The best day of my life was when I became an American. Do not take this country for granted.'*
- *'We didn't believe humans could do such a thing to other humans. We just didn't think it could happen.'*

Marisa Kornblut, daughter of Holocaust survivor, Barbara W. Rosenberg.

"We carry the responsibility to continue to speak out about the events of WW II. Through our parents, we felt the emotions of loss, fear, isolation, but also of hope, determination and survival. The undying spirit of survival has prevailed, and we must be the voice of all of those that can no longer speak out. Revisionists are trying to rewrite history, but we know the truth, and the truth will continue to prevail."

Bill Stern, son of Holocaust survivors, Jazia and Ben Stern.