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***An Era: Looking Back* offers a second-generation Holocaust memoir centered on survival, inherited memory, and remembrance.**

Author **Joseph Israel Kessler** announces the release of *An Era: Looking Back*, a memoir that examines Holocaust survival, inherited memory, and the lasting impact of trauma and resilience across generations. Grounded in family history and historical context, the book offers a second-generation perspective on displacement, survival, and the moral responsibility of remembrance.

At the center of the memoir is the story of Kessler's parents, whose experiences in Soviet labor camps and wartime displacement shaped the family's identity for decades to come. Through personal narrative, reflection, and historical detail, Kessler connects one family's experience to the broader legacy of Holocaust memory.

"This memoir is about what families carry forward, what history leaves behind, and how remembrance can become responsibility," Kessler said.

Sample excerpt from *An Era: Looking Back*

My mother was pregnant with me from 1941 to 1942, carrying me through the war's darkest years. As a Jewish woman from Poland, she lived under the constant threat of discovery, trying to remain invisible in a world that had declared her very existence a crime. I often think about what it meant for her to be pregnant then, how every step she took, every breath she drew, carried the unspoken knowledge that if the Nazis found her, they would end both our lives without hesitation.

I was not yet born, not yet a person in the world, yet I still carried marks I never earned, shaped by a history that began long before I existed.

Her survival was my first shelter; her courage, my first inheritance. Even now, I feel the echo of that fragile, defiant hope that carried us both through a time when simply staying alive was an act of quiet resistance. Every day of her pregnancy was a small act of defiance against a world determined to erase us. She was required to make frequent decisions that saved our lives.

Endorsements

"An Era: Looking Back is an excellent study, reference, and teaching resource on the Holocaust, Jewish migration, geopolitical history, and one family's lived experience." **Gunther Karger**, author, cyber columnist, aerospace engineer, and editor emeritus of *Discovery Letter*

"A painful heritage, remembered and passed on with care by a second-generation survivor. I commend Joseph for telling these stories for posterity." **Sara Borezuk Applebaum**, school principal and author of *Lost and Found: A Family Memoir*

"Joseph Israel Kessler's work reminds us why we must never forget the Holocaust or the human cost of indifference." **George Kovacs, Ph.D.**

Joseph I. Kessler has written a powerful book that should be in every school and college across America and around the world. It offers a compelling historical account of the Holocaust from a writer who is a Second-Generation Holocaust survivor. I have never encountered a more detailed account of the Holocaust and its influence on history. Not only does the book describe the impact the Holocaust had on his family, but it also explains how this horrific event shaped the world. I highly recommend this book! I thought I knew about the Holocaust, but this gave me new, in-depth, incredible insights to make me a better human being! Thank you, Joseph Israel Kessler, for writing this book.

It will enlighten and empower many people worldwide to be better human beings!
Dr. Willie Jolley: *Hall of Fame Speaker, Sirius XM Radio Host, and author of “A Setback Is a Setup for A Comeback” and “An Attitude of Excellence”.*

*Joseph, an incredible story, Riveting! Amazing! Wow! Great Read! ‘An Era’ is a book filled with excellent research and personal, family, and friends’ stories, offering a riveting experience as you read each page. It is a page-turner! Wow. Great read! Both of my parents were Holocaust survivors from Poland! They are both deceased now. My mother was in Auschwitz, where no one returns, and my dad was in hiding with a non-Jewish family. **Ruth Klein**, author of six books: Generation Why Not? ®, featured in The Oprah Magazine, Women of Achievement Award.*

“An Era: Looking Back is deeply moving and written with remarkable strength. It is a powerful account of heritage, bravery, and love.” Jill Konrath, author of Pivotal Moments

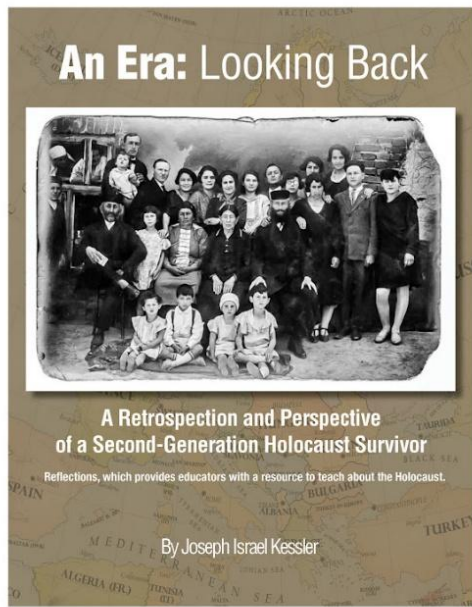
“Joseph Israel Kessler’s story invites readers to learn from history and recognize the urgency of preserving memory in times of rising uncertainty.” Robert B. Tucker, futurist and author of Build a Better Future

About the author Joseph Israel Kessler is a second-generation Holocaust survivor whose work explores inherited trauma, family legacy, and remembrance. Through research, family testimony, and personal reflection, he preserves stories that connect lived experience to broader historical memory.



Kessler wrote **An Era: Looking Back** to preserve family history as firsthand survivor testimony becomes more difficult to access. The book combines oral history, research, and memoir to help readers understand how historical trauma continues to shape later generations.

He is active through World Class Speakers & Entertainers, supporting organizations and educators in using personal narrative to deepen Holocaust education and remembrance.



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