

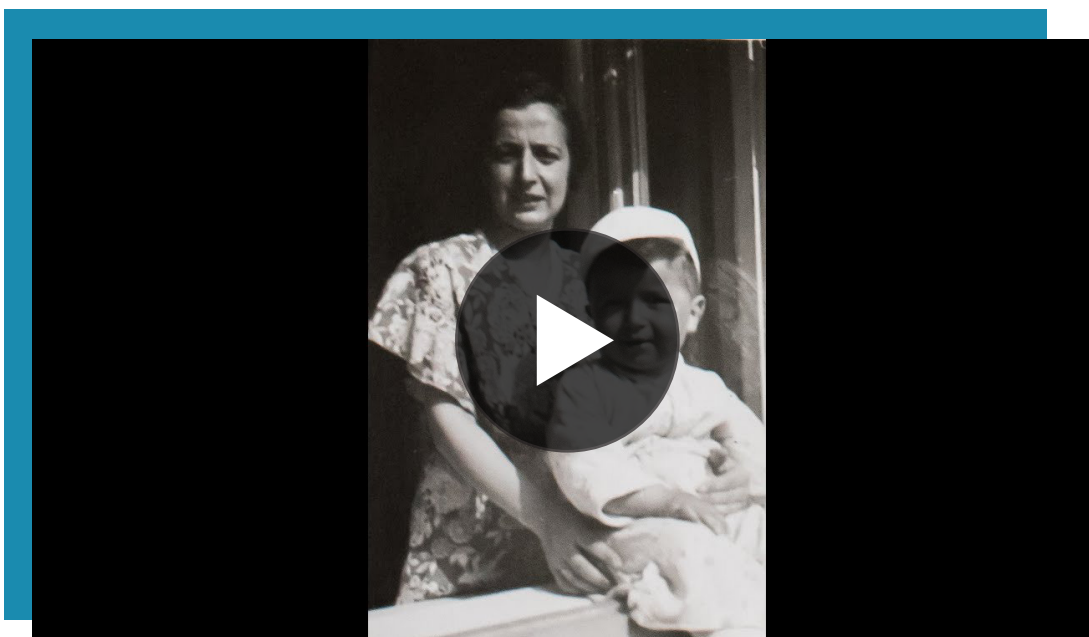
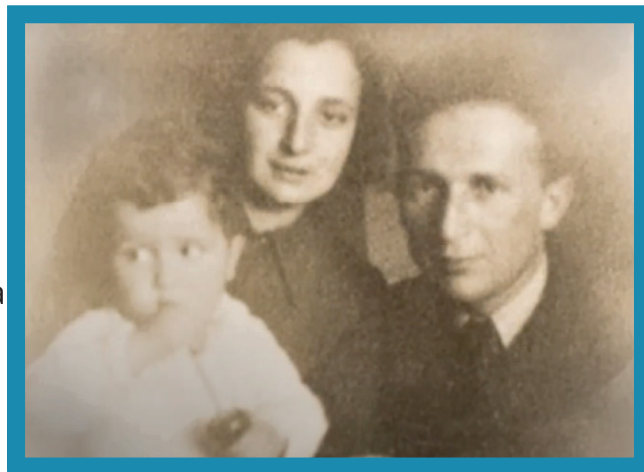
Roald Hoffmann

CURRICULUM TOPICS:

1. Rescuers
2. Hidden Children
3. Shifting borders

SUMMARY OF VIDEO:

Roald Hoffmann speaks about the war-time circumstances of his life as a young child in the small town of Złoczów in Eastern Poland. Born into a happy and loving extended family, he and his parents were imprisoned in a forced labor camp beginning with the Nazi invasion of Russia in 1941. As the risks to their lives became more severe, he and his mother, and several family members found a place to hide in the attic of a school-house in a nearby town. Roald describes the conditions of the hide-out, and the enormous risks taken on by the school teacher and his wife who hid them. Ultimately, it was the moral actions of his family's rescuers that saved their lives.





Topic #1: Rescuers

Resources

- [Yad Vashem - Righteous of the Nations - "In Cellars, Pits, and Attics"](#)
- [Yad Vashem - "Between Families: Jews and their rescuers during the Holocaust"](#)
- [Yad Vashem - "The Rescuer Self" by Eva Fogelman](#)

Discussion questions:

- What were the characteristics of a good hiding place? How did the hiding place in the loft become unsafe? What was changed?
- What were concerns and fears shared by both hidden families, and the groups that hid them?
- What could motivate/inspire a group of rescuers to hide seven people despite the risks it entailed?

Topic #2: Hidden Children

Resources

- [Wikipedia - Children in the Holocaust](#)
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibition content "Hidden Children"](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FF3p4xtC6I&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2GRQW-eRV8NYYFF3qXbN6QxQKNyh9oI9J9tsijGEZ5MgLicv2DZ9XcHiY0>

Discussion questions

- Roald was a young child in hiding. What was the experience like for him? What stands out to you from his story?
- 1,500,000 children were murdered in the Holocaust. Few young children survived. What made it so difficult for young children to be hidden by rescuers?

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Topic #3: Shifting borders

Resources:

- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum - Invasion of Poland](#)
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum - German-Soviet Pact](#)
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum - Invasion of the Soviet Union](#)
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum - Invasion of the Soviet Union 1941-42](#)
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum - Map - Einsatzgruppen Activity in the Ukraine](#)
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum - Poland in 1945](#)
- [Wikipedia - Zolochiv](#)

Research project

- Lay out the timeline of the invasion of Poland. Can you identify where Zloczow was at each point in the Timeline? Which country is Zloczow in today?