

If somebody asks me that as a Muslim who embarked on the journey to find and befriend Jewish people online, what part of my journey has been the most touching for me? without a doubt, I'd say meeting children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors and getting to know their family history. You feel so close to those tragic events by listening to their stories, something you cannot get from reading books or watching movies. Your heart gets filled with grief while your mind struggles to comprehend how was it possible. Holocaust didn't happen overnight, it was systematic extermination that took years in preparation, still, very few people in the world spoke out on Jews' behalf. Bad ones become active participants and Good ones bystanders. The Holocaust will forever remain humanity's greatest failure. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day I'm paying homage to the six million Jews, and millions of other victims of Nazism. May their memories be a blessing. Sadly, 77 years later a new murky wave of bigotry, xenophobia, dehumanization, and hatred is resurfacing and trying to flood our neighborhoods again, hate must be resisted only then we can truly honor the victims and the survivors.