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This is a discussion by the above relating their experiences, thoughts and feelings after having given testimony about their experiences during the Holocaust.

Beba Leventhal is from Vilna, Barbara Nomberg from Lodz, Barry Bruck also from Lodz, Marian Sherman from Warsaw as well as Sophie Nesnikova. Fred Diamond is from Gelzinkiz, Germany.

They all felt that it was important to speak out but some felt they had broken down during the testimony. Some had never really spoken before this year and some felt that once they started they could have spoken for 5 years. Most of them were the only survivors of their entire families. They felt that people were now ready to hear the stories that they didn't want to hear for the previous 40 years.

Most survivors felt guilt for having survived and were afraid that they had placed that guilt onto their children. Most of them had done very well in America. Some of them were pessimists and some optimists, but most felt that their survival was because of chance. They were very proud that the 1939 Club had endowed the Holocaust Chair at UCLA.