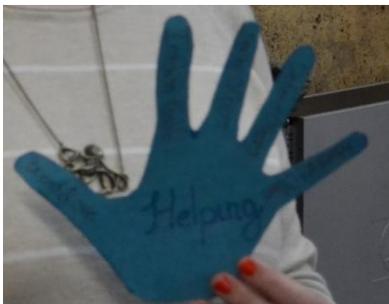


Crossing Cultural Borders Illumination Lunch Study embarked on an illuminating trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. After long lunches wrestling with the daunting



subject of genocide in the present and not so distant past, participants departed West Intermediate to visit the Holocaust Memorial Center and listen to the experiences of a Holocaust survivor. Participants left with the poignant message in our hearts and on our t-shirts of "Never

Again," which "is a clarion call to moral action for all people, in all places, at all times; let us write a new history for humankind," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Upon our arrival, Ms. Fisher, our docent, greeted us. She shared her passion for hope and humanity and her knowledge of the Holocaust with us, as we ventured through visual reminders of hate. After a sobering tour, we met Mr. George Zeff, our Holocaust survivor. Mr. Zeff introduced himself and immediately captivated his audience with his experiences, natural talent, and pure charismatic charm. He spoke of an eight-year-old boy, who was encased in a--disappointingly empty--wine barrel for transport, who clung to the rope of an old water well to avoid capture, a boy who hid in a barn, who lived in an attic, and a boy so loved by his mother.



Mr. Zeff, an entertainer extraordinaire, once performed on the Ed Sullivan Show, but on this day, he motivated a group of individuals to "not forget him" or his story. After the presentation, Mr. Zeff rendered West students speechless with a

rendition of "Thank Heaven for Little Girls." We held our breath and laughed while sharing in Mr. Zeff's incredible life, and vowed to "write a new history for humankind" through our actions. Our visual journey can be found at mrsroed.weebly.com under the Crossing Cultural Borders tab.



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