



## *First person*

### **Because They Were Jewish...**

WEDNESDAYS AT 1 P.M.

RUBINSTEIN AUDITORIUM

*First Person* is a series of conversations and eyewitness accounts by Holocaust survivors. Each hour-long program is conducted as a live interview by journalist Bill Benson or a Museum historian or curator, with an opportunity for audience participation.

In conjunction with the Museum's exhibitions that explore the consequences of targeting children and adults because they were Jews, our guests this season recount their personal encounters with anti-semitism. In light of the alarming resurgence of antisemitism worldwide, their stories provide personal and historical perspectives on the dangers of unchecked prejudice and intolerance. *Reservations are not required.*

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1 P.M.

**Robert Behr** was 20 years old in 1942 when he was arrested in Berlin and sent to the Terezín ghetto because he was Jewish. He survived forced labor in Wulkow, Germany, before returning to Terezín, where he was liberated by the Russian army in 1945.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1 P.M.

Raised in Bremen, Germany, **Rabbi Jacob Wiener** was one of 30,000 Jewish men arrested on *Kristallnacht* ("Night of Broken Glass"), the violent anti-Jewish pogrom the Nazis unleashed in Germany and Austria in November 1938.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1 P.M.

**Helen Luksenburg** was a Jewish teenager in Sosnowiec, Poland, when she was transported to a ghetto and, later, a transit camp. She survived forced labor and a death march before returning to her hometown—only to discover that the Nazis had killed her entire family.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1 P.M.

As a 12-year-old boy, **Michel Margosis** fled Belgium with his family after the Germans invaded and his father was compelled to cease publication of his Jewish newspaper.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1 P.M.

In 1939, **Regina Spiegel** and her family were forced into a ghetto in Poland when the German army robbed and commandeered all the Jewish homes in Radom.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1 P.M.

**Sam Spiegel** was 17 when German forces invaded the small Polish town of Kozenice and closed the Jewish schools and businesses, including the shoe factory owned by his father.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1 P.M.

A teenager when the Nazis invaded her home in Lithuania because her family was Jewish, **Nesse Godin** survived a ghetto, a concentration camp, four labor camps, and a death march before liberation in 1945.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1 P.M.

In 1941, **Erika Eckstut** was a young child attending the Hebrew school that her father had helped found in the Romanian province of Bukovina when violent attacks on Jews in her town forced her family to flee.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1 P.M.

**Morris Rosen** was a teenager in Dąbrowa Gornicza, Poland, in 1938 when a boycott against Jewish businesses forced his father to close his general store.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1 P.M.

**David Bayer** was 17 when German troops invaded his small Polish town in the fall of 1939. After his father's business was confiscated a year later because of anti-Jewish policies, the family was forced into a ghetto.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1 P.M.

**Fritz Gluckstein**, the son of a Jewish father and a Christian mother, was classified as a Jew when war was declared in Germany. Eventually he was conscripted into forced labor with other Jews.