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Survivors' Stories

I want to thank you for your sensitive portrayal of my experiences as a young girl in a concentration camp in Ukraine. A number of friends at Rutgers have called me expressing appreciation for the series of articles on Rutgers professors who survived the Holocaust, "For Remembrance," in the Fall 1997 issue. Perhaps they would be interested to hear that, since the story was published, a number of positive things have happened to me. I moved to La Jolla, California, after retiring from Rutgers, and, to the surprise of everyone, was married. My husband is Melvin J. Voigt, former university librarian at the University of California, San Diego. In appreciation of his development of the university's library system, a street has been named in his honor. He is well known internationally for his early work on the use of computers in libraries and the published results of Fulbright research grants in Denmark and Germany. He has taught at Carnegie Mellon University and at the Universities of Michigan, California, Berkeley, and Los Angeles.

NEHA WEINSTEIN VOIGT
PROFESSOR EMERITA, LIBRARY
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Thank you for your thoughtful article [on my experiences as a Jewish child in France during the Holocaust. I was impressed by writer

Bill Glovin's ability to compress so much information in a meaningful way-and my family very much appreciates the memento.

If you need confirmation that your magazine is both widely and carefully read, I can only say that I have been



overwhelmed by the number of people who have called in response. Thank you, thank you.

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Readers' Reactions

After reading "For Remembrance" in the Fall 1997 issue, one must ask how much poorer the world is for having lost so many prospective artists and scientists, poets and teachers.... Who can say if the diseases that scourge our

world, the keys to international peace, the elimination of hunger, or any such other human hope does not lie buried with the ashes of Auschwitz.

HARVEY R. SORKOW (NLAW '53)
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Your article "For Remembrance" was overwhelming. The courage and fortitude of these people were beyond my imagination. The evil that Germany brought to this world is beyond description. Here are seven survivors who had no nurturing, knew only horror and deprivation, yet rose to such wonderful heights in academia. Here is a living example of what Germany did, not just to the six million Jews, but to the entire human race. If these seven people could make it like they did under such odds, can you possibly imagine the intellect, the minds, the value that the world would now have if the Germans had left alone, to live as human beings, the people who perished?

MILTON ROSS (PHAR'52)
LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA

I just wanted to thank you for your touching and poignant series of essays about the Holocaust in the Fall issue. These personal stories expressed the horrors of the time in a way not found in history texts. It is critical that the experiences of actual survivors be documented while they are still alive in order to counter the revisionists who deny that the atrocities of 1939-1945 ever happened.

MARVIN O. SCHLANGER (ENC'69)
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I finally took the time to read the Holocaust stories in the most recent issue of *Rutgers Magazine* and found it a real treat to reacquire myself with the Rutgers faculty I had gotten to know in my career as a University staff writer. I thought I knew them well-especially professors Hans Fisher and Ruth Mandel-but your articles provided graphic details that further enriched my knowledge of the lives they lived during the frightening 1930s and '40s in Europe. The Holocaust memoirs and other stories made excellent reading. I'll be showing the issue to my rabbi in Clark.

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