

First Prize Film: Middle School Division

*Strengths*

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Survivor Testimony: Ester Wigodsky

Ester Wigodsky's testimony impacted our class as we listened to it numerous times. The memory of her meeting her brother, who dared to enter the women's camp to find her, deeply affected us. This memory became our theme to express never giving up hope. Ester inspired us to look at the world differently. We need to learn to love and appreciate everything we have in our lives.

The film concludes with a quote to express our gratitude that we don't live in a time of chaos and suffering like Ester. These memories help us learn from the tragedies of the past.