Top 100 Question for Survivor Interactive

1. What do you remember about your childhood before the Holocaust?
2. When did you first know that things were beginning to change for you and your family?
3. Was your family very religious?
4. Did anyone try to help you and/or your family? Explain. (In big or small ways)
5. Did anyone help you during the Holocaust?
6. When you had to leave your home, how was that for you and what did you take with you?
7. Do you remember anything that your parents or siblings said to you that helped you to survive?
8. How did you survive?
9. How did you cope being in the camps and with the hunger and thirst during the Holocaust?
10. Did you try to resist? (Did you always comply?)
11. Did you ever dream about or fantasize about what you would do when you were free?
12. What do you remember about liberation?
13. What happened to your family members? Did anyone survive?
14. Do you ever feel like you wanted revenge? Why or why not?
15. Do you ever feel bitter or sad about what happened?
16. How do you cope with the memories of what happened?
17. Do you think about the Holocaust often?
18. Do you have a message for the youth of today? (Similar to 27 & 23)
19. If you had to pick one thing for the world to learn from your experience what would that be?
20. Did the Holocaust affect your faith/belief in God?
21. Do you believe in God?
22. Why do you tell your story?
23. When did you start telling your story and why?

24. What do you want the world to know about you?

25. What do you think helped you to survive?

26. How do you think we can prevent another Holocaust/Genocide?

27. Does it hurt you to talk about your experiences in the Holocaust?

28. Do you speak to students? If so, what message do you tell them?

29. What did you learn about yourself during the Holocaust? (Did you learn anything from your experience?)

30. What did you learn about yourself after the Holocaust?

31. What did you learn about others/humanity during the Holocaust?

32. What do you think humanity can learn from the Holocaust? (What is the most important lesson from the holocaust?)

33. Do you think the world learned anything from the Holocaust? (Did the world learn from your experience?)

34. Do you think the world is better now?

35. Do you think something like the Holocaust could ever happen again?

36. Did you ever meet Hitler?

37. If you had met Hitler, what would you say?

38. Why did Hitler want to destroy the Jews? (Why, in your opinion do you think the Holocaust happened?)

39. Where did you go after the Holocaust and what happened to you?

40. Did you have a family of your own after the Holocaust?

41. Was it important to you to have children after the Holocaust?

42. What was it like to hold your first child? Were you afraid for them?

43. How can you believe in God after what you went through?

44. Were you angry that people didn’t do more to stop Hitler?
45. Did you know about the gas chambers before?

46. Do you think – or what do you think when you hear that the Jews went like ‘Lambs to the Slaughter’?

47. What do you think the best revenge was for you after the Holocaust?

48. Did you get a chance to say goodbye to your family? What was the last thing your parents/family said to you?

49. Why didn’t the Jews do more to fight back or resist the Nazi’s?

50. Why didn’t anybody help?

51. Why weren’t there more people that hid (or helped) Jews?

52. Why did the people hate the Jews so much?

53. How could this have happened?

54. Were you hopeful during the Holocaust?

55. How did you rebuild your life after the war?

56. Did you always think you would survive?

57. How did you cope losing your family/parents/sister/brother?

58. Did you make friends in the camp?

59. What was daily life like in the camps?

60. What helped you the most during the Holocaust?

61. How did you find the strength to keep going?

62. Did you ever want to kill yourself or give up?

63. Is there anything that you regret or are not proud of doing?

64. What haunts you the most?

65. What has been the hardest thing to deal with after you were liberated?

66. Do you miss your family?

67. How did you take care of yourself in the camp? Did you shower? Brush your teeth?
68. What work did you do during the Holocaust?

69. Do you have a tattoo or a number?

70. Did you sleep? Where did you sleep?

71. Have you visited Germany/Ghetto’s/Camps? How was that for you?

72. Have you been back to your hometown? How was that for you?

73. Does life get any easier after an experience like that?

74. Do you feel justice was done after the Holocaust?

75. Did you experience hatred/bullying when you were young?

76. How did you or your family deal with the restrictions/persecution/isolation?

77. Where you able to practice your religion in the Holocaust?

78. Were you kosher growing up? If so, Did you keep kosher during the Holocaust?

79. Do you hate the Germans?

80. Did you look for your family after the Holocaust?

81. Are you angry about what happened?

82. Which country do think of as home?

83. Did you see the gas chambers?

84. Were you ever beaten?

85. Do you forgive the Germans (Have you forgiven the Germans/Nazis) (Have you found peace after the Holocaust)?

86. How do you live with what happened?

87. Do you have nightmares?

88. How do feel being Jewish now?

89. Did you ever deny or hid that you were Jewish?

90. Did you ever go to school?
91. What did you do in the ghetto?

92. Did you ever try to escape or think about escaping?

93. Where did you go after the war was over?

94. What was the most horrific thing that happened to you during the Holocaust?

95. Did you ever see anyone shot or killed, or die?

96. Have you been back to the camp(s)?

97. Did you visit any of your friends from before the war?

98. Did you make friends after the holocaust?

99. Who looked after you after the holocaust was over?

100. Did you tell your children/grandchildren/those close to you what happened to you? How did you tell them?

101. What do you like most about life, what are you most grateful for?