

Sheila Gissin Weinbach was born in 1937 as WW2 was spreading to Poland from Germany. As a youngster, she would hear stories from her Romanian and Ukrainian born grandmothers about their experiences being targeted for pogroms, attacks against Jews. As a teen, she taught religious school to children born in Displaced Peoples Camps in Europe. It was only natural that she should be attracted to a Holocaust survivor. She married survivor Kurt Weinbach in 1960 and they had 50 years together as husband and wife and best friends. Sheila accompanied her husband to all of his talks to groups and now she tells his story.

Sheila Weinbach

When: Apr 27, 2022 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Sam Rind is a child survivor of the Holocaust. Born near Lublin, Poland in 1937, Sam's family was in various ghettos and forced labor camps where Sam's father was killed for the leather jacket on his back. Sam also witnessed his younger brother being killed in his mother's arms by a Nazi guard. He and his mother eventually escaped to the Ukrainian ghetto of Szmerinka to be with other relatives. Sam had to dress as a girl to do this. At the end of the war, they returned to Poland to find relatives. Finding none, they formed a little kibbutz with other Jewish survivors but eventually wanted to leave because of continued anti-Semitism. They were not permitted entry to the United States where Sam's uncle lived so they went to Bolivia to be with another one of Sam's uncles. In 1960, Sam was able to come to the U.S. to attend college in Buffalo. He became an optician and is still in this profession today.

Sam Rind

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Lea Malek was born in Janoshalma, Hungary in 1939. Her father died in a labor camp before her younger sister was born. Lea was 5 years old when the rest of her family was loaded onto cattle cars bound for Auschwitz. Along the way, the train suddenly stopped and was split. A large land owner needed some slave laborers and the people in Lea's car were sent to work the farm instead of to Auschwitz. Lea would not have survived if that hadn't happened. Her train was part of the failed "Blood for Goods" deal where Eichmann put 20,000 Jews "on ice" for future trading by sending them to work camps in Austria instead of to Auschwitz. Only 3 Jewish children – Lea, her sister and one other girl - survived to return to their hometown in Hungary. Lea witnessed the brutality of the Hungarian revolution in Budapest at age 16, hoping to be able to come to the United States, but the U.S. had closed its borders so she went to Israel in 1957 where she married and came to the US in 1959. She retired from her well-known bakery, "Malek's" a few years ago and has only recently begun to speak about her experiences.

Lea Malek

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