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Coalition of Holocaust Survivor Clubs in South Florida

Council of Nazi Holocaust Survivor Organizations of So. California

Habonim Cultural Club, Miami

Holocaust Child Survivors & Friends of Greater Hartford

Holocaust Survivors Club of Boca Raton

Holocaust Survivors of Greater Detroit

Holocaust Survivors of Greater Pittsburgh

Holocaust Survivors of South Florida

Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada

Houston Council of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

The Jewish Holocaust Survivors & Friends of Greater Washington

Jewish Survivors of Latvia, Inc. New York

National Assn. of Jewish Child Holocaust Survivors, Inc.

New American Jewish Social Club, Miami

New Cracow Friendship Society, New York

Survivors of Atlantic City, NJ

Survivors of the Holocaust Asset Recovery Project, Seattle

Survivors of the Holocaust of New Mexico

Tikvah Acharay Hashoah, San Francisco

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS' FOUNDATION USA OPEN LETTER TO JONATHAN GLAZER

March 11, 2024

I am 94 years old and the only member of 105 souls in my family to survive the Holocaust. I miraculously survived nearly three years in the hell of Auschwitz and one year in the hell of Buchenwald.

I watched in anguish Sunday night when I heard you use the platform of the Oscars ceremony to equate Hamas's maniacal brutality against innocent Israelis with Israel's difficult but necessary self-defense in the face of Hamas's ongoing barbarity.

Your comments were factually inaccurate and morally indefensible.

The "occupation" of which you speak has nothing to do with the Holocaust. The Jewish people's existence and right to live in the land of Israel predates the Holocaust by hundreds of years. Today's political and geographic landscape is the direct result of wars started by past Arab leaders who refused to accept Jewish people as their neighbors in our historic homeland. Now that several Arab countries are making peace with Israel because security and prosperity are better for all people, Iran and its terrorist proxies started another war, abetted by too many who, through naiveté or malice, blame "the occupation."

Worse is that you chose to use the Holocaust to validate your personal opinion. You made a Holocaust movie and won an Oscar. And you are Jewish. Good for you. But it is disgraceful for you to presume to speak for the six million Jews, including one and a half million children, who were murdered solely because of their Jewish identity.

And it is disgraceful for you to presume to speak for those of us who personally saw the world stand silent as our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins were murdered. We actually had nowhere to go -- no possible place of refuge. No country would accept us even though world leaders knew full well that thousands of Jews were being murdered every day. There was no Jewish nation to which we could flee.

You should be ashamed of yourself for using Auschwitz to criticize Israel.

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If the creation, existence, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish state equates to “occupation” in your mind, then you obviously learned nothing from your movie.

David Schacter,
President

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