

"And so, within seven months, I lost my father, my brother, and my mother. I am the only one who survived. This is what the Germans did to us, and these are things that should never be forgotten. On the other hand, we had our revenge: the survivors were able to raise magnificent families – among them myself. This is the revenge and the consolation."

Zvi Kopolovich

"Then for the first time we became aware that our language lacks words to express this offense, the demolition of a man... We had reached the bottom. It is not possible to sink lower than this... Nothing belongs to us anymore: they have taken away our clothes, our shoes, even our hair... They will even take away our name..."

Primo Levi

"So for us even the hour of liberty rang out grave and muffled, and filled our souls with joy and yet with a painful sense of shame... and also with anguish, because we felt that this should never happen, that now nothing could ever happen good and pure enough to rub out our past, and that the scars of the outrage would remain within us forever."

Primo Levi, The Truce

"In those times there was darkness everywhere. In heaven and on earth, all the gates of compassion seemed to have been closed. The killer killed and the Jews died and the outside world adopted an attitude either of complicity or of indifference. Only a few had the courage to care. These few men and women were vulnerable, afraid, helpless – what made them different from their fellow citizens?... Why were there so few?... Let us remember: What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor but the silence of the bystander... Let us not forget, after all, there is always a moment when a moral choice is made... And so we must know these good people who helped Jews during the Holocaust. We must learn from them, and in gratitude and hope, we must remember them."

Elie Wiesel

"the road to Auschwitz was built by hate, but paved with indifference"

Ian Kershaw