# QUOTES FROM WORLD LEADERS, HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, AND ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE

# "The world can be a better place if there's love, tolerance, and humility."



# "Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere."



"I am not concerned about your liking or disliking me...All I ask is that you respect me as a human being."

## Jackie Robinson

#### "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

# Pope John Paul II

### "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

# Martin Luther King, Jr.

# "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

### Mahatma Ghandi

# "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."



### "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

## **Nelson Mandela**

# "Lord, have mercy on your people! Lord, forgiveness for so much cruelty!"

# Pope Francis at Auschwitz, July 2016

### "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

## **Edmund Burke**

### "We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."



### "Hate, it has caused a lot of problems in the world but has not solved one yet."



"I have come to realize that my testimony carries so much more weight with them than anything that they have read in a book or see in a movie."

## Local Holocaust Survivor Charles Middleberg

#### "HATE is the worst 4 letter word that exists."

## Local Holocaust Survivor Mathilde Middleberg

## "I know that the time has come for me to honor my mother's dying request that 'if you survive, tell the world what they did to us!"

## Local Holocaust Survivor Frances Neuman

#### "I remember those who showed me kindness even if it was a risk to themselves."

# Local Holocaust Survivor Helen Rieder

# "I knew that I had to inform people of the greatest tragedy of human existence."

# Local Holocaust Survivor Bill Zimmerspitz

#### "I need to speak for all of those who can't speak for themselves."

## Local Holocaust Survivor Helene Bouton

#### "I tell children that the safety of your world is in your hands."

# Local Holocaust Survivor Kim Fendrick

"I feel so strongly that I survived to be the voice of the thousands and thousands of children who died during the Holocaust."

# Local Holocaust Survivor Ellen Litman

"After being saved by a Righteous Rescuer, in the hope that my experience will be an incentive for students to realize that no matter how risky, they must always try to help people who are facing discrimination."

# Local Holocaust Survivor Erna Anolik

"There is no doubt in my mind that learning about the Holocaust and other hate-based tragedies is helping fuel my students' passion for social activism. After their own tragic experience and hearing Holocaust survivor testimonies, they know they cannot stay silent in the face of hate. They know the dangers of being bystanders. And so, they decided to be upstanders."

 Ivy Schamis, Social Studies/Holocaust History teacher at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida and a survivor of the February 14, 2018 shooting at the school. "We must stay together. We must hold hands and stay together. There's not any room in our society, our community, for racism, for bigotry, for anti-Semitism. We must walk together. We must keep the faith and we must keep our eyes on the prize..."

### Representative John R. Lewis