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I am a survivor of a concentration camp. My eyes saw what no person should witness: gas chambers built by learned engineers. Children poisoned by educated physicians. Infants killed by trained nurses. Women and babies shot by high school and college graduates. So, I am suspicious of education.

My request is:

Help your children become human. Your efforts must never produce learned monsters, skilled psychopaths or educated Eichmanns. Reading, writing, and arithmetic are important only if they serve to make our children more human.

Sincerely,

Dr. Haim Ginott, Holocaust survivor, child psychologist and author

EYEWITNESSES

Joan Mermelstein's Story

Joan Feuerman Mermelstein (1917-2008) was born to Rose and Israel Feuerman in the town of Turja (Carpathia, Czechoslovakia).

“How can one describe ‘A Woman of Valor’? Her worth is far greater than rubies.”

Proverbs 30:10

“Where can wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding? The price of wisdom is far greater than rubies.”

Job 28:12

In CHHE's **Her Story** collection of stories about women in the Holocaust, we learn that Joan was carried out on a stretcher from Bergen-Belsen concentration camp by two British soldiers. The liberating soldiers found her sister Sarah dead and Joan near death. As they lifted her onto a ship that would take her to a hospital, one soldier put into her pocket five photographs that he had taken of the camp. He whispered into her ear: "Tell the World."

Joan wrote about her life in **Out From the Ashes: My Life Story** in 2001. It was prepared by Sonia R. Milrod and printed by Northern Hills Synagogue-Congregation B'nai Avraham, 5714 Fields Ertel Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249. (513) 931-6038.

The preciousness of each woman's story, far greater than rubies, is tenderly handed down from one generation to another.