

## ***Eyewitness to History: A Holocaust Survivor Speaks***

### **Jack Adler: A Slave Laborer in the Holocaust**



Jack Adler was born in Poland in 1929. He witnessed the decay of humanity while enduring life in two ghettos and the horrors of three concentration camps. His younger sister was killed at Auschwitz, his older sister died at Bergen-Belsen, his brother and mother died in the Pabianice ghetto in Poland, and his father in Dachau. At 16, he was liberated by American soldiers and moved to the U.S. as a war orphan.

Jack now speaks all over the United States and internationally to spread his message of living without hate. Though his entire family was murdered by the Nazis, he still has hope for the human race and emphasizes the importance of respecting others. Jack's take on hatred, racism, bigotry, and misused religious beliefs challenges audiences to analyze their own beliefs and adhere to the principles of the Golden Rule: treat others as we ourselves want to be treated.

To learn more about Jack, you can read his book [Y: A Holocaust Narrative](#) or watch [Surviving Skokie](#), a film produced by Jack's son.

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### **Questions to Consider**

Why didn't people speak out against the laws that stripped Jews of their rights and forced them into ghettos as the Nazis rose to power?

What connections can you draw between Jack's experience as a slave laborer and other examples of slavery throughout history?

What does Jack's story teach you about the risk factors and warning signs of genocide?



## **Mizel Museum Virtual Programs Colorado Academic Standards** *Eyewitness to History: A Holocaust Survivor Speaks (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)*

This document lists the Colorado Academic Standards met by the Mizel Museum's virtual Eyewitness to History programs for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (also available for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>). This program aligns with requirements in the Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Public Schools Bill (Colorado HB20-1336) and is included in the Colorado Department of Education's Teaching About the Holocaust and Genocide Resource Bank. This lesson series was developed in partnership with the USC Shoah Foundation. Contact us with questions or to book at [details@mizelmuseum.org](mailto:details@mizelmuseum.org).

### **Jack Adler: A Slave Laborer in the Holocaust**

- CH20-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.5
- SS22-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1
- SS22-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.3
- SS22-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.3
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### **Jack Adler: Countering Hate with Respect**

- CH20-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.5
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.7
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.9
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### **Paula Burger: A Young Girl Among the Bielski Partisans**

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- SS22-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.3
- SS22-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.2
- SS22-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.3

### **Rudi Florian: Propaganda & Personal Responsibility**

- CH20-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.5
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.7
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.9
- RW20-GR.H1-S.2-GLE.2
- RW20-GR.H2-S.2-GLE.2
- SS22-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1
- SS22-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.3
- SS22-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.3
- SS22-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.2
- SS22-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.3
- VA20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.1

### **Osi Sladek: A Courageous Escape from Hate**

- CH20-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.5
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.7
- CH20-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.9
- SS22-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1
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