The Holocaust & Ukraine: Riva’s Story, Through Anna’s Eyes

Free Virtual Event
A Student Led Holocaust Remembrance

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 12 Noon – 1:00 (CDT)

Registration Form and More Info Here.

Our Star

Riva Barenboim is a Jewish Holocaust Survivor from Romania now living in Israel. During the war her family had to run for their lives. They fled on foot by horse and cart, and train until they reached the Soviet Union, where they found safety. After the war, Riva married and raised two sons in Ukraine.

Keynote Speaker

Anna Vorozhtsova is a teenager from Ukraine. She learned about Riva’s story shortly after the Russian invasion of her country (Ukraine) began. She started writing Riva's story for the A BOOK by ME series. Soon afterward, her parents decided that Anna should leave her homeland and find a safe haven. She was fleeing a war while writing about Riva's family fleeing WWII.

Riva’s book project was written and now needed to be illustrated. An education leader from Iowa reached out to A BOOK by ME about the situation in Ukraine. Teachers wanted a project based learning experience for their 6th grade class. As they learned about Anna’s writing experience, they felt it was perfect fit. This is how nineteen students from Forest Grove Elementary School created the art for Riva’s book after learning about her WWII story.

Buy Anna’s book about Riva Riva’s Reality A Childhood Stolen by Hitler on Amazon! For quantity discounts email jeanieabbm@gmail.com.

“Being part of the storytelling effort for Riva makes me feel very professional and very responsible. Being part of the voice of someone who survived WWII is just an awesome responsibility and opportunity to take part in.” —Logan Staats 6th Grade Student, Forest Grove Elementary

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