**Women Holocaust Survivors That Called**

**North Carolina Home**

**A. Video and Audio Testimony**

**Abramson, Gizella (**Raleigh**)**

Internet Archive – Audio

World War II: A Symposium – 1995

<https://archive.org/details/wwii186symposium/WWII_186_Session3_Holocaust.mp3>

Gizella speaks from 26:22 to 35:00

Gizella speaks from 1:26:28 to 1:28:05

**Addler, Hanna (**Charlotte Metro)

Interview by WSOC-TV (3m55s)

<https://www.wsoctv.com/news/local/i-was-there-i-saw-it-happen-charlotte-holocaust-survivors-hope-others-never-forget/OCZJLDVSFBALZM6SN2Y4M55LVQ/>

**Aranyi, Agnes Grossman (**Charlotte Metro)

USHMM Oral History - 1990

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn504526>

**Boyd, Zohara (**Western NC**)**

Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies

Appalachian State University -2019

Interviewed at a local middle school

<https://holocaust.appstate.edu/library/center-lectures-and-testimonies/genocide-survivor-testimonies/z-boyd-child-holocaust>

**Cernyak-Spatz, Susan (**Charlotte Metro)

USHMM Oral History – 1979

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn47955>

USHMM Oral History – 1994

Three parts (total of 6 hours)

<http://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn509009>

Susan’s Introduction to the Protective Custody Audio Book

<https://youtu.be/mLS0y2Bh68M>

Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies Symposium (2015)

Appalachian State University

<https://holocaust.appstate.edu/library/center-lectures-and-testimonies/genocide-survivor-testimonies/s-cernyak-spatzl-auschwitz>

Wingate University: The Holocaust Remembered (2014)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AvWapLx_1M&t=104s>

**Chenkin, Suly (**Charlotte Metro)

2012 Chapel Hill/Durham Community Holocaust Memorial Service

Suly speaks from 11:45 to 39:57

<https://vimeo.com/266520921>

Interview by WSOC-TV (2m19s)

<https://www.wsoctv.com/news/local/i-was-there-i-saw-it-happen-charlotte-holocaust-survivors-hope-others-never-forget/OCZJLDVSFBALZM6SN2Y4M55LVQ/>

**Renate Chernoff** (Durham)

USHMM Oral History – 2005

Note – This is an audio recording.

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn517206>

**Falk, Gabrielle (Triangle)**

CVNC: An Online Arts Journal in North Carolina

This site contains a 4-part video on Gabrielle. The segments are entitled Family Historian; Gabrielle; Kristallnacht, and Falk Finale).

<http://blog.cvnc.org/2019/04/29/gabrielle-falk-devoted-friend-of-chamber-music-and-musicians/>

**Fink, Renee (**Triangle**)**

USHMM Oral History -2006

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn607950>

The Holocaust Speaker’s Bureau

On the Back of a Stranger’s Bike: The Renee Fink Story (4 Parts)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJAiC7fJXSo&list=PL_fMIWKr6JjZHWrS7GgLop0qz4kNoA35r>

North Carolina Council on the Holocaust Webinar with Renee

<https://youtu.be/MQAfcGbo_ns>

**Finkler, Kaja** (Chapel Hill area)

USHMM Oral History Collection

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn611761>

Holocaust Education Center – Milwaukee

<https://youtu.be/mzksr_7M2jA>

**Gelissen, Rena Kornreich (**Hendersonville**)**

Salem Collage (1994)

<https://youtu.be/J4J3afVzo5s>

There are 8 parts to this testimony. Each segment is between 4 and 10 minutes in length.

USC Shoah Foundation -1996

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3pasgc2I7s>

**Hauser, Rebecca (**Triangle)

The Holocaust Speaker’s Bureau

A Greek Girl in Auschwitz: The Rebecca Hauser Story (7 Parts)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbPudYTSWgs&list=PL_fMIWKr6JjZOLkq3fT_OtPcrnF3iMZyv>

**Hirshfeld, Frances (**Gaston County**)**

USHMM Oral History

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn520364>

**Hoffman, Hildegard** (Asheville)  
UNCA Ramsey Library Video Production

# It Could Happen to Me: Hilde's Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQSp6sK5kCU>

**Kizhnerman, Raya (**Greensboro**)**

USC Shoah Foundation -1998

<https://vhaonline.usc.edu/viewingPage?testimonyID=50735&returnIndex=0>

USHMM Oral History -2006

(Rachel with Shelly Weiner)

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn607952>

Return to Rivna: A Centropa Film

Tells how Shelly Weiner and Raya Kizhnerman survived the Holocaust.

<https://youtu.be/wzo4H7QWl_Y>

**Lederman, Esther Gutman (**Triangle**)**

Holocaust Speaker’s Bureau

Hiding for Our Lives: The Esther Lederman Story (4 parts)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1mvWa2ky5M&list=PL_fMIWKr6JjYuUkFpF_rdlUoMzo3T5Qc->

**Lipman, Simone** (Triangle)

USHMM Oral History (Audio Only) -1998

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn506653>

USHMM Oral History Collections -2006

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn607951>

USHMM Oral History Collection - 1990

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn504630>

Defying Genocide, conversation with Simone Weil Lipman and Damas Gisimba, director of an orphanage in Rwanda that was besieged by militias during the 1994 genocide. (USHMM) – 3 parts

<https://youtu.be/TbM4ux8SKII>

**Lobree, Margot (**Winston-Salem)

North Carolina Council on the Holocaust Webinar with Margot

<https://youtu.be/DnReR93vm1g>

NC Council on the Holocaust Webinar: A Conversation with Kindertransport Survivor Margot Lobree

<https://youtu.be/UAeckw9taCY>

Zoom with a Class: Margot and Lynda Moss

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Ne7Lmc4962aKYPbIYZeIq7wYYi7YRv5/view?ts=620ea0e0>

**Meissner, Margit** (Black Mountain College Student -Asheville)

USHMM Oral History Collection

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn706900>

**Merlin, Bronia** (Wilmington)

\*Possibly an interview conducted by her grandchildren

<https://youtu.be/7iVSxBIBNwI>

**Miller, Marianna** (Wake County)

One of 5 Wake County Holocaust Survivors featured in the film, “Where Can I Go?

<https://www.thejusticetheaterproject.org/where-can-i-go>

The film is available for rental on Vimeo OnDemand.

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/wherecanigo>

**Roberts, Marianne (**Triangle)

USHMM Oral History Collection (audio) - 2012

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn46823>

USHMM – Mary Cohn Roberts Collection (147 Digitized Items)

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn46682#?rsc=132485&cv=1&c=0&m=0&s=0&xywh=-427%2C0%2C1657%2C1085>

**Rodbell, Barbara** (Triangle)

USHMM Oral History -1984

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn520379>

USHMM Oral History -1990

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn504687>

USHMM Oral History (Audio Only) - 1998

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn506651>

**Ross Edith Neuberger (**Triangle**)**

USC Shoah Foundation – 1997

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXifQsbQ-ZA>

**Schoenfeld, Margaret** (Charlotte)

USHMM Oral History

Note – This is an audio testimony.

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn42727>

**Shapiro-Rieke, Daisy** (Charlotte)

Interview by WSOC-TV (1m52s)

<https://www.wsoctv.com/news/local/i-was-there-i-saw-it-happen-charlotte-holocaust-survivors-hope-others-never-forget/OCZJLDVSFBALZM6SN2Y4M55LVQ/>

**Stahl, Helen Rosenwald** (Durham)

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn611760>

**Frieda Roos Van-Hessen (**Charlotte Metro**)**

Escaping the Shadow of the Holocaust

<https://play.inspirationtv.com/programs/friedas-testimony-escaping-the-shadows-of-the-holocaust>

# Frieda Roos Van-Hessen: From Singer to Holocaust Survivor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cmqiwb0QQ9k>

USC Shoah Foundation

<https://sfi.usc.edu/video/frieda-roos-van-hessen-moving-bad-job-career-singing>

**Vogelhut, Runia** (Charlotte)

Internet Archive – Audio

World War II: A Symposium – 1995

<https://archive.org/details/wwii186symposium/WWII_186_Session3_Holocaust.mp3>

Runia speaks from 43:50 to 49:03

**Weiner, Shelly** (Greensboro)

NCHERO At NCCAT -2011

<https://libresearch.uncg.edu/holocaust/eyewitnesses/testimonies.html>

USHMM Oral History -2006

(Shelly with Rachel Kizhnerman)

<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn607952>

North Carolina Council on the Holocaust Webinar with Shelly

<https://youtu.be/ccF22MsK3ZM>

Return to Rivna: A Centropa Film

Tells how Shelly Weiner and Raya Kizhnerman survived the Holocaust.

<https://youtu.be/wzo4H7QWl_Y>

**Weinerman, Eva** (Wake County)

One of 5 Wake County Holocaust Survivors featured in the film, “Where Can I Go?

<https://www.thejusticetheaterproject.org/where-can-i-go>

The film is available for rental on Vimeo OnDemand.

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/wherecanigo>

**B. Reading from The North Carolina Survivor Narratives**

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These are Holocaust survivor narratives found in The Holocaust: A North Carolina Teacher’s Resources.

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/academic-standards/programs-and-initiatives/nc-council-holocaust/teachers-guide-holocaust>

The North Carolina Survivor Narratives is located here:

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/academic-standards/programs-and-initiatives/nc-council-holocaust/holocaust-survivor-narratives>

***These are the Narratives from Women:***

**Hitler’s Rise: Young Jews Become Aware**

Includes Testimony from Barbara Ledermann Rodbell, Simone Weil Lipman, and Susan Eckstein Cernyak-Spatz.

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10314/open>

**Ghetto: Gizella in the Lutsk Ghetto**

Testimony from Gizella Abramson

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10317/open>

**The Camps: Esther and Elias Are Sent to Auschwitz**

Includes testimony from Esther Mordechai

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10320/open>

**The Camps: Susan Aims for Survival**

Testimony from Susan Eckstein Cernyak-Spatz.

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10321/open>

**The Camps: Rena Makes a Promise**

Testimony from Rena Kornreich

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10325/open>

**Resistance: Gizella Joins the Resistance**

Testimony from Gizella Abramson

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10326/open>

**Resistance: Barbara Gets False ID Papers**

Testimony from Barbara Ledermann

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10327/open>

**Resistance: Simone Saves Refugee Children**

Testimony from Simone Weil

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10328/open>

**Hidden Children: Shelly and Rachel Hide on a Farm**

Testimony from Shelly Weiner and Rachel Giralnik

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10329/open>

**Hidden Children: Renee Hides with a Catholic Family**

Testimony from Renee (Laser) Fink

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10330/open>

**Hidden Children: Esther’s Rescuers Are Honored**

Includes testimony from Esther Gutman

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10331/open>

**Liberation: Edith is Freed in Auschwitz**

Testimony from Edith Neuberger

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/10333/open>

**C. Books**

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**The following books recount experiences by women survivors who later called North Carolina their home**

***Witness to the Horror: North Carolinians Remember the Holocaust by***

Cecile Holmes White. North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, 1987.

A pdf of the book is available here:

<http://divinityarchive.com/bitstream/handle/11258/6330/witnessestohorro00whit.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

The following women have testimony and narratives located in the book: Gizella Abramson, Susan Cernyak-Spatz, Florence Goematt, Klari Kletter, Esther Mordechai. Eva Weiner, and Shelly Weiner.

***Protective Custody: Prisoner 34042*** by Susan Cernyak-Spatz; ed. Joel Shatzky. N & S Publishers. New York, 2005.

<https://www.amazon.com/Protective-Custody-Prisoner-Susan-Cernyak-Spatz/dp/0975326848/ref=sr_1_2?crid=26MBSOJYIOOAJ&keywords=Protective+Custody%3A+Prisoner+34042&qid=1645152892&s=books&sprefix=protective+custody+prisoner+34042+%2Cstripbooks%2C55&sr=1-2>

***Rena’s Promise: A Story of Sisters in Auschwitz*** by Rena Kornreich Gelissen with Heather Dune Macadam, Beacon Press, Boston, Massachusetts, 2015.

Note – See lesson plan in Section

<https://www.amazon.com/Renas-Promise-Story-Sisters-Auschwitz/dp/0807093130>

**My Simple Life in Greece…Destroyed by the Holocaust** by Rebecca Yomtov Hauser, Lulu Books, 2012.

Note – See lesson plan in Section

<https://www.lulu.com/en/us/shop/rebecca-yomtov-hauser/my-simple-life-in-greecedestroyed-by-the-holocaust/hardcover/product-22753970.html?page=1&pageSize=4>

***Hiding For our Lives: The Wartime Memoirs of Esther Gutman Lederman and Eziel Lederman***, BookSurge Publishing, 2007.

Note – See lesson plan in Section

<https://www.amazon.com/Hiding-Our-Lives-wartime-Lederman/dp/1419680021>

***Legacy of Rescue: A Daughter’s Tribute*** by Marta Fuchs. Lulu Books, Csaladnak Press, 2012.

Note – This book is primarily the story of the author’s father (Morton Fuchs) but there are sections that focus on her mother, Ilona Fuchs.

Note – See lesson plan in Section

<https://www.amazon.com/Legacy-Rescue-Daughters-Marta-Fuchs/dp/0977873501>

***Fragments of a Family: Remembering Hungary, the Holocaust, and Emigration to a New World*** by Marta Fuchs and Henry Fuchs.

Note – This book contains the story of Ilona Fuchs and her husband Morton Fuchs.

Note – This book is out of print. Segments of the book can be found here:

<https://www.martafuchs.com/fragments-of-a-family>

***Life in the Survival in the Shadow of the Holocaust: An Incredible Story of Survival, Bravery, and Renewal*** by Frieda E. Roos-van Hessen, Harvest Day Books, 2006.

Note – See lesson plan in Section

<https://www.amazon.com/Shadow-Swastika-Frieda-Roos-van-Hessen/dp/0974134589/ref=sr_1_2?crid=NL172GH89YDS&keywords=Frieda+Roos+Van-Hessen&qid=1645156834&s=books&sprefix=frieda+roos+van-hessen+%2Cstripbooks%2C116&sr=1-2>

***From Singer to Survivor: Frieda Roos-van Hessen (A BOOK by ME)*** by Daniel Gittleman, CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2015.

<https://www.amazon.com/Singer-Survivor-Frieda-Roos-Van-Hessen/dp/1514299577/ref=pd_lutyp_rtpb_2/138-0036157-7485355?pd_rd_w=04GSc&pf_rd_p=6c79b04b-ecbc-4460-96b6-0cddfcbe676e&pf_rd_r=FS7RY6P77H7T0T4E4NKW&pd_rd_r=b7d673bc-dcfd-4702-8c70-0d837900b82b&pd_rd_wg=OnL4a&pd_rd_i=1514299577&psc=1>

***Lives Lived and Lost: East European History Before, During, and After World War II as Experienced by an Anthropologist and Her Mother*** by Kaja Finkler and Golda Finkler, Academic Studies Press, 2012.

Note – Contains the story of Kaja Finkler

<https://www.amazon.com/Lives-Lived-Lost-Experienced-Anthropologist/dp/1936235900/ref=sr_1_1?crid=UV4EUM4QAAPZ&keywords=Lives+Lived+and+Lost%3A+East+European+History+Before%2C+During%2C+and+After+World+War+II+as+Experienced+by+an+Anthropologist+and+Her+Mother+%28The+Holocaust%3A+History+and+Literature%2C+Ethics+and+Philosophy%29&qid=1645157157&s=books&sprefix=lives+lived+and+lost+east+european+history+before%2C+during%2C+and+after+world+war+ii+as+experienced+by+an+anthropologist+and+her+mother+the+holocaust+history+and+literature%2C+ethics+and+philosophy+%2Cstripbooks%2C137&sr=1-1>

**D. Films**

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***Daring to Resist: Three Women Face the Holocaust***

Note – Includes the story and testimony of Barbara Rodbell

IMDb: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0988962/>

For Sale ($19.95) at Women Make Movies

<https://www.wmm.com/catalog/film/daring-to-resist-three-women-face-the-holocaust/>

For Rent ($4.99) at Vimeo

<https://www.wmm.com/catalog/film/daring-to-resist-three-women-face-the-holocaust/>

***A Knock at the Door***

Note – The subject of the is Paulette Terwilliger (Durham area)

IMDb: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4814946/?ref_=fn_al_tt_5>

Website for the Film: <http://aknockatthedoor.weebly.com>

The film is available on Vimeo on Demand

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/aknockatthedoor>

The cost is $1.99 to rent and $8.00 to own.

A DVD can be purchased for $15.

***Return to Rivna: A Holocaust Story***

Centropa, 2015

<https://www.centropa.org/centropa-cinema/return-rivne-holocaust-story?language=en>

This site contains the film, the script, a study guide, and lesson plans.

***Defying Genocide***

USHMM

<https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/countries/rwanda/video-defying-genocide>

Note – Features Simone Weil Lipman

***Where Can I Go?***

<https://www.thejusticetheaterproject.org/where-can-i-go>

The film is available for rental on Vimeo OnDemand.

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/wherecanigo>

***Surviving Birkenau: The Dr. Susan Spatz Story***

Dreamscape

IMDb: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9437984/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1>

Note – Available for free streaming on Amazon Prime

Note: Available for purchase (($17.74)

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07MGJ6WJK/ref=as_li_qf_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=soundmed1-20&creative=9325&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=B07MGJ6WJK&linkId=f24332acf33343dcd6cf7afa4c9f0b9c>

***Kristallnacht: The Night of Broken Glass: 70th Anniversary Edition***

The Memory Keeps

Temple Israel: Charlotte

Note – Includes testimony from women survivors.

Note – Contact Lee Holder ([historyhawk308@gmail.com](mailto:historyhawk308@gmail.com)) to borrow a DVD copy.

**Anne Frank: North Carolina Students Respond**

Portions were produced by students at Kiser Middle School and Grimsley High School in Greensboro, N.C. in 1988.

Note: Contact Lee Holder ([historyhawk308@gmail.com](mailto:historyhawk308@gmail.com)) to borrow a DVD copy

**E. Drama/Theater**

Graphical user interface

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***Protective Custody Prisoner 34042: Memorial Edition*** by Charles LaBorde, Independently Published, 2021.

<https://www.amazon.com/Protective-Custody-Prisoner-34042-Memorial/dp/B094T5SDLC/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3389W0LFZ80H0&keywords=Protective+Custody+Prisoner+34042%3A+Memorial+Edition&qid=1645159276&sprefix=protective+custody+prisoner+34042+memorial+edition+%2Caps%2C140&sr=8-1>

***The Last Bridge*** by Wendy Kesselman

Note – based on the Life of Barbara Lederman Rodbell

Reviews:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/06/nyregion/theater-review-a-theater-of-witness-the-story-of-a-survivor.html>

<https://www.communitynews.org/princetoninfo/artsandentertainment/drama-review-the-last-bridge/article_f2842d94-3f8f-50d3-9e28-c3b85a5fc1b2.html>

**F. Oral Histories Archived at USHMM or at USC Shoah Foundation**

Note – These testimonies require a visit to the USMM or an institution that has access to the USC Shoah Foundation testimonies.

*The Arnold S. Task Collection at USHMM Oral Histories Collection*

\*The following testimonies are not digitized but are available to be viewed at USHMM.

1. Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz

2. Florence Goemaat

3. Ursala Hekler (with her husband, Norman Hekler)

4. Clari Kletter

5. Esther Mordechai

*USHMM Oral Histories Collection*

\*The following testimonies are not digitized but are available to be viewed at USHMM. This testimony is on 2 DVDs and can possibly be viewed by contacting USHMM.

1. Renia Chadajo

2. Agnes and Robert Heller

3.Charlotte Wertheim

*USC Shoah Foundation*

Note – Can be viewed at Appalachian State University, Duke University, UNC -Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro, UNC – Wilmington, and Wake Forest University.

A partial list of testimonies that are available include:

1. Agnes Aranyl

2. Susan Cernyak-Spatz

3. Renee Fink

4. Ilona Fuchs

5. Esther Gutman Lederman

7. Frieda Ross Van-Hessen

8. Runia Vogelhut

9. Eva Weiner

**G. From Shoah to the Mountains- The UNC Asheville Special Collections and University Archives**

This collection contains summaries and transcripts of oral history interviews, and photocopies of additional materials such as photographs, documents, etc. There are a small number of audio recordings.

<http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/oralhistory/SHOAH/default_shoah.html>

Note- The following women have testimonies archived at this site. They are:

1. Ruth Chicurel
2. Trube Heller
3. Hildegard Hoffman
4. Janice Kahn
5. Lotte Meyerson
6. Rita Reiser
7. Miriam Rudoe
8. Jeanette Vanderwart

“Choosing To Remember: From the Shoah to the Mountains”

Notes: The is a digital poster exhibit set that features survivors from the Holocaust that settles in western North Carolina after the World War II. It was created by the *Center for Diversity* in Asheville. Each poster is rich with information and photographs. The website to access the 20-poster set is:

<http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/oralhistory/SHOAH/choosing%20to%20remember.pdf>

Note: the following women are highlighted in this poster set:

Hilde Cohn Hoffman Ruth Marx Chicurel

Edna Lichtenfel Miriam Figatner Rudow

Lore Schiftan Jeanette Goldberg Vandewart

Janice Lakin Kahn Lily Gluck Lerner

Carla Sikerstein Sandler Cecilia Atberger Baumgarten

Rivka (Rita) Klahr Reiser Lotte Straus Meyerson

Trude Schonthal Heller Irma Majerowicz

**H. Lesson Plans**

1. *A Greek Girl in Auschwitz- Rebecca Yomtov Hauser’s Story*

Carolina K-12

<https://k12database.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2015/04/RebeccaHauser.pdf>

1. Women in Auschwitz (Yad Vashem)

Holocaust Memorial Activity

(Recommended for use with Susan Cernyak-Spatz’s book and testimony. It is also applicable for use with Rena Kornreich Gelissen’s book and testimony.)

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=www.yadvashem.org%2Feducation%2Feducational-+materials%2Fceremonies%2Fwomen-auschwitz.html&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

1. *Rena’s Promise* Website which contains an education section. This section has an interactive Timeline, an area for teachers, and an area for students.

<http://www.renaspromise.com>

1. *Survival and Resistance: Hidden Children of the Holocaust*

Carolina K-12

Note – Uses the testimony of Renee Fink

<https://k12database.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2015/01/HiddenChildren.pdf>

1. *How & Why Did the Holocaust Occur?  
   Exploring Action and Inaction through the Survival Story of Esther Gutman* Lederman

Carolina K-12

<https://k12database.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2016/06/ActionInactionHolocaustLederman.pdf>

1. *Using the Centropa Film, Return to Rivna, in the Classroom*

North Carolina Council on the Holocaust Webinar – 3/16/21

Note – Four experienced classroom teachers share their lesson idea

<https://ncholocaustcouncilworkshops.org/spring-2021-webinars/>

1. *Daring to Resist: Three Women Face the Holocaust*

Note – Includes the story and testimony of Barbara Rodbell

<https://www.pbs.org/daringtoresist/barbara.html>

1. *Life in the Shadow of the Swastika*

Note – This is the website for Frieda Roos Van-Hessen

<http://www.ahavahpublishing.com>

**I. Magazine, Journals, and Newspaper Articles**

“All that Remains”

Charlotte Magazine

10 Charlotte Area Holocaust Survivors

The women that are included are Agnes Aranyi, Suly Chenkin, Susan Cernyak-Spatz, Lore Schiftan, and Juliana Toth (SC)

<https://www.charlottemagazine.com/all-that-remains/pic/15883/>

**Gizella Abramson**

“May you always walk on the sidewalk”

<https://www.newsoforange.com/news/article_0cc1c458-c768-582e-b9a8-8fdcb288c39e.html>

**Hanna Adler**

“We Remember”

<https://congregationemanuelnc.com/we-remember-holocaust-survivors-moving-story-shared/>

**Marlene Appley**

**“**Words from a Holocaust Survivor: Marlene Appley”

<https://www.elon.edu/u/news/2012/04/17/words-from-a-holocaust-survivor-marlene-appley-tuesday-april-17/>

“Remembrance Through the Eyes of a Survivor”

<https://www.elonnewsnetwork.com/article/2012/04/remembrance-through-the-eyes-of-a-survivor>

**Zohara Boyd**

“Wilkes Woman: A Holocaust Survivor”

<https://the-record-newspaper.tumblr.com/post/173068918495/wilkes-woman-a-holocaust-survivor-part-ii>

**Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz**

“Prisoner No. 34042: Susan Cernyak-Spatz Survives Holocaust with Realism, not Faith”

https://theappalachianonline.com/prisoner-no-34042-dr-susan-cernyak-spatz-survives-holocaust-with-realism-not-faith/

**Suly Chenkin**

“Holocaust Survivor Speaks on Her Journey to Freedom”

<https://panthernow.com/2021/01/28/holocaust-survivor-speaks-on-her-journey-to-freedom/>

**Renee Fink**

Nancy Lefenfeld, “Memory, Knowledge, and Family Love,” on Renée Fink’s experience as a hidden child and her life after the war, Prism: An Interdisciplinary Journal for Holocaust Education, Spring 2017, 25-34.

<https://www.yu.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/PRISM-2017.pdf>

**Kaja Finkler**

“Holocaust Survivor Tells Her Story for the First Time”

<https://www.technicianonline.com/news/holocaust-survivor-tells-her-story-for-the-first-time/article_6ea7993e-c57e-11e5-be07-1bd818e252f1.html>

**Rena Kornreich Gelissen**

“How Two Sisters’ Love Helped Them Survive Auschwitz”

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/150415-ngbooktalk-nazis-auschwitz-holocaust-survivors>

**Agnes and Robert Heller**

**Share Stories of Sorrow, Triumph During Holocaust Remembrance Day**

<https://www.elon.edu/u/news/2020/02/14/agnes-and-robert-heller-share-stories-of-sorrow-triumph-during-holocaust-remembrance-day/>

**Hildegard Hoffman**

“Remembering the Holocaust: The Hilde Hoffman’s Story”

<http://libjournals.unca.edu/specialcollections/jewish-life-in-western-north-carolina/remembering-the-holocaust-part-1-hilde-hoffmans-story/>

**Esther Gutman Lederman**

“Holocaust Survivor Tells Story to Base”

<https://www.pope.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/242751/holocaust-survivor-tells-story-to-base/>

**Margot Lobree**

“Survivors Remember the Holocaust”

<https://www.elkintribune.com/news/28698/survivors-remember-the-holocaust>

**Margit Meissner**

“As American Awareness Fades, Holocaust Museum Refreshes the Story”

<https://www.ideastream.org/news/as-american-awareness-fades-holocaust-museum-refreshes-the-story>

**Helen Rosenwald Stahl**

“Revisiting the Russell School”

<https://www.ourstate.com/revisiting-the-russell-school/>

**Frieda Ross Van-Hessen**

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/north-carolina-holocaust-survivor-celebrates-103rd-birthday>

**Ronia Vogelhut**

“Holocaust Subject of WPCC Forum”

<https://www.wpcc.edu/archives/speakerforums/1995_Forum_Neighbor.pdf>

**Shelly Weiner**

“Holocaust Survivor Speaks About Experiences, Indifference to Injustice”

<https://www.johnsoncitypress.com/living/features/holocaust-survivor-speaks-about-experience-indifference-to-injustice/article_b9725921-ef14-5bf1-96da-7c0a6fef6331.html>

**J. North Carolina Council on the Holocaust**

***Resources on Women in the Holocaust***

Faces of Resistance: Women in the Holocaust

<https://ncholocaustcouncilworkshops.org/faces-of-resistance/>

Traveling Exhibits (6)

1. Women in Resistance
2. Everyday Life in the Ghetto
3. Armed Struggle in the Ghetto
4. Women Partisans: Fighting in the Forest
5. Resistance in the Camps
6. Final Solution to the Jewish Question

***Traveling Suitcase Exhibits***

[***https://ncholocaustcouncilworkshops.org/suitcase-exhibits/***](https://ncholocaustcouncilworkshops.org/suitcase-exhibits/)

There are 2 suitcases related to educational resources on a young girl and 3 suitcases related to educational resources for a woman. The website linked above details the items in each suitcase. All 5 of theses suitcases are unique.

***Triumph of Life: Jewish Resistance to Nazi Oppression***

<https://ncholocaustcouncilworkshops.org/triumph-of-life/>

Note – Many of the 44 panels relate to women.

***Fences, Walls, and Butterflies: Children Confront the Holocaust through Art***

Note: Many of the 15 framed panels of original art was created by young Israeli girls.

<https://ncholocaustcouncilworkshops.org/fences-walls-and-butterflies/>

**K. Miscellaneous**

**Women of the Shoah**

Note – North Carolina’s first and only women’s Holocaust monument, an original sculpture by artist Victoria Milstein, will honor the strength and resilience of all women.

[**https://womenoftheshoahjp.org**](https://womenoftheshoahjp.org)

**Women and the Holocaust: Courage and Compassion**

United Nations Outreach Program in partnership with the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, Vad Vashem, and The Holocaust Martyr’s and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority

Study Guide

<https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/women_and_the_holocaust_english.pdf>

**Vad Vashem**

Spots of Light: Women in the Holocaust

<https://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/exhibitions/women-in-the-holocaust/index.asp>

Panels (21)

<https://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/exhibitions/ready2print/pdf/spots-of-light-21.pdf>

Panels (30)

<https://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/exhibitions/ready2print/pdf/spots-of-light-30.pdf>

Note – These are not for copying. They are for viewing. They can be requested through the Ready2Print program at Vad Vashem. There are other exhibits also available for purchase through Ready2Print.

**USHMM**

**Women in the Holocaust**

<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/women-during-the-holocaust>

**Heller, Agnes** (Alamance County)

Read by Sophie Thompson (a Middle School Student) for a Class Project

The Ghettoization and Bombing of Hungary During WWII – Audio

Use Your Words Podcast (2003)

<https://anchor.fm/useyourwords/episodes/Agnes-Heller-The-Ghettoization-and-Bombing-of-Hungary-during-WWII-eftnc8>

**Agnes Heller**

Webpage on the Virginia Holocaust Museum Website

<https://www.vaholocaust.org/agnes-heller/>

**Fuchs, Ilona**

Exile and Return: The Personal Story of Ilona Engel Fuchs

<https://kehillahsynagogue.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/fuchs-speech.pdf>

**Chenkin, Suly**

The Levine JCC Butterfly Project

<http://www.charlottejcc.org/clientuploads/Butterfly%20Project/Suly%20Chenkin.pdf>

**Rena’s Promise: A Story of Sisters in Auschwitz**

Note – History Place: A Writer’s Corner

<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/writers/promise.htm>

**Beltline to Broadway Podcast**

“Where Can I Go? A Candid Conversation with Five Survivors of the Holocaust”

April 26, 2021

Note – Contains conversations with Marianna Miller and Eva Weinerman.

<https://beltlinetobroadway.org/2021/04/26/ep-95-where-can-i-go-a-candid-conversation-with-five-survivors-of-the-holocaust/>

**L. Women Holocaust Survivors Who Came to Call North Carolina Home**

Note: The following is not a complete photographic list. For a more comprehensive presentation of photographs please lick the Goggle Slide link.

A special thanks to Marianne Wason for providing the photographs, slides, and collages.

[**https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gynFaJlfvvFiQcJnt-rpmFHKygh-YnpOmxQosYml2bs/edit?usp=sharing**](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gynFaJlfvvFiQcJnt-rpmFHKygh-YnpOmxQosYml2bs/edit?usp=sharing)

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**M. Message**

There were (and are) other women Holocaust survivors that came to call North Carolina home. If you know of anyone, or have resources to share, please contact the Chair of the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, Mike Abramson at [mabramson919@gmail.com](mailto:mabramson919@gmail.com).You can also contact Lee Holder (a member of the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust) at [historyhawk308@gmail.com](mailto:historyhawk308@gmail.com)