

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

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



Osi Sladek was born in Czechoslovakia in 1935. In 1938, Slovakia seceded from Czechoslovakia and became an ally of Nazi Germany. Almost immediately, Jews were subjected to persecution and oppression. As Jews were being rounded up and killed, Osi's family lived in hiding, posing as gentiles.

As the search for Jews intensified, Osi's family ventured into the mountains and lived there with little food and shelter until they were liberated by the Russian army in 1945. In 1949, his family moved to Israel, and eventually, Osi settled in the United States. Now he speaks to schools and organizations to share his story.

Though he lived in constant fear during the Holocaust, he never lost his faith. His message is one of good overcoming evil. As he tells audiences: "Goodness goes much further than evil in life. Never lose faith. Go on and live a good life."

To learn more about Osi, you can purchase his book, [\*Escape to the Tatras: A Boy, A War and A Life Interrupted\*](#), or [download the audiobook here](#).

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### **Questions to Consider**

What stands out to you about Osi's story? What aspects are similar to other stories of survival you've heard, and what is different?

How do you imagine antisemitism impacted Osi and others like him?

Acts of antisemitism, racism, and hate are on the rise today, both in the United States and around the world. What actions can you take when you see hatred, racism, or discrimination happening in your community?



## **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
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### **Jack Adler: Countering Hate with Respect**

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- 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.1-GLE.3
- SS22-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.3
- SS22-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.2
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### **Rudi Florian: Propaganda & Personal Responsibility**

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- 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
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