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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

Liberator Sergeant William A. Zocolo 1923 - 2006

William "Bud" Zocolo entered the United States Army on January 17, 1943. After scoring highest in his class on leadership skills during basic training at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, he became the youngest non-commissioned officer in George Patton's 253rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion. When his unit landed at Normandy, Sgt. Zocolo and his men provided artillery fire supporting the front-line infantry ahead.

After 281 days marching east through difficult conditions, the men of the 253rd reached Ohrdruf, the first concentration camp liberated by American forces. The horrifying images of the camp at liberation never left Sgt. Zocolo.

For his courageous efforts during World War II, Sgt. Zocolo was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, European Theater Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, the Victory Medal and France's Croix de Guerre.

Bud Zocolo died on July 25, 2006 at 83 years of age. June, his friend and wife for most of 64 years, was at his side. A twenty-one gun salute was held in honor of Sgt. Zocolo.