

HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

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*The first to perish were the children. . .
From these . . . a new dawn might have risen.*

—YITZHAK KATZENELSON, YIDDISH POET

Children at the liberation of Auschwitz. Poland, January 1945. USHMM, COURTESY OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION, COLLEGE PARK, MD.

Children in Crisis: Voices from the Holocaust

WHEN WORLD WAR II ENDED IN 1945, six million European Jews were dead, including more than one million Jewish children. All Jews were targeted for death, but children were among the most vulnerable victims of the Nazi regime and its collaborators. The very young, like the very old, were often the first victims. The specter of racial hatred has resurfaced again and again in the decades since the Holocaust. The voices of children from the Holocaust serve as a potent reminder that there are dangers in the world today that must be addressed not just to honor past victims but also for the sake of present and future generations.

THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ESTABLISHED THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE AS OUR NATION'S ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND CREATED THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM AS A PERMANENT LIVING MEMORIAL TO THOSE VICTIMS.

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