

THE WEIGHT OF MEMORY: I AM BERNIE FURSHPAN

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To Our Audience,

If we are to confront the rising tide of intolerance and hate, we must educate with courage, foster open dialogue, and empower young people to aim higher, act with compassion, and lead with kindness. The Holocaust remains one of history's clearest warnings of what happens when hatred is left unchecked. Teaching its lessons is not only about remembrance, it's about vigilance. It's about recognizing the warning signs and having the moral courage to stop hate before it spreads.

Being raised by two Holocaust survivors shaped every aspect of who I am. My parents carried a pain that defies comprehension. As a second-generation survivor, I carry more than just their memories, I carry their burden. And I carry their hope.

The Holocaust did not begin with gas chambers. It began with words, with dehumanization, with scapegoating, and with silence in the face of evil. If we take freedom and dignity for granted, we risk losing both.

This film is not just about one family's story. It's about memory. It's about legacy. And it's about the responsibility we all share to honor the past by shaping a better future.

I hope you find something in this film that moves you, something that inspires you to reflect, to act, to love a little deeper, maybe even to hug your family a bit tighter, and hold that hug a few seconds longer.

Because in the end, what matters most is the people we love, the memories we create, and the ways in which we choose to remember and carry forward, the stories of those who came before us.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Bernie Furshpan

