

Dear Mr. Geminder,

I cannot express my thanks for what you did. Your story didn't just teach us about your experience and the Holocaust, but it also taught us a life lesson. I am a Muslim. Both of my parents were born and raised in Lebanon. Muslims have the constant stereotype of being a terrorist. I have been made fun of several times. My friend eat bacon and sausage in front of me knowing I don't eat pork, and they think it's okay to tell me how good it is and I should try it. I do feel lesser. I constantly feel lesser. Just like you, I wonder why. I wonder why can't I be the same. I'm the only Sunni Muslim in my whole school, and there's no way to avoid being different. Listening to you really taught me something. You taught me that it's okay to be different. I love who I am and my background and I would never change who I am. You also taught me that I should do whatever I can to help my people and country. Yesterday, a close family friend of ours died in Syria. He was in a mosque, and they blew the whole mosque up. To think that this world hasn't learned from the past is unbelievable. It's people like you that really want this world to be peaceful so we can learn from our past. Thank you so much. Although we practice different religions, we are still human and I am very grateful and loving of what you do. You are a true human.