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Surviving the Holocaust -Film Guide

OVERVIEW- This program examines the Holocaust through the experience of Irene Fogel Weiss, a Jewish woman who survived the horrors of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Irene shares her personal story, covering how Nazi influences took over her town, the harassment of her family and fellow Jews, their deportation to a Hungarian ghetto, her arrival at Auschwitz, and their death march into Germany. She concludes by examining critical questions around humanity, civility, propaganda, and analyzing information in a search for the truth. These topics pose excellent opportunities for student reflection and discussion, as well as comparisons with contemporary issues facing our localities and our nation.

- 1. Why did the Nazis target the Jewish people?
- 2. Were all concentration camps also death camps? Explain.

- 3. How did Auschwitz differ from the other camps?
- 4. What did you think of Irene's decision to volunteer to go with her sister to the gas chamber?
- 5. What kind of support did survivors receive at the end of the war?

6. How was propaganda a factor in discouraging assistance to Jews?

7. If you were Irene, would you have gone back to testify against Groening?

8. Do you believe his sentence was fair? Explain.

9. What are some ways to evaluate the validity of what you hear?

10. What part of Irene's message would you pass down to your children?